

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 15, 2021 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice Womack Building Columbus, NC
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Melton, Vice-Chairman Beiler, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Overholt, and Commissioner Yoder. Also in attendance were County Manager Pittman, Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board High, media and citizens. Commissioner Yoder participated remotely.

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.
2. Invocation - Commissioner Yoder.

Commissioner Yoder introduced Nelson Coblenz who led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Vice-Chairman Beiler.
4. Chairman and Commissioner Comments

The Commissioners did not comment at this time.


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5. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.
6. Consent Agenda

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

 - A. March 1, 2021 pubic hearings and regular meeting minutes.
7. Citizen Comments for Agenda Items

There were seven public comments on agenda item 8, Memorandum of Understanding YMCA. Chairman Melton thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting to speak in support of the collaboration. He said the County Manager and Commissioners have been sent over thirty other messages of support from citizens. He said anyone who would like to review the comments received should contact Clerk High in the the County Administration Office.

8. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) YMCA of Greater Spartanburg.

Vice-Chairman Beiler said he is excited for the partnership between Polk County Local Government and the YMCA of Greater Spartanburg. He said the "Y" brand is worth over eight billion dollars, and will bring the ability to enhance local health, wellness and recreational opportunities for the community, especially our children. He thanked everyone who worked to bring the

partnership to fruition, and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He then introduced Rick Callebs, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), YMCA of Greater Spartanburg. Mr. Callebs said they are also excited about the opportunity to partner with Polk County and expand programs. He said Polk County will have an advisory board, and representation on the Spartanburg board, but success and growth will come through community support from churches, schools, civic groups, and citizens.

Chairman Melton opened the floor for questions from those in attendance. One of the main questions from different citizens in the audience was about a new facility. Manager Pittman and Mr. Callebs both said the possibility of building any new facilities in Polk County, including a new swimming pool, will be evaluated and determined based on community participation and fundraising support. One citizen asked how the "Y" is feasible now when it wasn't in the past. Manager Pittman said this collaboration is a different way of addressing the county recreation needs. He said now the County leadership, and the citizens in the County are both interested in in the partnership, and for the collaboration to work, everyone needs to be committed, and on the same page, which is where we are today.

Other questions referenced program affordability, and diversity and inclusion.

Mr. Callebs said no one is ever turned away for inability to pay due to scholarships, and other program offerings. He said diversity and inclusion are very important to the organization. He discussed different things they have done in Spartanburg with their programs, and even outside the four walls of the YMCA in the community to ensure the programs are available to everyone, and they would look for similar opportunities in Polk County.

Commissioner Yoder thanked Vice-Chairman Beiler for all his efforts working with the Recreation Advisory Board, and staff to get this done. He said he can feel the excitement of the citizens, and fully supports something citizens feel is a need and a want. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting to show their support.

Commissioner Overholt thanked Mr. Callebs for coming to the meeting, and recognized the Polk County recreation staff who were present for all they have done. He said during citizen comments the St. Luke's Hospital CEO, the Polk County Schools Superintendent, and the Polk County Sheriff all publicly endorsed the YMCA and Polk County partnership, and he is also in full support of moving forward with the collaboration for programming. He said when it comes time to discuss new facilities in the future, there will need to be many more discussions.

Commissioner Moore thanked everyone for working to make the partnership happen. He said it's great to see community partners and the county come together, all working for the betterment of the citizens.

Attorney Berg read the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Polk County and the YMCA of Greater Spartanburg. She said if the Board decides to approve the MOU, the partnership will begin and the everything will get started She said she will present a lease agreement for their approval at a later date.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Polk County and the YMCA of Greater Spartanburg, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Polk County Requested Audit Proposals fiscal years ending June 30, 2021-
June 30, 2023.

Manager Pittman, and Sandra Hughes, Finance Director, presented two proposals. Mrs. Hughes said she thoroughly reviewed both proposals, and looked at other counties they represent. Her recommendation is for Martin Starnes & Associates, Manager Pittman agreed.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to award Martin Starnes & Associates the FY 2021 contract to audit in the amount of \$64,200, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Polk County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule

Chairman Melton said the the meeting schedule was revised to add a work session on April 12, 2021, and to change the regular meeting time to 5:00 pm. He asked if there were any comments, and there were none.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the revised meeting schedule, and updating all approved meeting schedules to reflect the new regular meeting time as 5:00 pm, including the budget calendar, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Volunteer Board Application(s) for Vote

A. Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to appoint Anita Williamson to the Animal Control Board, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Citizen Comments Non-Agenda Items

No citizens spoke during the non-agenda item comment period.

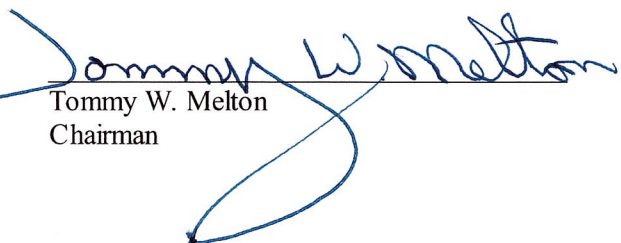
13. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF
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Ange High
Clerk to the Board


Tommy W. Melton
Chairman

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Motion to approve the MOU with the YMCA of Greater Spartanburg.
 9. Polk County Requested Audit Proposals fiscal years ending June 30, 2021- June 30, 2023 – Sandra Hughes, Finance Director will present the information. Copies of the full proposals are available for review in the Finance office.

Motion to accept the FY21 audit proposal.
 10. Polk County Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule - Chairman Melton.

Motion to approve the revised meeting time, and update all approved meeting schedules to reflect the new regular meeting time, including the budget calendar.
 11. Volunteer Board Application(s) for Vote
 - A. One vacancy and one application for the Animal Control Board - Anita Williamson.

Motion to appoint.
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