

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Meeting Agenda  
August 16, 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, County Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board High, media, and citizens.

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.
2. Invocation - Commissioner Moore.
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Yoder.
4. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. They voiced their support for the Polk County School Board and the decisions they are making. They said everyone is concerned with safety, and they support parents knowing what is best for their children.

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

Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

  - A. August 2, 2021 public hearing and regular meeting minutes.
  - B. Tax refund requests in the amount of \$35,216.52.
  - C. Vaya Health Quarterly Report ending June 30, 2021.
  - D. Sheriff Department Monthly Activity Report for July 2021.
7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were no citizen comments on agenda items.
8. Special Event Policy.

Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director, and Fire Marshal, presented the Special Event Policy. He said other counties have similar policies to eliminate last-minute events and to establish a fee schedule. He said the Fire Chiefs Association, EMS Director, Sheriff, 911 Communications Director, and County Attorney reviewed and gave input to the policy.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the Polk County Special Event Policy, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

9. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Budget.

Sandra Hughes, Finance Director said during the budget process there were no specific guidelines to use for the ARPA grant. She reviewed the list of items departments included. Manager Pittman said they used the CARES guidelines to determine items that could be potentially funded with ARPA since they were straightforward.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the budget amendment for \$613,859 to reduce General Fund revenue and expense for budgeted ARPA spending, and budget them using ARPA grant funds within the ARPA Grant Project Ordinance in Special Revenue Fund 26, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the amended ARPA Grant Project Budget Ordinance as presented, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Management and Oversight of the Polk County 911 Communications Center.

Attorney Berg said the agreement entered into last year was only for one year. She said the amendment being presented had been reviewed by the Sheriff and County Manager. If approved, it will make the agreement perpetual and will continue until terminated by the County upon 30 days' written notice.

Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the addendum to the MOU for the Management and Oversight of the Polk County 911 Communications Center, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, September 20, 2021 to take citizen comments on the lease of property with St. Luke's Hospital.

Attorney Berg said the County has a current lease with St. Luke's Hospital, and there are some recommended changes. She said long-term leases must be treated the same as a property sale, which requires a public hearing. She requested scheduling a public hearing on Monday, September 20, 2021, to take citizen comments on the property lease with St. Luke's Hospital. She said this would allow enough time for the thirty-day published notice as statutorily

required.

Commissioner Moore moved to schedule a public hearing on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 5:00 pm to take citizen comments on the lease of property with St. Luke's Hospital, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were twenty-two citizen comments on non-agenda items.

13. Closed Session

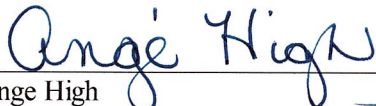
- A. Commissioner Moore moved to go into closed session for the purpose of attorney-client privilege seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to return to open session, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

14. Adjournment

- A. Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS

  
Ange High  
Clerk to the Board

  
Tommy W. Melton  
Chairman