

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
October 18, 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 - Chairman Melton.
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Moore.
4. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

Chairman Melton welcomed those in attendance.

5. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Melton requested moving agenda item nine, Vaya Health Medicaid Transformation Update, to be the first item discussed.

- A. Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the consent agenda.

- A. October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were no comments on agenda items.

8. Vaya Health Medicaid Transformation Update.

Angela L Garner, Community Relations Regional Director Vaya Health, gave a brief overview of VAYA Health and North Carolina's Medicaid transformation. In addition, she gave a presentation, a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes. She explained by July 2022, VAYA must start providing all services, a complete care approach, meeting the mental, behavioral, and physical needs of the clients they serve. She said beyond the two hundred and eighty-eight citizens VAYA Health served as their care manager through the system, they provide services in other ways. Mrs. Garner

said Vaya was awarded the System of Care Grant to expand services and access to care for children and youth with mental, behavioral, or emotional disorders and offer hands-on support to their families. She said they provided Narcan to the Polk County Sheriff's Department and donated duffle bags filled with necessities to the Polk County Department of Social Services for foster children.

Mrs. Garner said VAYA Health acquired Cardinal, another provider company, which added nine more counties. She said this expansion would require VAYA to hire more employees next year, some of who will be from Cardinal.

9. Third Amendment to the Broad River Water District (BRWD), County of Polk, and Inman Campobello Water District (ICWD) Management Agreement.

Belton Zeigler and Amy Crout, both of Womble, Bond, Dickinson (US) LLP, worked on the agreement and were present. Mr. Zeigler led the discussion. He said since 2008, Polk County, Broad River Water Authority ("BRWA"), and Inman Campobello Water District ("ICWD") have successfully worked together under a regional water contract. He said his amendment revises the agreement and plans for future needs.

The Third Amendment:

- a. Creates a new regional commission to oversee the current contract and to hear concerns, requests, and complaints from Polk County water customers.
- b. Provides a framework for the three entities to jointly secure future water supplies on a regional basis to continue their partnership.
- c. Extends the contract for the life of the regional water supply assets that the parties share to provide a continuing framework for service to Polk County customers and sales of water by BRWA to Polk customers and ICWD.

Mr. Zeigler said as part of planning for the future, a Regional Governing Water Authority will need to be formed as an individual governmental entity. However, to do so, North Carolina would require a change in its current legislation. Chairman Melton said during the previous joint work session with BRWA and ICWD, they discussed the creation of a water authority. Mr. Zeigler said the third amendment lays the groundwork for a water authority by creating a Regional Water Commission until the necessary changes in legislation are made in the future.

Commissioner Yoder asked if the legislative change would be just for Polk County or for all of North Carolina. Attorney Berg said the legislature would decide at the time.

Mr. Zeigler said the draft document presented had been sent to the Local Government Commission (LGC) for their review, as well. He said they would come back to the Board for approval after the LGC gives their recommendations.

10. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on non-agenda items.

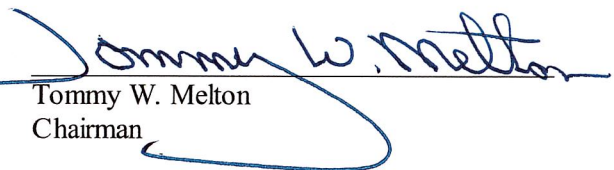
11. Adjournment

Commissioner Yoder moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Ange High  
Clerk to the Board

  
Tommy W. Melton  
Chairman