

**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2025
5:00 PM**



**Bryant H. Womack
Justice & Administration
Building
40 Courthouse Street
Columbus, NC 28722**

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1. Public Hearing
 - A. Call to Order the Public Hearing -The purpose of the Public Hearing is to take public comment on the proposed new road name; ZEL Ridge - Private Road – Off of Manus Chapel Road– SR 1327. The Public Hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.
 - B. Citizen Comments
 - C. Adjourn Public Hearing
 2. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Yoder
 3. Invocation - Chairman Yoder
 4. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Beiler
 5. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Items may be added or removed at this time.
 6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the September 15, 2025, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Schedule a Public Hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building.
 - C. Tax refund request through October 1, 2025, in the amount of \$502.29.
 - D. Declare one (1) Agricultural Economic Development vehicle as surplus to be sold by electronic auction. Asset details are attached.
 - E. Hurricane Helene Disaster Response and Recovery Grant Project Budget Ordinance.

- F. Re-appoint Scott Woodworth to the Jury Commission for a two-year term as required in § 9-1.
- G. 2025 Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation.
- H. Budget amendment to appropriate general fund balance and capital project fund balance to fund the ineligible amount for the 911 Communication radio purchase.

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

8. Regular Agenda Items

- A. Consideration and approval of the proposed new road name subsequent to the public hearing - Attorney, Jana Berg.
- B. Foothills Humane Society Update - Carol Parker, Board of Directors President.
- C. American Viticulture Association Certification - Jordan Barnes, and Lita Lilly.
- D. Schedule a public hearing to review and discuss approval of text amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 5:00 pm in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building, 40 Courthouse St. Columbus, NC. (A copy of the current Subdivision Ordinance is available for review online at <https://www.polknc.gov/ordinances.php> or in the County Manager's office).
- E. Polk County HR Policy Annual Review and Update - Tommy Oakman, Human Resources Officer.
- F. Appearance Commission Kudzu Inventory Grant - Don Dicey, Commission Member.
- G. Request to create a part-time regular position for an Office Assistant in Solid Waste - Travis Ballard, Solid Waste Director.
- H. Approval of purchase order request and budget amendment to transfer undesignated spending to capital from the enterprise fund for the purpose of a CAT Wheel Loader to be used for Solid Waste - Travis Ballard, Solid Waste Director.
- I. Budget Amendment to fund an increase in the retirement rate as an active member in the State Health Plan - Sandra Hughes, Finance Director.

9. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

10. Volunteer Board Applications

- A. Animal Cruelty Investigators - There is one vacancy and one applicant; Pauline (Paula) Spinale.

11. Commissioner Comments

12. Closed Session

A. Motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Attorney-Client Privilege.

B. Motion to return to open session.

13. Adjournment