BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2024 5:00 PM

Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building 4O Courthouse Street Columbus, NC 28722

1. Public Hearing

   A. Call to Order the Public Hearing - Chairman Yoder. Purpose of the Public Hearing: To receive public comment on the submission of the proposed uniform schedule of values, standards, and rules to be used in appraising real property in Poilk County at its true value and at its present-use value. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin. Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.

   B. Citizen Comments

   C. Adjoun Public Hearing

2. Public Hearing

   A. Call to Order the Public Hearing - Chairman Yoder. Purpose of the Public Hearing: To receive public comment on the proposed road name change, Firefly Lane to Mountain Brook Lane within Bright's Creek Development. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin

   B. Citizen Comments.

   C. Adjourn Public Hearing.

3. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Yoder.

4. Invocation - Commissioner Beiler.

5. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Overholt.

6. Approval of Agenda

   A. Items may be added or removed at this time.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the September 16, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Sheriffs Department Activity Report for August 2024.

C. Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation.

D. Increase the YMCA Project Budget Ordinance for a grant received from the Polk County Community Foundation in the amount of $16,904.

E. Approve Budget Amendment in the amount of $25,000 for Regional Water Board shared legal invoices.

8. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

9. Regular Agenda Items

   A. Approval of the proposed new road name, Mountain Brook Lane, in the Brights Creek Development - Attorney Berg.

10. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

11. Adjournment

NOTICE OF SUBMISSION TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PROPOSED UNIFORM SCHEDULES OF VALUES, STANDARDS, AND RULES FOR 2025 COUNTY-WIDE REVALUATION

TAKE NOTICE that the proposed uniform schedules of values, standards, and rules to be used in appraising real property in Polk County at its true value and at its present-use value have been submitted to the Polk County Board of Commissioners and are available for public inspection in the office of the County Assessor, 51 Walker St. Columbus, North Carolina. A copy of the proposed uniform schedules of values, standards, and rules may be viewed on the County's website: www.polknc.org under Tax Assessor. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter as people may be heard, on Monday, October 7, 2024, at the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building, 40 Courthouse St. Columbus, North Carolina for the purpose of considering the proposed schedules. The Board of Commissioners will adopt the final schedules no earlier than seven days following the public hearing.

Notice given this 21st day of September 2024.

Kristy Tipton
Clerk to the Polk County Board of Commissioners



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, October 7, 2024, in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building, 40 Courthouse Street, Columbus, NC 28722, the Polk County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to receive citizen input on the proposed road name change to be adopted in Polk County:

Firefly Lane to Mountain Brook Lane – Bright's Creek Development

For additional information about this Public Hearing, contact the County Manager's office, at (828) 894-3301.

Kristy A. Tipton
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2024 - 5:00 PM
Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building
4O Courthouse Street
Columbus, NC 28722
MINUTES

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

1. Public Hearing

   A. Call to Order the Public Hearing - Chairman Yoder.

      Motion to appoint Ange' High as temporary acting clerk until Clerk Tipton returns.

      The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments on the FY 2026 Polk County Transportation Authority (PCTA) 5311 (ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307, and applicable State Funding, or a combination thereof, Community Transportation Grants. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin. Bill Crisp PCTA Manager will be present. (A complete copy of the grant application is available for review upon request.)

   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.

   Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda

   A. Approval of the September 3, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

   B. Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) Program Update.

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

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were none.

8. Regular Agenda Items

A. Thermal Belt Outreach Update - Margot Carter, Executive Director.

Margot Carter, Executive Director, spoke about the programs and services provided to the citizens of Polk County. She said food and shelter needs are their main focus, but they also provide many other services to the community. A copy of her presentation is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes.

B. Annual Green River Sand and Gravel Dredge Project Update - Warren Eadus, Director of Environmental Services, West Region WithersRavenel (formerly Quible & Associates).

Warren Eadus, Director of Environmental Services, West Region WithersRavenel (formerly Quible & Associates) gave the required annual report on the dredging project. He said Amer-con has obtained the required permits, and has made the necessary improvements to the property to begin dredging. A copy of his presentation is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes.

C. Schedule a public hearing for the submission of the proposed uniform schedule of values, standards, and rules for the 2025 county-wide revaluation - Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator. (A copy of the Schedule of Values will be available for public review beginning 9/17/24 in the Tax office and on the Tax page of the County website www.polknc.org).

Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator, said the schedule of values is an appraisal tool to keep the county appraisers in compliance with the machinery act when appraising real property. She said citizens can also use it to help understand the mass appraisal process used in Polk County, as the schedule of values describes the methods, procedures, and classifications used by county appraisers to develop assessed values for real property. When applied correctly, she said the schedule of values provides uniformity and equity in the mass appraisal process. She requested the Commissioners schedule a public hearing to receive public comment on the schedule of values for the 2025 revaluation. A copy of the Schedule of Values will be available for public review in the Tax office and on the Polk County website www.polknc.org.
Commissioner Moore moved to schedule a public hearing to receive comments on the 2025 revaluation schedule of values for Monday, October 7, 2024, at 5:00 pm in the Bryant H. Womack Justice and Administration Building, seconded by Vice-Chairman Melton and the motion carried unanimously.

D. FY 2026 Polk County Transportation Authority Grants & Resolution - To consider approval of 5311 (ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307, and applicable State Funding Community Transit Grants after the public hearing - Bill Crisp PCTA Manager.

Bill Crisp, PCTA Manager, was present. Chairman Yoder reminded the Board that the funds received from these grants will be used during the 2026 fiscal year

(7/1/25 - 6/30/26).
Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the PCTA resolution and FY 2026 grant application as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Overholt, and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Polk County Schools - Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D. Director of Operations
Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund Grant Application for $7,000,000 to fund an addition of 12,800 square feet to Polk County High School to be used for career and technical education classes. The grant deadline was September 13, 2024.

Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D. Director of Operations said they are applying for another Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund Grant for $7,000,000 to fund an additional 12,800 square foot building to be constructed on the Polk County High School campus. Dr. Schweitzer read a portion of the grant application to explain the proposed use for the new structure. "While this new facility is primarily intended for high school students, it presents a unique opportunity for broader community engagement. It would enhance dual enrollment initiatives with ICC, allow for specialized courses, and support training programs for local government agencies. One specific area of interest is the potential for a "First Responder" academy, offering focused programming in fire prevention, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and emergency response-all fields showing strong local and regional demand". He said since the grant submission deadline was Friday, September 13, 2024, Chairman Yoder had to sign the application prior to tonight's meeting. He requested approval of the grant application, and ratification of the Chair's signature.
Commissioner Moore moved to approve the NBPSCF grant application and to ratify Chairman Yoder's signature, seconded by Vice-Chairman Melton and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Polk County Schools - Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D. Director of Operations
Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (Lottery Distribution) disbursement approval for the Tryon Elementary Pre-K Expansion.

Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D. Director of Operations requested the final draw for a previous Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund grant the Schools received for the Tryon Elementary Pre-K Expansion.
Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the request for the release of funds in the amount of $113,628.58 as reimbursement for local funds spent, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

G. Polk County Schools - Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D. Director of Operations
Local Government Request for Capital Reserve Transfer in the amount of $93,822. Requesting approval of the budget amendment to appropriate Capital Reserve fund balance reserved in prior years from the sales tax set aside to the General Fund School Capital account for reimbursement of capital spending on the Tryon Elementary Pre-K addition.

Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D. Director of Operations Requesting approval of the budget amendment to appropriate Capital Reserve Fund balance reserved in prior years from the sales tax set aside to the General Fund School capital account to reimburse capital spending on the Tryon Elementary Pre-K expansion project.
Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the disbursement request for the Tryon

Elementary Pre-K expansion project, and the associated Budget Amendment in the amount of $93,822, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

H. Polk County Schools - Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D. Director of Operations
Public School Building Capital Fund (Lottery Distribution) requested release and project approval for the Saluda Elementary School Awning Project in the amount of $49,200.

Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D. Director of Operations explained this project was included in the renovation/repair reimbursement requests approved at the August 19, 2024 BOC meeting. However, when submitted, the State said this project should be categorized as its own project. He presented the Saluda Elementary School Awning Project in the amount of
$49,200, and request project approval, as well as the release of funds from the Public School Building Capital Fund (Lottery Distribution).
Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the Saluda Elementary School Awning project, and request the release of funds in the amount of $49,200, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There was one citizen commment on a non-agenda item.

10. Volunteer Board Applications

A. Applications for Consideration: Mental Health Advisory Board - Kelly LeCompte.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the application presented, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Myron Yoder
Chairman

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

October 7, 2024

AGENDA ITEM # 7.B

Sheriffs Department Activity Report for August 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Aug24 Report

Activity Report - August 2024

CALLS FOR SERVICE				
Alarms (Residential/Commercial)	17		Harassment/Stalking	1
Animal Complaint/Livestock	117		Intoxicated Person Report/Driver	3
Armed Person	1		Involuntary Commitment/Mental Subject	4
Assault/Abuse	4		Juvenile Complaint	5
Assist FD/EMS/Rescue	13		Larceny Report/Shoplifting	11
Assist Law Enforcement Agency	29		Missing Person Report	6
Assist Motorist/Public	32		911 Follow Up/Hang up	14
Assist Other/Outside Agency	5		Property Damage/Hit & Run	4
Breaking & Entering	7		Property (Rec'd/Found/Abandoned)	2
Citizen Contact/Call by Phone	36		Shots Fired (Report/Complaint)	5
Civil Related/Custody Dispute	12		Special Activity/Event	8
Communicating Threats	7		Stolen Vehicle	2
D.O.A.	2		Suicide (Threat/Attempt/Report)	4
Disturbance/Dispute/Fight	16		Suspicious Activity (Person/Vehicle)	72

Domestic Related	9		Traffic Control/C&R Driver	67
Escort (Funeral/Public)	10		Trespassing	12
Follow-Up Investigation	25		Warrant/Process Service/Search Warrant	84
Fraud/Forgery Report	13		Welfare Check	36

ANIMAL CONTROL	
Animals Picked Up*	31
Bite Report	8
*18 dogs, 9 cats, 4 livestock	

LOBBY	
Fingerprinting	28
Telephone Calls	406
In Person	710

ARRESTS	
Misdemeanor	27
Felony	20

OTHER	
Weapons Seized	10
Traffic Stops	276
Citations Issued	96
Charges by Citation	114
Checkpoint	16

CIVIL	
Civil Summons & Complaint	12
Domestic Protection Order	1
Order to Appear/Show Cause-Child Support	3
Other	13
TOTAL	**29**

SECURITY CHECKS	
Residence	313
Business	1721
Church	416

DETENTION CENTER	
Inmates Admitted	81

School	72
TOTAL	***2522***

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

October 7, 2024

AGENDA ITEM # 7.C

Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2024 October DV Proclamation

October 2024
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Proclamation

We, the Polk County Board of Commissioners, are honored to join the citizens of Polk County in thanking advocacy groups, volunteers, law enforcement, and other emergency personnel who have devoted many hours to safety, prevention and ultimately putting an end to Domestic Violence in Polk County.

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is an intolerable offense against human dignity that shatters the lives and families of those touched by violence; resulting ultimately in life long feelings of despair and helplessness.

WHEREAS, across the United States 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men have been victims of Domestic Violence in their lifetime. On a typical day, domestic violence hotlines nationwide receive over 19,000 calls.

WHEREAS, October has been formally recognized as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month", allowing communities to acknowledge and show their support for the victims and their families of these heinous crimes.

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

WHEREAS, through community prevention and intervention Polk County can work together to end this violence and protect the citizens of Polk County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Polk County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and calls upon all Polk County citizens, medical facilities, community agencies, businesses, elected leaders and faith groups to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby working together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Adopted this the 7th day of October 2024.

Attest:

Polk County Board of Commissioners

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Kristy A. Tipton
Clerk to the Board

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Myron Yoder
Chairman

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

October 7, 2024

AGENDA ITEM # 7.D

Increase the YMCA Project Budget Ordinance for a grant received from the Polk County Community Foundation in the amount of $16,904.

ATTACHMENTS

1. YMCA Project Budget Ordinance

COUNTY OF POLK, NORTH CAROLINA

PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE
YMCA - Polk Campus

BUDGET EXPENDITURES

		Original Budget	7/19/2021	5/15/2023	Amended 10/7/2024
Planning-Contract Svc	41-6120-4400-0	$	110,000	$ 187,023	$ 203,927
Total Expenditures			$ 110,000		

REVENUES

General Fund Appropriation	41-3330-0800	$ 110,000	$ 110,000	$ 110,000
Capital Reserve Transfer In	41-3981-9822		77,023	77,023
PCCF Grant-Feasibility Study	41-3839-8905			16,904
Total Revenues		$ 110,000	$ 187,023	$ 203,927

To establish Project Ordinance for a YMCA Polk County Recreation Facility

5/15/23 - Capital Reserve remaining funds previously set aside for E & D
10/7/24 - Increase project for a grant received from the Polk County Community Foundation in FY24

Date approved & entered into the BOC minutes

COUNTY MANAGER **FINANCE OFFICER**

-Project Ordinance: YMCA

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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October 7, 2024

AGENDA ITEM # 7.E

Approve Budget Amendment in the amount of $25,000 for Regional Water Board shared legal invoices.

ATTACHMENTS

1. BA-FB Water Proj Legal

POLK COUNTY FINANCE

BUDGET AMENDMENT: WATER CAPITAL PROJECT FUND BALANCE

DATE: 10/7/2024 BOC Meeting BATCH #: _____ LINE_____

Dept.: Water

Amendment # : 6-F Fund balance

INCREASE EXPENSE			INCREASE FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED		
GL ACCOUNT #			GL ACCOUNT #		
54-5930-4400-0	Contract Svc	$ 25,000	54-3991-0000	Fund Balance Approp	$ (25,000)
		25,000			(25,000)

EXPLANATION: To appropriate fund balance for the Regional Water Board shared legal invoices.

Date approved & entered into the BOC minutes

COUNTY MANAGER **FINANCE OFFICER**

Memorandum

To: Polk County Board of Commissioners

From: Joanna Martinez E911 Addressing Coordinator

Date: August 27,2024

Re: Change Road Name from Firefly Lane to Mountain Brook Lane

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Mountain Brook Lane is the first choice of three names from the Bright's Creek Development. This is a renaming due to the name "Firefly Lane" already existing in the county.

County selected Mountain Brook Lane for new road name.

There are no similar names in the county.