POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
March 4, 2024 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order - Chairman Yoder.

2. Invocation - Chairman Yoder.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Beiler.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

Commissioner Moore requested to remove Item 7, Polk County Schools - Aaron Greene, Superintendent as Mr. Greene was unable to attend the meeting.
Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of February 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

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

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were none.

7. Polk County Schools - Aaron Greene, Superintendent.

This item was removed from the agenda.

8. Resolution Recognizing April 2024 as Isothermal Community College Day and April 20th as "Paint the Community Isothermal Blue" Day - Margaret Annunziata, Ed.D. President, Isothermal Community College.

Dr. Annunziata presented the resolution and requested the Boards consideration in recognizing April 2024 as Isothermal Community College Month and April 20, 2024 as "Paint the Community Isothermal Blue" Day. She

also thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

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

9. Polk County Website - Bruce Yelton, Polk County IT Director.

Mr. Yelton gave a real-time visual of the new features on the revised Polk County website. He guided the audience through using the new AI search feature, as well as the ways the ADA compliant features could be used. He also highlighted the pop-up box that brings special attention to Public Notices and said the information could be changed accordingly for such purposes as weather emergencies/closings, etc.

10. Parks, Recreation and Trails Update - Laura Baird, Recreation Coordinator.

Laura Baird, Recreation Coordinator, gave a presentation detailing updates to the two parks and four trails the County maintains. A copy of the presentation is hereby incoporated by reference into these minutes.

11. Polk County HR Policy Annual Review and Update - Tommy Oakman, Human Resources.

Mr. Oakman presented the proposed amendments to the Polk County HR Policy, a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes. He said the policy is reveiwed on an annual basis and updated as needed.

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the proposed revisions to the Polk County HR Policy, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were none.

13. Volunteer Board Applications

A. Applications for Consideration: Brandon Schweitzer, - Fire Rescue Advisory Committee. Kenneth B. Miller, Jr. - Library Board of Trustees.

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

14. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Moore urged the public to utilize their right to vote in the

upcoming preliminary election. Commissioner Overholt thanked all county staff for keeping the county moving forward. Commissioner Beiler recognized Pat Linnon whom he saw picking up litter along the roadside and also Deputy Osteen for being available at all Commissioner meetings. Vice-Chairman Melton also encouraged everyone to vote on March 5th. Chairman Yoder thanked all those in attendance.

15. Closed Session

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

B. Commissioner Moore moved to return to open session, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

16. Adjournment

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

Attest:

Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board

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Myron Yoder
Chairman