BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2026
5:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Yoder.
2. Invocation - Chairman Yoder.
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Hargett
4. Approval of Agenda
   A. Items may be added or removed at this time.
5. Consent Agenda
   A. Approval of the April 20, 2026, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, and the May 11, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes.
   B. Schedule a Public Hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building.
   C. Tax Refund Requests in the amount of $1,537.49.
   D. Budget Amendment to adjust budget lines internally within the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center.
   E. Budget Amendment to cover Sheriff's Department Merit Increases which were budgeted and appropriated in FY26.
6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items
7. Regular Agenda Items
   A. Child Fatality Prevention Team 2025 Annual Report - Robin Elliott, HHSA Director, and the Child Fatality Prevention Team.
   B. Resolution Adjusting Current and Future Reappraisal Cycles – Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.
   C. Helene Recovery Disaster Mitigation Program Update - Ryan Searcy - NCFS Polk County Ranger, and Coleman Enloe -NCFS Mitigation Specialist.

D. Fund Balance Appropriation for new Emergency Management Truck - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director, and Fire Marshal.

E. Polk County Public Libraries 2026-2031 Strategic Plan Approval - Marcie Dowling, Libraries Director.

F. Request for Approval of Reimbursement through the Public School Building Repair and Renovations Fund (PSBRRF) NC Education Lottery - Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Director of Operations.

I. Sunny View Elementary HVAC Replacement

II. Tryon Elementary HVAC Replacement

8. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

9. Volunteer Board Applications

A. Board of Adjustment - There are two vacancies and one applicant; Arion Jones.

B. Saluda Fire District Tax Commission - There are three vacancies, and one applicant; Arion Jones.

10. Commissioner Comments.

11. Closed Session

A. Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of Attorney-Client Privilege.

B. Motion to return to open session.

12. Adjournment

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 5.A

Approval of the April 20, 2026, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, and the May 11, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes.

ATTACHMENTS

1. April 20, 2026 Minutes Draft
2. May 11, 2026 Special Meeting Draft Minutes

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
April 20, 2026 - 5:00 PM
Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building
40 Courthouse Street Columbus, NC 28722
MINUTES

Present: Chairman Yoder, Vice-Chairman Moore, Commissioner Beiler, Commissioner Melton, and Commissioner Hargett. Also in attendance were Manager Pittman, Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board Freeman, and Citizens.

1. Public Hearing

   A. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comments on one proposed new road name in Polk County; Miss Maude Lane – Private Road – Off of Coxe Road – SR 1326. The notice was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

   B. Citizen Comments

   There were no citizen comments.

   C. Adjourn Public Hearing

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

2. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Yoder

3. Invocation - Commissioner Hargett

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Yoder

5. Approval of Agenda

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

   Chairman Yoder requested to add Commissioner Tommy Melton's recognition to the regular agenda as item 8.A.1.

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

6. Consent Agenda

   A. Approval of March 16, 2026, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.

   B. Schedule a Public Hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

C. Budget Amendment to Reallocate Funds Within the Emergency Medical Services Department from Full-Time Salary Lines to Part-Time Salary Lines.

D. Local Water Supply Plan Resolution.

E. Steps to Hope Declaration of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

F. Resolution Approving Settlement Participation for Remaining Opioid Litigation Defendants.

G. Resolution Designating County Manager as Authorized Representative for Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Projects.

H. Tax Refund in the amount of $249.20.

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

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

There were two citizen comments.

8. Regular Agenda Items

A.1. Commissioner Tommy Melton Recognition (added during item 5.A.).

Chairman Yoder said that, as this is Commissioner Melton's final year in office, the Board wished to formally recognize his hard work and dedication to the community. Chairman Yoder then read a resolution, a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes.

Commissioner Melton expressed his appreciation, stating that he has valued his time serving as commissioner and thanked everyone for their kindness. He added that he looks forward to completing his remaining eight months in office.

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

A. Consideration and Approval of the proposed new road name subsequent to the public hearing - Attorney, Jana Berg.

Attorney Berg was present for questions.

Commissioner Hargett moved to approve the new road name, Miss Maude Lane, seconded by Vice- Chairman Moore, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. GREAT Project Closeout Update - Will Bowen, Senior Manager, Government Affairs.

Mr. Bowen gave a presentation, a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes. He explained to the board that the project is 100% complete and has accounted for more than 2,100 broadband activations and 1,700 additional synergy locations. He stated that the project has been considered a success based on its overall completion and connectivity outcomes.

C. Alexander's Ford Park Service Contracts - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman explained that the Alexander's Ford Park cleanup project is anticipated to be eligible for reimbursement through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), subject to FEMA approval and compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local procurement and contracting requirements. He stated that the debris removal services contract covers the physical removal and disposal of eligible debris, while the debris monitoring services contract provides for independent monitoring, documentation, and compliance oversight of debris operations.

Manager Pittman further explained that the contracts were procured in accordance with applicable North Carolina public contracting requirements and federal procurement standards for federally funded projects, including the competitive solicitation process and evaluation of responsive and responsible proposers.

I. Longview International Technology Solutions, Inc. (LTS) Contract for Debris Removal Services.

Commissioner Melton moved to award the debris removal services contract for the Alexander's Ford Park cleanup project to Longview International Technology Solutions, Inc. (LTS), as the lowest responsive, responsible proposer, and to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute the contract and all related documents, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and legality, within the approved project budget, and in compliance with all applicable FEMA procurement and reimbursement requirements. The motion further granted the County Manager signatory authority for all related contract documents, change orders, certifications, reimbursement requests, and other necessary project documentation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beiler and carried unanimously.

II. Tetra Tech Contract for Debris Monitoring Services.

Vice-Chairman Moore moved to award the debris monitoring services contract for the Alexander's Ford Park cleanup project to Tetra Tech, as the lowest responsive, responsible proposer, and to authorize the County Manager to negotiate and execute the contract and all related documents, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and legality, within the approved project budget, and in compliance with all applicable FEMA procurement and reimbursement requirements. The motion further granted the County Manager signatory authority for all related contract documents, change orders, certifications, reimbursement requests, and other necessary project documentation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Melton and carried unanimously.

A. 2026 Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs. P.A. Contract to Audit Accounts - Sonya Ayers, Finance Director.

Commissioner Melton moved to approve the FY 2026/27 audit contract, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Polk County Community Recreation Facility (YMCA) - Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), JM Cope, Inc, Contract. (Copies of the contract were available for review in the County Manager's Office.) - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman explained that the County completed the qualifications based selection process for the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes, including advertisement of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), evaluation of submitted statements of qualifications, and interviews with selected firms. Five firms were interviewed and evaluated.

Manager Pittman stated that the contract establishes preconstruction and construction phase services and that a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amendment will be negotiated at a later date and presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval prior to commencement of construction work beyond the authorized preconstruction phase.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) contract with JM Cope, Inc., and to authorize the County Manager to execute the agreement and related documents, subject to review and approval by the County Attorney as to form and legality. The motion further granted the County Manager signatory authority for associated project documentation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Melton and carried unanimously.

E. Declaration of April as Volunteer Appreciation Month Proclamation - Vice-Chairman Moore.

Vice-Chairman Moore read the resolution.

Commissioner Hargett moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Melton, and the motion carried unanimously.

F. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Proclamation.

Sheriff Wright read the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Proclamation.

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

G. Proclamation to Declare May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

Michael Crater, Emergency Medical Services Director, read the Proclamation to Declare May 17-23, 2026, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

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

9. <u>Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.</u>

There was one citizen comment on non-agenda items.

10. Volunteer Board Applications

    A. Adult Care Advisory Committee and Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee - There are two vacancies and one applicant; Stuart Goldstein.

    Vice-Chairman Moore moved to appoint Stuart Goldstein to the Adult Care Advisory Committee and Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee, seconded by Commissioner Melton, and the motion carried unanimously.

    B. Library Board of Trustees - There is one vacancy and one applicant; Miles Gold.

    Commissioner Beiler moved to appoint Miles Gold to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Commissioner Melton, and the motion carried unanimously.

    C. Planning Board - There is one vacancy for the Columbus Township and two applicants; Kimberly Daniel, and Teresa "Terri" Morrin.

    Commissioner Hargett nominated Kimberly Daniel.

    Vice-Chairman Moore moved to appoint Kimberly Daniel to the Planning Board, seconded by Commissioner Melton, and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Commissioner Comments.

    The Commissioners thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished Commissioner Melton a Happy Birthday.

12. Adjournment

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

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kennedy E Freeman
Clerk to the Board

Myron Yoder
Chairman

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting
May 11, 2026 - 9:00 AM
Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building
40 Courthouse Street
Columbus, NC 28722
MINUTES

Present: Chairman Yoder, Vice-Chairman Moore, Commissioner Beiler, Commissioner Melton, and Commissioner Hargett. Also in attendance was Manager Pittman, Clerk to the Board Freeman, and citizens.
Absent: Attorney Berg

1. Call to Order - Chairman Yoder.

2. Invocation - Vice-Chairman Moore

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Beiler

4. Approval of Agenda

   Commissioner Melton moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Agenda Item(s)

   A. Presentation of FY 2026/27 Balanced Budget - Manager Pittman

   Manager Pittman presented the balanced FY 2026/2027 budget to the Board of Commissioners. He stated that there is no proposed tax rate increase for General Government Operating Expense in the upcoming fiscal year, and the tax rate will remain at $.4277 per $100 of assessed value, which is consistent with the previous year. He also thanked the Finance Department and all department heads for their hard work and dedication throughout the preparation of this year's budget.

6. Adjournment

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

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kennedy E Freeman
Clerk to the Board

Myron Yoder
Chairman

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 5.B

Schedule a Public Hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building.

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 5.C

Tax Refund Requests in the amount of $1,537.49.

ATTACHMENTS

1. refunds_memo

Memorandum

To: Polk County Board of Commissioners

From: Melissa O'Loughlin, Polk County Tax Administrator

Date:

Re: Refund Request

Taxpayer	Parcel	Amount	Reason
RALPH LITTLEJOHN	P37-16	$ 249.92	OVERPAYMENT
STEVE WILSON	PP	$ 1,139.85	OVERPAYMENT
DONALD TAYLOR	VEHICLE	$ 147.72	TAG SURRENDER
	TOTAL:	**$ 1,537.49**	

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 5.D

Budget Amendment to adjust budget lines internally within the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center.

ATTACHMENTS

1. BOC_BA_Sheriffs_Office_5.18.2026
2. BOC_Agenda_Item_BA_Jail_Consent_5.18.2026

POLK COUNTY FINANCE
BUDGET AMENDMENT
DATE: 5/18/2026 BOC meeting
Dept: **Sheriff's Office**
BA# 63

BATCH #: _____

INCREASE BUDGETED EXPENDITURE

GL ACCOUNT #		
10-4310-2310-2	Qualification Expense	9,500
10-4310-2600-0	Supplies and Materials	9,100
10-4310-2600-1	Investigation Supplies	140
10-4310-3110-0	Travel	7,550
10-4310-3210-0	Telephone & Postage	3,300
10-4310-3311-0	D.A.R.E Supplies	960
10-4310-3530-0	Maint & Repair-Autos	6,300
10-4310-3950-0	Employee Training	10,350
10-4310-3994-1	Firing Range	3,650
10-4310-4400-0	Contracted Services	56,100
10-4310-5000-0	Capital Outlay	19,120
		$126,070

DECREASE BUDGETED EXPENDITURE

GL ACCOUNT #		
10-4310-1210-0	Salaries and Wages	(50,070)
10-4310-1230-0	Holiday Pay	(18,000)
10-4310-1830-0	Group Ins Exp	(35,000)
10-4310-1820-0	Retirement	(10,000)
10-4310-1810-0	FICA	(13,000)
		$(126,070)

EXPLANATION: To adjust budget lines internally within the Sheriffs Office Department to ensure all expense lines have sufficient funds.

Any transfer that exceeds $20,000 within a departments must be approved by the Board

Jeffery Ramsey

Date approved & entered into the BOC minutes

Department Manager

COUNTY MANAGER

FINANCE OFFICER

POLK COUNTY FINANCE
BUDGET AMENDMENT
DATE: 5/18/2026 BOC meeting
Dept: **Detention Center - Jail**
BA# 62

BATCH #: _____

INCREASE BUDGETED EXPENDITURE			DECREASE BUDGETED EXPENDITURE		
GL ACCOUNT #			GL ACCOUNT #		
10-4320-1240-0	Part-Time Salaries	$ 30,475	10-4320-1210-0	Full-Time Salaries	$ (30,475)
10-4320-1931-0	County Doctor	23,131	10-4320-2120-0	Uniforms	(8,000)
10-4320-2380-1	Inmate Medical	7,369	10-4320-2600-0	Supplies	(5,152)
			10-4320-3950-0	Employee Training	(6,328)
			10-4320-5000-0	Capital	(11,020)
		$ 60,975			$ (60,975)

EXPLANATION: To adjust budget lines internally within the Sheriffs Office Dentention Center Department to ensure all expense lines have sufficient funds.

Any transfer that exceeds $20,000 within a departments must be approved by the Board

Date approved & entered into the BOC minutes

Department Manager

COUNTY MANAGER

Sonya J Ayers
FINANCE OFFICER

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 5.E

Budget Amendment to cover Sheriff's Department Merit Increases which were budgeted and appropriated in FY26.

ATTACHMENTS

1. BOC_BA_Personnel_05.18.2026

POLK COUNTY FINANCE
BUDGET AMENDMENT
DATE: 5/18/2026 BOC meeting
Dept: **Personnel**

BATCH #: _____

#64

INCREASE BUDGETED EXPENDITURE			DECREASE BUDGETED EXPENDITURE		
GL ACCOUNT #			GL ACCOUNT #		
10-4310-1210-0	Sheriff - Full-Time Salaries	$ 38,149	10-4370-1210-0	Personnel -Full-Time Salaries	$ (71,018)
10-4320-1210-0	Jail - Full-Time Salaries	32,869			
		$ 71,018			$ (71,018)

EXPLANATION: Moving available funds from the Personnel Full-Time Salary line to the Department Full-Time Salary line to cover merit increases. Appropriated in FY26 budget.

Any transfer that exceeds $20,000 within a departments must be approved by the Board

Date approved & entered into the BOC minutes

Department Manager

COUNTY MANAGER

FINANCE OFFICER

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 7.B

Resolution Adjusting Current and Future Reappraisal Cycles – Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DRAFT Resolution Adjusting Reappraisal Cycle

Board of County Commissioners of Polk County

Resolution to Adjust the Reappraisal Cycle and to Establish the Duration of Future Reappraisal Cycles

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-286(a), Polk County has followed a bi-octennial schedule for reappraising real property for ad valorem property tax assessments; and

WHEREAS, Polk County's latest such reappraisal became effective as of January 1, 2025, with the provisions of said statute requiring the county to conduct its next general reappraisal with an effective date of January 1, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners recognize that real property can experience substantial market value changes during the reappraisal cycle, and further recognize that not all properties within the county are likely to experience the same market value changes at the same pace over that time; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are of the opinion that a reappraisal occurring January 1, 2031, and thereafter every six years, will promote greater fairness and equity in real property assessments by better distributing the property tax burden among all real property parcels in a manner consistent with their respective market values; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 105-286(a)(3) authorizes the county to conduct a reappraisal other than the required eight years by adopting a resolution designating a different reappraisal date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Polk County does hereby advance its next general reappraisal to have an effective date of January 1, 2031, with subsequent reappraisals to continue every six years thereafter, and further directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the North Carolina Department of Revenue upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Board of County
Commissioners of Polk County

By: _____
Myron Yoder, Chairman

ATTEST:

_____
Kennedy Freeman, Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 7.C

Helene Recovery Disaster Mitigation Program Update - Ryan Searcy - NCFS Polk County Ranger, and Coleman Enloe -NCFS Mitigation Specialist.

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 7.D

Fund Balance Appropriation for new Emergency Management Truck - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director, and Fire Marshal.

ATTACHMENTS

1. BOC_FB_EMG_MGT_5.18.2026

POLK COUNTY FINANCE

BUDGET AMENDMENT: GENERAL FUND BALANCE

DATE: 5/18/2026 BOC Meeting BATCH #: _____ LINE_____

Dept.: **Emergency MGMT**

Amendment # : 15-F Fund balance

INCREASE EXPENSE			INCREASE FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED		
GL ACCOUNT #			GL ACCOUNT #		
10-4330-5000-0	Capital Outlay	$ 77,494	10-3991-0000	Fund Balance Approp	$ (77,494)
		77,494			(77,494)

EXPLANATION Appropriate fund balance to complete the purchase of an Emergency Management truck, including all necessary equipment to place the vehicle into service for County Emergency Management operations. This would allow the County to secure the fully outfitted Emergency Management truck and place it into service as soon as possible.

Date approved & entered into the BOC minutes

COUNTY MANAGER

Sonya J Ayers

FINANCE OFFICER

Prepared for: , Polk County NC

2026 F-250 4x4 SD Crew Cab 6.75' box 160" WB SRW XLT (W2B)

Price Level: 615



Client Proposal

Prepared by:
Jeff Williams
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Email: jeffwilliams@parksautogroup.com
Quote ID: 0204202609
Date: 02/16/2026

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2026 F-250 4x4 SD Crew Cab 6.75' box 160" WB SRW XLT (W2B)

Price Level: 615 | Quote ID: 0204202609

, Polk County NC

Re: Quote ID 0204202609 02/16/2026

To Whom It May Concern,

All pricing provided in this quote is based on, and follows the guidelines of, the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association Vehicle Procurement Program. Contract # 26-12-0909. Specification # 318

Sincerely,

Jeff Williams
Fleet Manager
182-869-34281
jeffwilliams@parksautogroup.com

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2026 F-250 4x4 SD Crew Cab 6.75' box 160" WB SRW XLT (W2B)

Price Level: 615 | Quote ID: 0204202609

As Configured Vehicle

Code	Description
Base Vehicle	
W2B	Base Vehicle Price (W2B)
Packages	
603A	Order Code 603A *Includes:* *- Engine: 6.8L 2V DEVCT NA PFI V8 Gas* *- Transmission: TorqShift-G 10-Speed Automatic* *Includes SelectShift and selectable drive modes: normal, eco, slippery roads, tow/haul and off-road.* *- GVWR: 10,000 lb Payload Package* *- Wheels: 18" Sparkle Silver Painted Cast Aluminum* *- Cloth 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat* *Includes 20% locking center under-seat storage, center armrest, cupholder, storage, 8-way power driver (includes power lumbar) and 2-way adjustable driver/passenger headrests.* *- Radio: AM/FM Stereo w/MP3 Player* *Includes 6 speakers.* *- Ford Connectivity Package (1-Year Included)* *Includes unlimited Wi-Fi hotspot. Included for 1-year from warranty start date. Evolving technology/cellular networks/vehicle capability may limit functionality and prevent operation of connected features. To activate the 1-year complimentary trial, retail modem authorization and credit card authorization for auto renewal is required; customer may cancel at any time.* *- SYNC 4* *Includes 8" LCD capacitive touchscreen with swipe capability, wireless phone connection, cloud connected, AppLink with app catalog, 911 Assist, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility and digital owner's manual.*
Powertrain	
99A	Engine: 6.8L 2V DEVCT NA PFI V8 Gas
44F	Transmission: TorqShift-G 10-Speed Automatic *Includes SelectShift and selectable drive modes: normal, eco, slippery roads, tow/haul and off-road.*
X3E	Electronic-Locking w/3.73 Axle Ratio
STDGV	GVWR: 10,000 lb Payload Package
Wheels & Tires	
TDX	Tires: LT275/70Rx18E BSW A/T (4) *Spare may not be the same as road tire.*
648	Wheels: 18" Sparkle Silver Painted Cast Aluminum
Seats & Seat Trim	

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2026 F-250 4x4 SD Crew Cab 6.75' box 160" WB SRW XLT (W2B)

Price Level: 615 | Quote ID: 0204202609

As Configured Vehicle (cont'd)

Code	Description
3	Cloth 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat *Includes 20% locking center under-seat storage, center armrest, cupholder, storage, 8-way power driver (includes power lumbar) and 2-way adjustable driver/passenger headrests.*

Other Options

160WB	160" Wheelbase
PAINT	Monotone Paint Application
STDRD	Radio: AM/FM Stereo w/MP3 Player *Includes 6 speakers.* *Includes:* *- Ford Connectivity Package (1-Year Included)* *Includes unlimited Wi-Fi hotspot. Included for 1-year from warranty start date. Evolving technology/cellular networks/vehicle capability may limit functionality and prevent operation of connected features. To activate the 1-year complimentary trial, retail modem authorization and credit card authorization for auto renewal is required; customer may cancel at any time.* *- SYNC 4* *Includes 8" LCD capacitive touchscreen with swipe capability, wireless phone connection, cloud connected, AppLink with app catalog, 911 Assist, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility and digital owner's manual.*
17X	FX4 Off-Road Package *Includes:* *- Hill Descent Control* *- Off-Road Specifically Tuned Shock Absorbers* *Includes front/rear.* *- Transfer Case & Fuel Tank Skid Plates* *- Unique FX4 Off-Road Box Decal*
18B	Platform Running Boards
85S	Tough Bed Spray-In Bedliner *Includes tailgate-guard, black box bed tie-down hooks and black bed attachment bolts.*
16T	All-Weather Floor Mats *Doesn't include carpet floor mats.*
153	Front License Plate Bracket *Standard in states requiring 2 license plates and optional to all others.*

Fleet Options

WARANT	Fleet Customer Powertrain Limited Warranty Requires valid FIN code.

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2026 F-250 4x4 SD Crew Cab 6.75' box 160" WB SRW XLT (W2B)

Price Level: 615 | Quote ID: 0204202609

As Configured Vehicle (cont'd)

Code	Description
	Ford is increasing the 5-year 60,000-mile limited powertrain warranty to 5-years, 100,000 miles. Only Fleet purchasers with a valid Fleet Identification Number (FIN code) will receive the extended warranty. When the sale is entered into the sales reporting system with a sales type fleet along with a valid FIN code, the warranty extension will automatically be added to the vehicle. The extension will stay with the vehicle even if it is subsequently sold to a non-fleet customer before the expiration. This extension applies to both gas and diesel powertrains. Dealers can check for the warranty extension on eligible fleet vehicles in OASIS. Please refer to the Warranty and Policy Manual section 3.13.00 Gas Engine Commercial Warranty. This change will also be reflected in the printed Warranty Guided distributed with the purchase of every new vehicle.
Emissions	
425	50-State Emissions System
Exterior Color	
PQ_01	Race Red
Interior Color	
3S_02	Medium Dark Slate w/Cloth 40/20/40 Split Bench Seat

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Prepared for:
Polk County NC
Prepared by: Jeff Williams
02/16/2026

Parks Ford | 601 DUNCAN HILL RD HENDERSONVILLE NC | 28792

2026 F-250 4x4 SD Crew Cab 6.75' box 160" WB SRW XLT (W2B)

Price Level: 615 | Quote ID: 0204202609

Pricing Summary - Single Vehicle

	MSRP
Vehicle Pricing	$61,140.00
Subtotal	$61,140.00

Pre-Tax Adjustments

Code	Description	MSRP
Discount	Dealer Discount	-$5,444.90
Ford Gvmnt GPC	Government GPC	-$2,900.00
Total		$52,795.10

Prices and content availability as shown are subject to change and should be treated as estimates only. Actual base vehicle, package and option pricing may vary from this estimate because of special local pricing, availability or pricing adjustments not reflected in the dealer's computer system. See salesperson for the most current information.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 18, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 7.E

Polk County Public Libraries 2026-2031 Strategic Plan Approval - Marcie Dowling, Libraries Director.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Final_Draft_PCPL_Strategic_Plan_2026_2031



Polk County
PUBLIC LIBRARIES

STRATEGIC PLAN

2026-2031

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Introduction

Polk County Public Libraries (PCPL) are a vital cornerstone of the community. The libraries offer a wide variety of resources and programs, developed and provided by knowledgeable staff. Library spaces and materials inspire creativity and collaboration for both education and enjoyment. To align our goals with the evolving priorities of the community, the libraries have undergone a comprehensive strategic planning process with feedback from the community and stakeholders. By implementing a new strategic plan, PCPL will renew its efforts to:

- Connect with the community and inform people about all the library offers;
- Welcome the public and inspire them through programs, collections, technologies, and accessible spaces; and
- Cultivate and strengthen PCPL's internal culture for growth and leadership.

Polk County Public Libraries initiated a strategic planning process starting in summer 2025. Fast Forward Libraries LLC was engaged in July 2025 to facilitate the planning process in three phases: Learn, Dream, Do. The Learn phase entailed gathering community feedback through a survey, focus groups, and interviews. Board and staff feedback was also collected through a survey. In the Dream phase, the Board and staff held workshop sessions to discuss possible future pathways for the libraries. This document includes the strategic directions and goals that will guide PCPL through the Do phase, as PCPL executes our vision for the future.

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Process Timeline

July 2025 - May 2026

The Planning Team spent months learning about community needs and developing strategies to advance the library's impact over the next five years.

Planning Team Kick-off	July
Community Input and Learning Report	August - January
Workshop Sessions	February
Plan Development and Review	March
Present to the Board, Transition to Implementation	April - May

Vision

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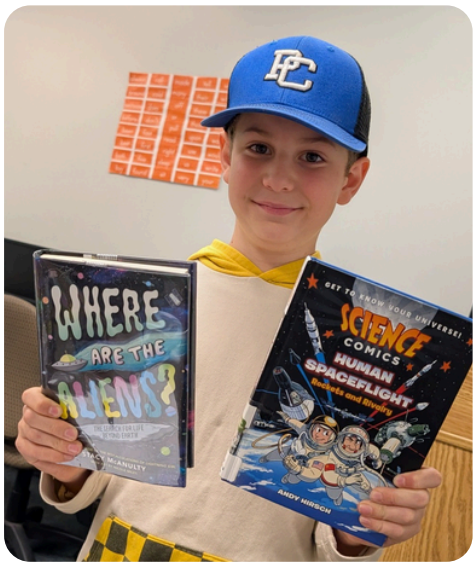
Mission

We enrich lives, encourage curiosity, and build community.



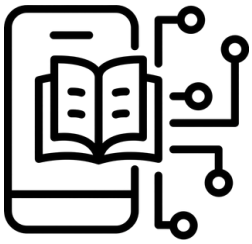






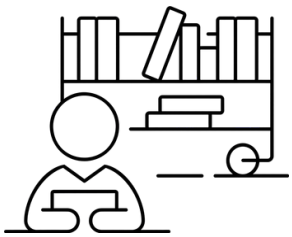


Strategic Directions



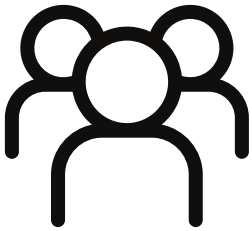
Connect & Inform

We collaborate and engage with local partners to better serve the community where they are. By expanding the library's communications, we raise awareness of community resources and library services.



Welcome & Inspire

We provide versatile and accessible spaces where people can gather, work, and play. Our responsive programs, collections, and technologies meet the community's needs and inspire individual growth and confidence.



Cultivate & Strengthen

We foster an organizational culture where staff can learn and grow. Our staff members deliver excellent customer service, and we have a supportive and informed Board of Trustees.

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GOALS:

1.1 Design outreach initiatives that foster community engagement and improve access.

1.2 Strengthen local partnerships to create community connections.

1.3 Expand external communications to better share community resources and promote library services.

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES:

- Citizens have easy access to library services
- The library is visible at community events
- Organizations think of the library as a go-to partner and repeat partnerships
- Community members indicate they know what is going on at the library
- Library usage increases
- Citizens are aware of community resources beyond the library

WELCOME & INSPIRE

We provide versatile and accessible spaces where people can gather, work, and play. Our responsive programs, collections, and technologies meet the community's needs and inspire individual growth and confidence.





GOALS:

2.1 Develop responsive programs and collections that address community needs and exceed expectations.

2.2 Provide technology resources to encourage confidence and advance competence in navigating the digital world.

2.3 Ensure welcoming, versatile, and accessible library spaces.

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES:

- Program attendance and circulation increases
- Wait times for digital items shortens
- Community members feel more confident navigating the digital world
- Library patrons know what technology and services the library offers
- Meeting room use increases

CULTIVATE & STRENGTHEN

We foster an organizational culture where staff can learn and grow. Our staff members deliver excellent customer service, and we have a supportive and informed Board of Trustees.





GOALS:

3.1 Create an organizational culture that nurtures staff enrichment through professional development and training opportunities.

3.2 Consider staffing needs that anticipate future growth.

3.3 Institute consistent methods of internal communications.

3.4 Prioritize ongoing Board of Trustees development to support continuous improvement.

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES:

- Staff knowledge supports strong customer service
- High staff retention
- Staff feel well prepared when interacting with patrons
- Board members reflect the composition of the community
- Trustees are knowledgeable about the organization and advocate for the libraries

NEXT STEPS

Implementation and Evaluation

Now that the vision, mission, strategic directions, and goals have been adopted by the Polk County Public Libraries Board of Trustees, staff will develop an activity plan to guide implementation. Implementation is a continual process. The timing of certain activities will be determined by priority and influenced by various factors, such as funding and other resource allocation. Review and adjustment of the activity plan will happen on a regular basis.

Evaluation of progress towards the goals will be ongoing once the plan implementation is underway. The status of activities and progress towards goals will be reported regularly to Trustees and stakeholders.

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AGENDA ITEM # 7.F

Request for Approval of Reimbursement through the Public School Building Repair and Renovations Fund (PSBRRF) NC Education Lottery - Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Director of Operations.

ATTACHMENTS

None

DISTRIBUTION REQUEST
PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING
REPAIR & RENOVATION FUND
NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY

DPI USE ONLY
Approved By:
Date:

Date of Request: 5/11/26

County: Polk County
Address: 40 Courthouse St., PO Box 308, Columbus, NC 28722
LEA: Polk County Schools (750)
Address: 125 E. Mills Street., PO Box 638, Columbus, NC 28722

Contact Person: Brandon Schweitzer
Title: Director of Operations
Phone: 828-894-1023
Email: bschweitzer@polkschools.org

Project Title: Sunny View Elementary - HVAC Replacement
Project Address: 86 Sunny View School Rd, Mill Spring, NC 28756

Type of Facility: Elementary School

The Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund was established by S.L. 2021-180, Section 4.4.(a1). The purpose of the Fund is to provide revenue to counties for repair and renovation projects. Per G.S. 115C-546.16, counties are to utilize funds for enlargement, improvement, expansion, repair, or renovation of classroom facilities at public school buildings within local school administrative units (LEAs) located in the county. As used in this context, "Public School Buildings" shall include only facilities for individual schools that are used for instructional and related purposes, and does not include administration, maintenance, or other facilities.

Brief Project Description (include est. start/end dates): Replacement of failed HVAC system
Est. Start: 5/1/26 - Est. Completion - 5/8/26.

Estimated Costs:

Planning and Design Services	$
New Construction – Facility Enlargement	$
New Construction – Addition(s)	$
Existing Construction – Facility Improvements	$
Existing Construction – Facility Repairs	$ 16,979.00
Existing Construction – Facility Renovations	$
TOTAL	$ 16,979.00

We, the undersigned, agree to submit a statement of state monies expended for this project within 60 days following completion of the project.

The County Commissioners and the Board of Education do hereby jointly request approval of the above project, and request the release of $ 16,979.00 from the Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund. We certify that the project herein described is within the parameters of G.S. 115C-546.

(Signature – Chair, County Commissioners) (Date)

(Signature – Chair, Board of Education) 5/11/2026 (Date)

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Contact Person: Brandon Schweitzer
Title: Director of Operations
Phone: 828-894-1023
Email: bschweitzer@polkschools.org

Project Title: Tryon Elementary - HVAC Replacement (Two-Story Building)
Project Address: 100 School Pl, Tryon, NC 28782

Type of Facility: Elementary School

The Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund was established by S.L. 2021-180, Section 4.4.(a1). The purpose of the Fund is to provide revenue to counties for repair and renovation projects. Per G.S. 115C-546.16, counties are to utilize funds for enlargement, improvement, expansion, repair, or renovation of classroom facilities at public school buildings within local school administrative units (LEAs) located in the county. As used in this context, "Public School Buildings" shall include only facilities for individual schools that are used for instructional and related purposes, and does not include administration, maintenance, or other facilities.

Brief Project Description (include est. start/end dates): Replacement of two failed HVAC systems
Est. Start: 5/8/26 - Est. Completion - 5/26/26.

Estimated Costs:

Planning and Design Services	$
New Construction – Facility Enlargement	$
New Construction – Addition(s)	$
Existing Construction – Facility Improvements	$
Existing Construction – Facility Repairs	$ 38,819.00
Existing Construction – Facility Renovations	$
TOTAL	$ 38,819.00

We, the undersigned, agree to submit a statement of state monies expended for this project within 60 days following completion of the project.

The County Commissioners and the Board of Education do hereby jointly request approval of the above project, and request the release of $ 38,819.00 from the Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund. We certify that the project herein described is within the parameters of G.S. 115C-546.

(Signature – Chair, County Commissioners) (Date)

(Signature – Chair, Board of Education) 5/11/2026 (Date)

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AGENDA ITEM # 9.A

Board of Adjustment - There are two vacancies and one applicant; Arion Jones.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 9.B

Saluda Fire District Tax Commission - There are three vacancies, and one applicant; Arion Jones.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 11.A

Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of Attorney-Client Privilege.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 11.B

Motion to return to open session.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 12

Adjournment

ATTACHMENTS

None