BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 2025
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 - Vice-Chairman Moore.
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Beiler
4. Approval of Agenda
   A. Items may be added or removed at this time.
5. Consent Agenda
   A. Approval of April 14, 2025, Regular Meeting, and May 12, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.
   B. Schedule a Public Hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building.
   C. Reschedule the Public Hearing for proposed new road names to June 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice and Administration Building due to publication requirements.
   D. Declare one Health and Human Services (HHSA) vehicle surplus to be sold electronically by public auction. Asset details attached.
   E. Proclamation to Declare May 18, 2025–May 25, 2025, as Emergency Medical Services Week.
6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.
7. Regular Agenda Items
   A. Schedule a public hearing to review and discuss approval of text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance on June 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice and Administration Building, 40 Courthouse Street, Columbus, NC. (A copy of the current Zoning Ordinance is available to review online at https://www.polknc.gov/ordinances.php or in the County Manager's office.

B. North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Bridge Replacement Appraisal and Offer - Nathan Clapsaddle, NCDOT Right of Way Agent.

C. Request for Approval of Reimbursement through the Public School Building Repair and Renovations Fund (PSBRRF) - Brandon Schweitzer, Polk County Schools Director of Operations.

D. Tax Refund Request Through April 30, 2025 in the Amount of $73,955.53 - Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.

E. House Bill 765 Discussion - Attorney, Jana Berg, and Cathy Ruth, Planning and Economic Development Director.

F. Resolution for the opposition of House Bill 765 - Attorney Berg.

8. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

9. Volunteer Board Applications

A. Board of Adjustment - There are two vacancies and one applicant; Teresa (Terri) Morrin.

B. Equalization and Review Board - There is one vacancy and two applicants; Teresa (Terri) Morrin, and Adrienne Reilly.

C. Green Creek Fire District Tax Commission - There are three vacancies and two applicants; Randy Ingle, and Andrew Roddy.

D. Sunny View Fire District Tax Commission - There are three vacancies and three applicants; David Bradley, Marshall McGuinn, and Harold Odell.

E. Tryon Fire District Tax Commission - There are three vacancies and two applicants; Dalton Putnam, and Joshua Walton.

10. Commissioner Comments.

11. Adjournment

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM # 4.A

Items may be added or removed at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM # 5.A

Approval of April 14, 2025, Regular Meeting, and May 12, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes.

ATTACHMENTS

1. April14Minutes FINAL
2. May 12 Meeting Minutes FINAL

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting April 14, 2025 - 5:00 PM
Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building 40 Courthouse Street Columbus, NC 28722
MINUTES

Present: Chairman Yoder, Commissioner Beiler, Commissioner Melton, Commissioner Hargett, Manager Pittman, Attorney Berg (Virtually), Clerk to the Board Freeman, Media and Citizens.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Moore

1. Public Hearing

   A. Call to Order the Public Hearing

   Chair Yoder called the public hearing to order.

      I. Call to Order the Public Hearing - The purpose of the Public Hearing is to take public comment on the proposed new road names; Destination Drive - Private Road -Off of Chesnee Road - SR-1343, Elijah Circle - Private Road - Off of Houston Road - SR 1137, and a request to renumber these addresses: 2263 to 93, 2267 to 97, 2293 to 143, 2295 to 175, 2297 to 191, Chanterelle Circle - Private Road - Off of Pinewood Trail, and Loggers Pass Lane - Private Road - Off of Mountain Parkway. The Public Hearing Notice was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

   Attorney Berg was available for questions.

   B. Citizen Comments

   There was one citizen comment on the public hearing.

   C. Adjourn Public Hearing

   Commissioner Melton moved to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously. (Moore absent)

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

   Chairman Yoder called to order the Regular Meeting.

3. Invocation - Commissioner Hargett

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Vice-Chairman Moore

   Commissioner Beiler led the Pledge of Allegiance in place of Vice-Chairman Moore.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

Commissioner Melton moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Hargett, and the motion carried unanimously. (Moore absent)

6. Consent Agenda

A. March 17, 2025, Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting Minutes

B. Declare Five Sheriff's Vehicles as Surplus to be sold by electronic auction. Asset details are attached.

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

D. Health and Human Services Agency Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation.

E. National Public Safety of Telecommunicators Proclamation

F. Tax Refund Request through February 28, 2025, in the amount of $3,004.82.

G. Restore a Sheriff's Department position that was unfunded in FY 23-24. No additional funding is needed.

H. Schedule a Public Hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, May 19, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building.

Commissioner Melton moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously. (Moore absent)

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were no citizen comments on agenda items.

8. Regular Agenda Items

A. Consideration and approval of the proposed new road names subsequent to the Public Hearing - Attorney, Jana Berg.

Commissioner Melton moved to approve the proposed new road names and renumbering, seconded by Commissioner Hargett, and the motion carried unanimously. (Moore absent)

B. Consideration and approval of the proposed Subdivision Ordinance Amendment. A Public Hearing for these text amendments was held on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 5:00 pm in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building. - Cathy Ruth, Planning and Economic Development Director.

Cathy Ruth gave a presentation on the proposed Subdivision Ordinance text amendments, a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes.

Commissioner Hargett moved to approve the amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Melton, and the motion carried unanimously. (Moore absent)

C. Little White Oak Mountain Trail Network Update - Mickey Edwards, Parks, and Facilities Director, and Holly Williams, Recreation Coordinator.

Mickey Edwards gave a presentation to update everyone on the Little White Oak Mountain Trail Network, a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes. Mr. Edwards also requested approval for the proposed new trail names; Laurel Loop, Live Wire, Piney Flats Loop, Ripsaw Cove Loop, The Hub, and The Escalator. He said that signs displaying the new names will be installed, with funding from a grant provided by the Polk County Community Foundation.

Commissioner Melton moved to approve the new trail names for the Little White Oak Mountain Trail Network, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously. (Moore absent)

D. Board of Elections Budget Amendment - Cliff Marr, Director.

Cliff Marr gave a presentation explaining the reasons behind the Board of Elections' request for a budget amendment, as well as reviewing their performance after the November 2024 election, a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes.

Commissioner Melton moved to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Hargett, and the motion carried unanimously. (Moore absent)

E. Request the addition of a Deputy Sheriff Patrol position for the Sheriff's Department. No additional funding is needed for the addition of this position - Sheriff Wright

Chief Deputy, Jeff Ramsey was present for questions.

Commissioner Melton moved to approve the addition of the Deputy Sheriff Patrol position for the Sheriff's Department, seconded by Little Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously. (Moore absent)

F. Approval of Parcel Change from Mill Spring to Green Creek - Bobby Arledge, Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Director.

Bobby Arledge explained that a Mill Spring resident requested a fire district change to qualify for better insurance rates. The resident’s property lies outside the Mill Spring six-mile district, placing them in Class 10, but falls within Green Creek Fire Department’s six-mile district, which would assign them a Class 9 rating. Mr. Arledge explained that to make this change they had to change the following 7 parcels to line up with the fire district lines: P113-25, P113-6, P113-15, P113-7, P113-4, P113-10, P113-11.

Commissioner Hargett motioned to approve the change of parcels for the Green Creek Fire District, seconded by Commissioner Melton, and the motion carried unanimously. (Moore absent)

G. Emergency Management Update - Bobby Arledge.

Bobby Arledge expressed gratitude to the Fire Departments for their support during the Black Cove Fire, where three fires collectively burned 7,670 acres and resulted in the loss of 11 structures, including 3 homes and 11 outbuildings. Mr. Arledge recognized everyone who was involved in the fires for their teamwork. He says that without their collaboration, the fires could have been a lot worse. He also says that they are currently working to communicate and emphasize fire safety tips, such as clearing gutters and removing leaves from around structures. Mr. Arledge noted that Private Property Debris Removal (PPDR) sign-ups close on May 1, 2025. 368 applicants have been reviewed by the Army Corps of Engineers and Tetra Tech as of April 14, 2025. Of those, 203 applications were sent to FEMA for approval. Regarding private roads and bridges, Mr. Arledge explained that assistance is available through FEMA and the State of Emergency Management.

H. Resolution for Volunteer Board Appreciation - Manager Pittman.

Commissioner Hargett read the resolution.

Commissioner Melton motioned to approve the resolution for the Volunteer Board appreciation, seconded by Commissioner Hargett. (Moore absent)

9. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda items.

10. Volunteer Board Applications

A. Health and Human Services Agency – There are three vacancies and three applicants; Luvenia Abrams, Margaret Franklin, and Terri Palmer.

Commissioner Melton moved to appoint the three applicants as presented, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously (Moore absent).

B. Mental Health Advisory Board - There are two vacancies and one applicant; Luvenia Abrams.

Commissioner Hargett moved to appoint Luvenia Abrams, seconded by Commissioner Melton, and the motion carried unanimously. (Moore absent)

11. Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Melton motioned to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hargett, and the motion carried unanimously. (Moore absent)

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kennedy E Freeman
Clerk to the Board

Myron Yoder
Chairman

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting
May 12, 2025 - 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 were County Manager Pittman, Clerk to the Board Freeman, Media, and Citizens.

Absent: Attorney Berg

1. Call to Order - Chairman Yoder.

2. Invocation - Commissioner Beiler

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Yoder

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Agenda Item(s)

   A. Presentation of FY 2025/26 Balanced Budget - Manager Pittman

   Manager Pittman presented the FY 2025/26 budget to the Commissioners. Mr. Pittman thanked the Finance department and all the department heads for their hard work.

   He read the first page of the budget message:
   We hereby submit the budget for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of $54,461,072.00. This budget is balanced in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Fiscal Control Act. Since this is a re-valuation year, we are also required by the North Carolina Local Government Commission to advertise our revenue neutral rate. The revenue neutral rate to collect an equivalent amount of revenue as this fiscal year is .4142. Due to debt service associated with the cost of construction of the YMCA facility (should be under construction by the end of the calendar year), we are recommending an increase in the revenue neutral rate by two cents for a total recommenced rate of .4342 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The calculated revenue neutral rate could change over the next few weeks as the Board of Equalization and Review finish their appeal processes. The final revenue neutral rate will be published as a part of the budget ordinance. For reference, the rate for FY 2024-2025 (Current Year) is .5343. As you can see from the budget summary documents, our overall budget is down

13.78% from the prior years amended budget.We have seen slowed growth in some state revenues (Sales Tax), as well as a significant reduction in others (Interest Income)."

B. Schedule a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the FY 2025/26 Budget Ordinance on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice and Administration building, located at 40 Courthouse St. Columbus, NC.

Commissioner Moore moved to schedule the public hearing for Monday, June 2, 2025, at 5:00 pm, seconded by Commissioner Melton, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners thanked Manager Pittman and the County staff for all their hard work, and everyone who attended the meeting.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Melton moved to adjourn the Special Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Kennedy E Freeman
Clerk to the Board

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Myron Yoder
Chairman

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM # 5.B

Schedule a Public Hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building.

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM # 5.C

Reschedule the Public Hearing for proposed new road names to June 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice and Administration Building due to publication requirements.

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM # 5.D

Declare one Health and Human Services (HHSA) vehicle surplus to be sold electronically by public auction. Asset details attached.

ATTACHMENTS

1. HHSASurplusVehicle_May192025

FA1510-11 **View Fixed Asset Projected Depreciated Value**
VIEW

Fund:	20 Human Services Fund		
Department:	5300 Depart of Social Services		
Asset Number:	4281		
Description 1:	**VEH01 AUTOMOBILE**		
2:	**FORD**		
3:	**FOCUS**		
Asset# Linked to:			
Asset ID Tag #:	**2687**		
Serial #:	**2009 X 0481**		
Original Cost:	**12,304.98**	Upgrades tied to this asset:	**N**
Category Code:	**8 8 yr life**		
Acquisition Date:	**5/07/2009**	In Service Date:	**5/07/2009**
Projected Retirement Date:	**5/19/2025**	Age in Years:	**16**
Prior years depreciation:	**12,304.98**	Date depreciation last applied:	**6/30/2023**
Additional depreciation since last yr:		# Days since last depreciation:	
Projected Life to Date Depreciation:	**12,304.98**	Daily Rate:	
Residual Value=Original cost-LTD Depr:			

ENTER **F12=Previous**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM # 5.E

Proclamation to Declare May 18, 2025–May 25, 2025, as Emergency Medical Services Week.

ATTACHMENTS

1. EMS WEEK PROCLAMATION 2025



EMS WEEK PROCLAMATION

To designate the Week of May 18-24, 2025, as Emergency Medical Services Week (EMS Week)

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improved the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical services fills healthcare gaps by providing important, out-of-hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and

WHEREAS, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medial services providers by designating the Emergency Medical Services Week; now

THEREFORE, I Myron Yoder, Polk County, North Carolina Board of Commissioner Chair, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 18 - 24, 2025, as

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

Approved this the 19th day of May, 2025

POLK COUNY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

_____

Myron Yoder, Chairman

_____

Kennedy Freeman, Clerk to the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM # 7.A

Schedule a public hearing to review and discuss approval of text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance on June 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice and Administration Building, 40 Courthouse Street, Columbus, NC. (A copy of the current Zoning Ordinance is available to review online at https://www.polknc.gov/ordinances.php or in the County Manager's office.

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM # 7.B

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Bridge Replacement Appraisal and Offer - Nathan Clapsaddle, NCDOT Right of Way Agent.

ATTACHMENTS

1. FRM10-B
2. NCDOT Bridge Repair Map_Page_1
3. NCDOT Bridge Repair Map_Page_2

SUMMARY STATEMENT/CONTINGENT OFFER TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY DUE TO THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY AND DAMAGES

TO: County of Polk, North Carolina

DATE: 5/8/25

TO: Lessee, if Applicable

TIP/PARCEL NO.: BR-0040 001
COUNTY POLK WBS ELEMENT: 67040.2.1
DESCRIPTION: REPLACE BRIDGE #37 ON NC9 OVER GREEN RIVER

Dear Property Owner:

The following contingent offer of just compensation is based on the fair market value of the property and is not less than the approved appraised value for the appropriate legal compensable interest or interests. The approved value disregards any increase or decrease in the fair market value of the property acquired due to influence caused by public knowledge of this project. The contingent offer of just compensation is based on an analysis of market data, comparable land sales, and, if applicable, building costs in the area of your property. **Please retain this form as it contains pertinent income tax information.**

Value of Right of Way to be Acquired		$ 26,625.00
Value of Permanent Easements to be Acquired		$ 4,600.00
Value of Temporary Easement (Rental of Land) to be Acquired		$ 2,125.00
Value of Improvements to be Acquired		$ 4,175.00
Damages, if any, to Remainder		$ 0
Benefits, if any, to Remainder	minus	$ 0
TOTAL CONTINGENT OFFER		**$ 37,525.00**

The total contingent offer includes all interests other than leases involving Federal Agencies and Tenant owned improvements.

(A) Description of the land and effects of the acquisition

Subject property described in Deed Book 377, page 414, polk County Registry, contains approximately 29.43 acres of which 0.895 acres is being acquired as right of way, leaving 28.535 total acres remaining on the right and left with access to NC9. Also being acquired is a permanent drainage easement containing approximately 0.098 acres, a Drainage/Utility Easement (DUE) containing approximately 0.057 acres, a permanent utility easement containing approximately 0.017 acres, and a temporary construction easement 0.237.

(B) The TOTAL CONTINGENT OFFER includes payment for the improvements and appurtenances described below:
Gravel

Provided there is sufficient time remaining in the project schedule, you may repurchase these improvements for a retention value, with the stipulation that you remove them from the acquisition area at no expense to the Department.

(C) Should you desire to sell the Department the portion of your property considered to be an uneconomic remnant or buildable lot, as explained to you by the Right of Way Agent, the total contingent offer would be: $ N/A . Please note that any contingent offer to purchase a remnant/buildable lot is conditioned upon the remnant/buildable lot being environmentally clean prior to the conveyance to the Department. You may be required to provide the Department with a release from the appropriate environmental agency stating that all contaminants have been remediated and/or removed to their standards.

The original of this form was handed/mailed, if out of state owner, to Marche Pittman – County Manager on May 8 20 25 . Owner was furnished a copy of the Right of Way Brochure/Owner's Letter.

I will be available at your convenience to discuss this matter further with you. My telephone number is 828-331-5355

Please be advised that the agent signing this form is only authorized to recommend settlement to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and any recommended settlement is not a binding contract unless and until accepted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation by its formal execution of documents for conveyance of Right of Way, Easements, and/or other interests.

(Signed) _____

NATHAN CLAPSADDLE - Right of Way Agent

FRM10-B
Revised 2/17/15

Polk County Web Map



5/6/2025, 6:43:25 PM

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0 0.01 0.03 0.06 km

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County Boundary

Parcels

Roads

World Imagery

Low Resolution 15m Imagery

High Resolution 60cm Imagery

High Resolution 30cm Imagery

NC CGIA, Maxar, Microsoft, State of North Carolina DOT, Esri, HERE, Garmin, iPC



County: Polk
WBS: 67040.2.1
TIP/Parcel: BR-0040/001
Owner: Polk County

Total Area: 29.430 Acres
Area in R/W: 0.895 Acres
Area Rem. LT: 27.799 Acres
Area Rem. RT: 0.736 Acres
TCE: 0.237 Acres
PUE: 0.017 Acres
DUE: 0.057 Acres
PDE: 0.098 Acres

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

May 19, 2025

AGENDA ITEM # 7.C

Request for Approval of Reimbursement through the Public School Building Repair and Renovations Fund (PSBRRF) - Brandon Schweitzer, Polk County Schools Director of Operations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Lottery Funding - BOC Approval List (5_13_25) (002)
2. PCSB Signed (003)

Polk County Schools

ADMINISTRATION

Aaron Greene
Superintendent

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Stearns Education Center
PO Box 638
125 East Mills Street
Columbus, NC 28722
828-894-3051
828-894-8153 fax

www.polkschools.org

Sandra Hughes
Finance Officer
Polk County Government

May 13, 2025

Dear Sandra,

Polk County Schools is requesting the Polk County Board of Commissioners' co-signature approval for reimbursement through the Public School Building Repair and Renovations Fund (PSBRRF).

PSBRRF Project	Project Cost
PCEC - Kitchen Hood Replacement	$73,251.59
TES - Kitchen Hood Replacement	$77,820.75
TES - Annex Bldg Roof Replacement	$148,917.00
PCHS - Fire System Replacement	$57,941.04
Total	**$357,930.38**

Thank you to the Polk County Board of Commissioners for considering this request and for continuing to support our schools.

Sincerely,

Brandon Schweitzer
Director of Operations
Polk County Schools

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

DPI USE ONLY
Approved By:
Date:

Date of Request: 4/14/25

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: Tryon Elementary School - Annex Bldg. Roof Replacement
Project Address: 100 School Pl., Tryon, NC 28782

Type of Facility: Public 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 existing annex building roof.
Est. Start: 6/2/25 - Est. Completion - 7/30/25

Estimated Costs:

Planning and Design Services	$
New Construction – Facility Enlargement	$
New Construction – Addition(s)	$
Existing Construction – Facility Improvements	$
Existing Construction – Facility Repairs	$
Existing Construction – Facility Renovations	$ 148,917.00
TOTAL	$ 148,917.00

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 $ 148,917.00 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) 4/14/2025 (Date)

PRINT FORM CLEAR FORM

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

DPI USE ONLY
Approved By:
Date:

Date of Request: 4/14/25

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: Polk County High School - Fire System Replacement
Project Address: 1681 East NC-108, Columbus, NC 28722

Type of Facility: Public High 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 fire system
Est. Start: 6/2/25 - Est. Completion - 7/30/25

Estimated Costs:

Planning and Design Services	$
New Construction – Facility Enlargement	$
New Construction – Addition(s)	$
Existing Construction – Facility Improvements	$
Existing Construction – Facility Repairs	$ 57,941.04
Existing Construction – Facility Renovations	$
TOTAL	$ 57,941.04

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 $ 57,941.04 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) 4/14/2025 (Date)

PRINT FORM CLEAR FORM

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

DPI USE ONLY
Approved By:
Date:

Date of Request: 4/14/25

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: Tryon Elementary School - Kitchen Hood Replacement
Project Address: 100 School Pl, Tryon, NC 28782

Type of Facility: Public 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 kitchen hood exhaust system
Est. Start: 6/1/25 - Est. Completion - 7/31/25

Estimated Costs:

Planning and Design Services	$
New Construction – Facility Enlargement	$
New Construction – Addition(s)	$
Existing Construction – Facility Improvements	$
Existing Construction – Facility Repairs	$ 77,820.75
Existing Construction – Facility Renovations	$
TOTAL	$ 77,820.75

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 $ 77,820.75 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) 4/14/2025 (Date)

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

DPI USE ONLY
Approved By:
Date:

Date of Request: 4/14/25

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: Polk Central Elementary School - Kitchen Hood Replacement
Project Address: 2141 NC-9, Mill Spring, NC 28756

Type of Facility: Public Elementary School

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Estimated Costs:

Planning and Design Services	$
New Construction – Facility Enlargement	$
New Construction – Addition(s)	$
Existing Construction – Facility Improvements	$
Existing Construction – Facility Repairs	$ 73,251.59
Existing Construction – Facility Renovations	$
TOTAL	$ 73,251.59

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 $ 73,251.59 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) 4/14/2025

(Signature – Chair, Board of Education) (Date)

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AGENDA ITEM # 7.D

Tax Refund Request Through April 30, 2025 in the Amount of $73,955.53 - Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.

ATTACHMENTS

1. TaxRefund.May19

Memorandum

To: Polk County Board of Commissioners

From: Melissa O'Loughlin, Polk County Tax Administrator

Date: 4/30/2025

Re: Refund Request

Taxpayer	Parcel	Amount	Reason
Warren Tallent	Vehicle	$ 111.24	tag surrender
Beard Equipment	BPP	$ 188.78	over payment
White Oak Manor	BPP	$ 73,370.80	over payment
Scott Ferguson	P103-37	$ 101.41	over payment
Audrey Sheffield	vehicle	$ 183.30	tag surrender
	TOTAL:	**$ 73,955.53**	

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AGENDA ITEM # 7.E

House Bill 765 Discussion - Attorney, Jana Berg, and Cathy Ruth, Planning and Economic Development Director.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 7.F

Resolution for the opposition of House Bill 765 - Attorney Berg.

ATTACHMENTS

1. House Bill 765 Resolution

A Resolution Opposing House Bill 765 (An Act to Reform Local Government Development Regulations in This State)

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Commissioners is dedicated to protecting the interests, well-being, and autonomy of the residents of Polk County; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 765 proposes legislative changes that would have a negative impact on local governance, financial stability, environmental integrity, and the overall quality of life in our county; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Commissioners strongly believes in the importance of local decision-making and the ability of local governments to craft policies tailored to the specific needs and priorities of their communities, free from undue state-level interference; and

WHEREAS, the passage of House Bill 765 would place unnecessary burdens on Polk County residents, potentially resulting in uncontrolled growth and development, lack of community input, and financial strain; and

WHEREAS, residents, business leaders, and community advocates within Polk County have expressed serious concerns regarding House Bill 765 and its ramifications, underscoring the widespread opposition among those who would be directly affected; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Commissioners calls upon state legislators to engage with local leaders to develop more equitable, practical, and community-centered legislative solutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Commissioners opposes House Bill 765 and urges members of the North Carolina General Assembly to reject this measure, recognizing its negative effects on local governance and community well-being.

Adopted this the 19th day of May 2025

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Myron Yoder, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kennedy Freeman, Clerk to the Board

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AGENDA ITEM # 9.A

Board of Adjustment - There are two vacancies and one applicant; Teresa (Terri) Morrin.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 9.B

Equalization and Review Board - There is one vacancy and two applicants; Teresa (Terri) Morrin, and Adrienne Reilly.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 9.C

Green Creek Fire District Tax Commission - There are three vacancies and two applicants; Randy Ingle, and Andrew Roddy.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 9.D

Sunny View Fire District Tax Commission - There are three vacancies and three applicants; David Bradley, Marshall McGuinn, and Harold Odell.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 9.E

Tryon Fire District Tax Commission - There are three vacancies and two applicants; Dalton Putnam, and Joshua Walton.

ATTACHMENTS

None