BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 5:00 PM

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

1. Public Hearing

   A. Call to Order the Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on proposed new road names in Polk County: Columbus Township: Rising Sun Farm Trail – Private Road – Off of Golf Course Road – SR 1521, P & K Hillside Drive – Private Road – Off of Smith Waldrop Road – SR 1528, East Chins Way, West Chins Way, and Steps of Heaven Road - All will be off of Jackson Hollow Lane - Private Road. Tryon Township: Susans Trail – Private Road – Off of US Highway 176. The notice was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin. **Pg. 3**

   B. Citizen Comments

   C. Adjourn Public Hearing

2. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Yoder

3. Invocation - Commissioner Hargett

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Yoder

5. Approval of Agenda

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

6. Consent Agenda

   A. Approval of the August 17, 2026, Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes. **Pg. 11**

   B. Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

   C. Schedule a public hearing for Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building to discuss funding and details for the Transportation Department for Fiscal Year 2028.

   D. Tax Refund Requests in the amount of $842.46. **Pg. 19**

7. 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 Berg.

   B. Vaya Health Update - Angie Garner, Community Relations Regional Director.

   C. North Carolina Department of Transportation - Troy Wilson, Division 14 District I Engineer.

      I. Highway 176 Update

      II. SR-1547 Road Abandonment Resolution **Pg. 24**

   D. Resolution in Remembrance of September 11, 2001 - Commander Terry Trelford, Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116. **Pg. 27**

   E. Proclamation for Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing In Action (MIA) - Joyce Preston, President Polk County Memorial VFW Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116 **Pg. 29**

   F. Military Suicide Awareness Proclamation - Mike Collins, Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116. **Pg. 31**

   G. Schedule a public hearing to review and discuss approval of text amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building, 40 Courthouse St. Columbus, NC. (A copy of the current Subdivision Ordinance is available for review online at https://www.polknc.gov/ordinances.php or in the County Manager's office) - Cathy Ruth, Planning Director. **Pg. 33**

9. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

10. Volunteer Board Applications

   A. Adult Care Advisory Committee/Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee - There is one vacancy and one applicant; Michele Moore.

   B. Fire Rescue Advisory Commission (FRAC) - There is one vacancy and one applicant; Josh Walton.

   C. Town of Tryon Planning Board (*Town seats are appointed by the Town Council; ETJ seats are appointed by the County Commissioners.*) — There are two vacancies and one applicant; Alan Casavant.

11. Commissioner Comments

12. Closed Session

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

   B. Motion to return to open session

13. Adjournment

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

September 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 1.A

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ATTACHMENTS

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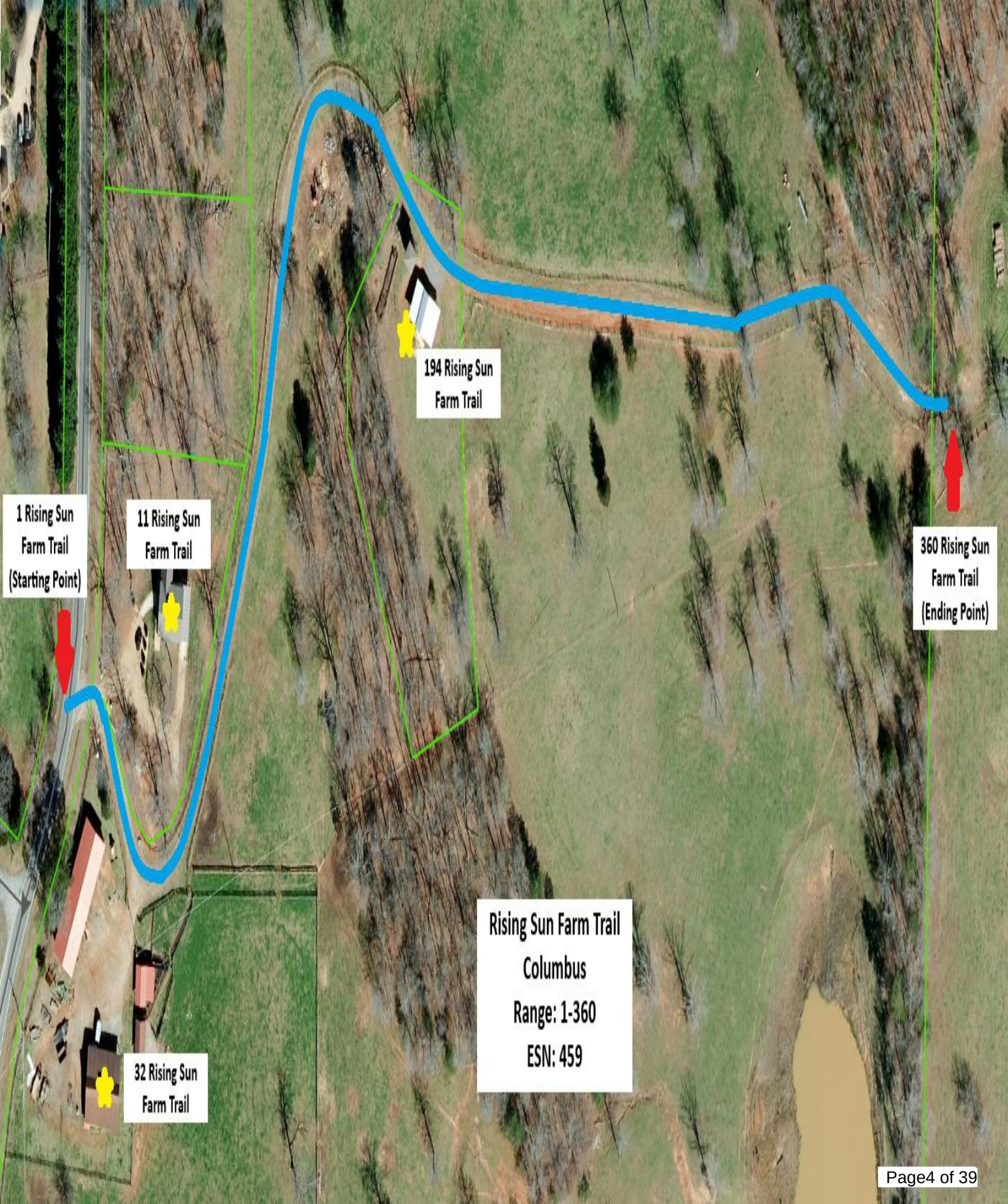
2. P___K_HILLSIDE_DRIVE
3. STEP_OF_HEAVEN_ROAD
4. SUSANS_TRAIL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32 Rising Sun Farm Trail


P & K Hillside Dr Range: 1-80 Columbus ESN: 462
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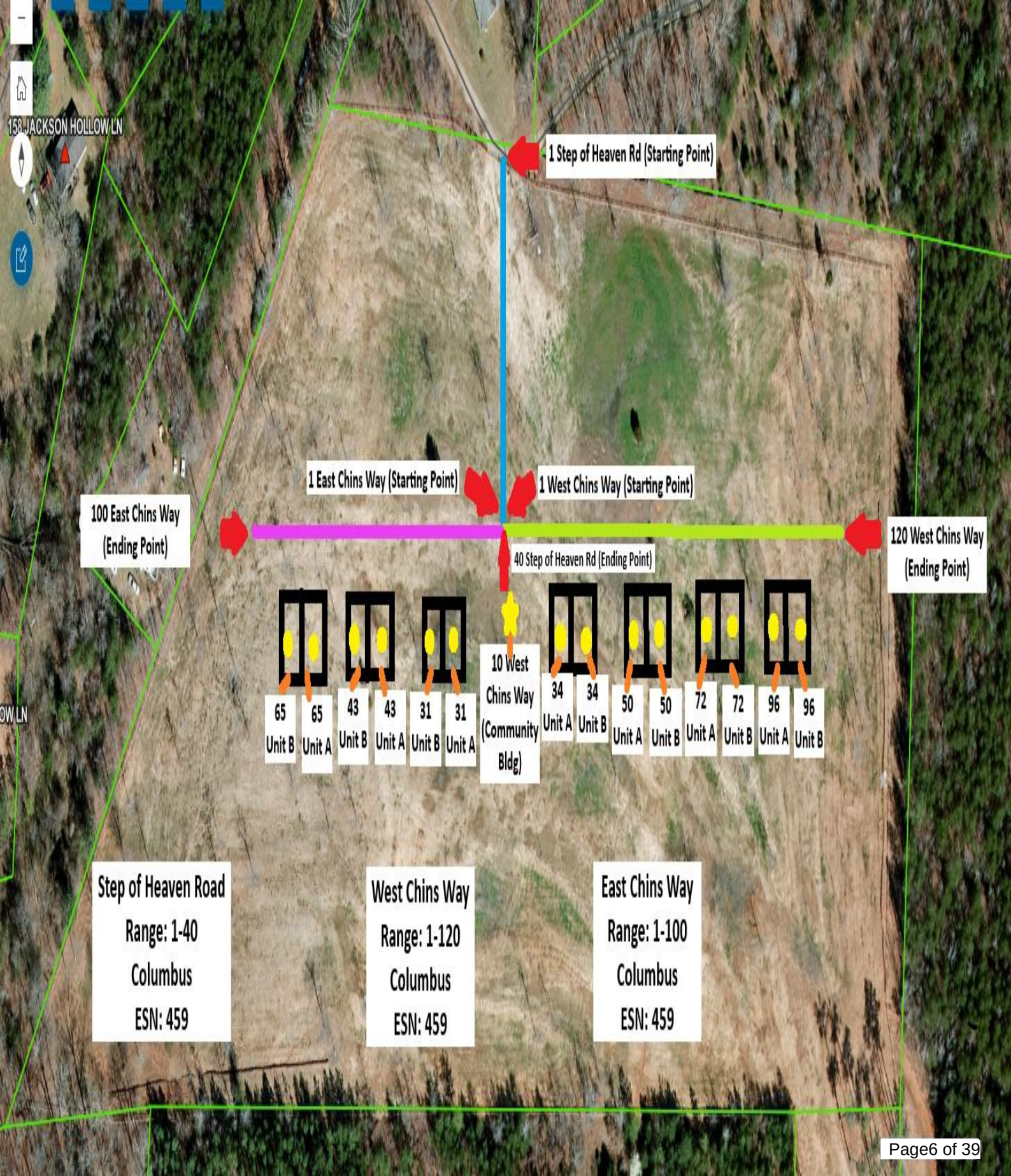
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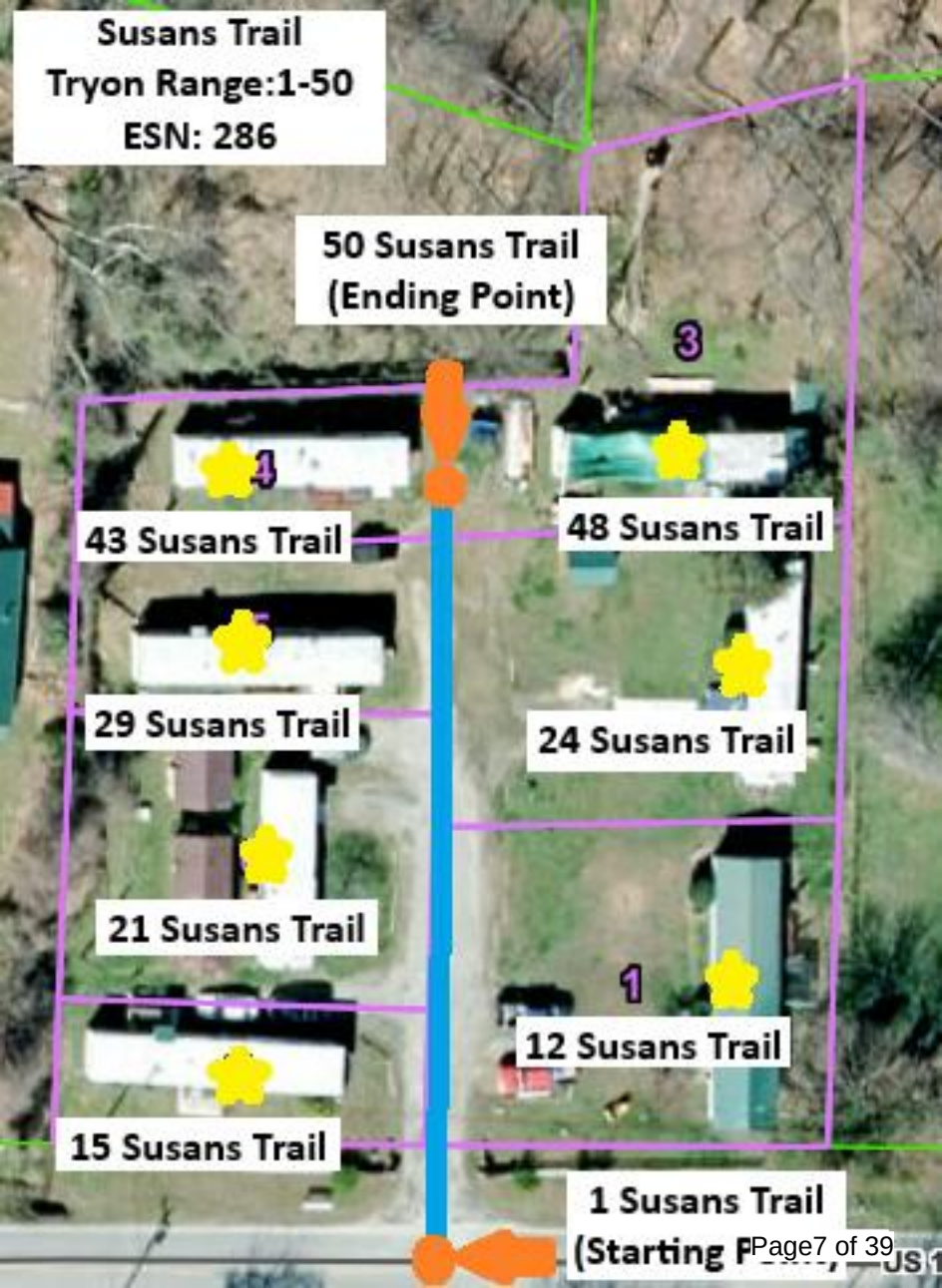
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE

September 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 1.C

Adjourn Public Hearing

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE

September 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 5.A

Items may be added or removed at this time.

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

September 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 6.A

Approval of the August 17, 2026, Public Hearings and Regular Meeting Minutes.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 8.17.26_Draft_Minutes

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearings & Regular Meeting
August 17, 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 County Manager Pittman, Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board Freeman, and citizens.

1. Public Hearing

A. Call to Order the Public Hearing - The purpose of this public hearing is to take public comment on the proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to allow the use of vacation rentals as a use in the permitted use table RE-5. (A copy of the current and proposed draft of the Zoning Ordinance was available for review online at https://www.polknc.gov/ordinances or in the County Manager's office and the notice was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.)

Cathy Ruth, Planning and Economic Development Director, said that the County received an application requesting a rezoning from the Residential Estate Five (RE-5) zoning district to allow short-term/vacation rentals. She explained that the Planning Board reviewed the application and determined that the requested rezoning *is* consistent with the 2020 Vision Comprehensive Plan; however, the Planning Board did *not* recommend approval of the rezoning request.

B. Citizen Comments

There were 21 citizen comments.

C. Adjourn Public Hearing

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

Chairman Yoder called a 5-minute recess.

2. Public Hearing

A. Call to Order the Public Hearing – The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on an installment financing agreement for the Polk County Community Recreation Center in the principal amount not to exceed $12,000,000, plus interest thereon. (The notice was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin).

Amy Vitner, First Tryon Advisors, explained that the County is considering an installment financing agreement for the Polk County Community Recreation Facility pursuant to G.S.

160A-20. She stated that, if approved, the financing agreement is not to exceed $12,000,000, plus interest thereon. Mrs. Vitner further explained that the County will conduct a bank RFP (Request for Proposals) process to obtain the lowest interest rate.

B. Citizen Comments

54 citizens spoke (40 in favor, 13 opposed).

Chairman Yoder requested that the 16 letters received in connection with the public hearing be entered into the record, bringing the total number of citizen comments received to 70, with 57 in favor and 13 opposed.

C. Adjourn Public Hearing

Commissioner Hargett moved to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Yoder called a 5-minute recess.

3. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Yoder
4. Invocation - Vice-Chairman Moore
5. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Beiler
6. Approval of Agenda

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

Chairman Yoder requested to postpone items 9.C.,9.D., and 9.E. to the September 21, 2026, Regular Meeting.

7. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Beiler moved to postpone the requested items and approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hargett, and the motion carried unanimously.

A. Approval of July 20, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Tax Refund Request in the amount of $35,977.96 for the month of July 2026.

C. Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building.

D. Community Recreation Center project ordinance amendment to reflect YMCA donations and grant funding for building/construction costs.

E. Resolution Authorizing DEQ Signatory Authority for the Polk County Community Recreation Center.

F. Purchase Order request for EMS Ambulance Remount which was approved in the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget.

G. Approval of the Green Creek Fire Department Vehicle Donation to Polk County Emergency Management.

8. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were none.

9. Regular Agenda Items

A. Lake Adger Dam and Road Repair Bid Recommendation and Approval.

Manager Pittman explained that this item was regarding the construction of the access road to the Lake Adger Dam, which will be used during the dam repair project. He stated that, following a procurement process conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, Odom Engineering, PLLC recommended Tennoca Construction as the lowest responsible bidder.

Vice-Chairman Moore moved to accept Tennoca Construction as the lowest responsible bidder and grant the County Manager signatory authority on all relevant documentation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beiler and carried unanimously.

B. Polk County Schools Public School Building Repair and Renovation Fund (PSBRRF) lottery requests.

Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Operations Director, presented the PSBRRF lottery requests.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the lottery requests, seconded by Commissioner Hargett, and the motion carried unanimously.

~~C. Proclamation for Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing In Action (MIA) - Joyce Preston, President Polk County Memorial VFW Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116~~

~~D. Military Suicide Awareness Proclamation - Mike Collins, Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116.~~

~~E. Resolution in Remembrance of September 11, 2001 - Commander Terry Trelford, Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116.~~

F. Polk County Veterans Services Update.

Tim Helton, Veteran Services Officer, provided an update on the Veteran Services Office, including the services available to local veterans and their families. He

discussed the significant economic impact of veterans in Polk County and said that he is working toward his goal of increasing veterans' access to available benefits.

G. Consideration and approval of the proposed permitted use amendments to the Polk County Zoning Ordinance subsequent to the public hearing.

Commissioner Hargett moved to approve the proposed permitted use amendments to the Polk County Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Melton. The motion failed, 2-3, with Commissioners Hargett, and Melton voting in favor, and Commissioners Yoder, Moore, and Beiler voting in opposition.

H. Consideration and approval of an Installment Financing Agreement for the Polk County Community Recreation Center subsequent to the public hearing.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the Installment Financing Agreement for the Polk County Community Recreation Center, seconded by Vice-Chairman Moore. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Hargett abstaining. The abstention was recorded as an affirmative vote pursuant to the Board's Rules of Procedure.

I. Polk County Community Recreation Center - YMCA Update

I. Introduction of Trey Oakley, President/CEO of the YMCA of Greater Spartanburg.

II. Polk County/YMCA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Trey Oakley

Vice-Chairman Moore moved to approve the Polk County/YMCA MOU, seconded by Commissioner Melton. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Hargett abstaining. The abstention was recorded as an affirmative vote pursuant to the Board's Rules of Procedure.

III. Polk County/St. Luke's Inc. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Bill Miller, St. Luke's Board of Trustees Chair

Vice-Chairman Moore moved to approve the Polk County/St. Luke's Inc. MOU, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were none.

11. Volunteer Board Applications

A. Fire Rescue Advisory Committee (FRAC) - There are three vacancies and two applicants; Derrick Overholt, and George Ledbetter.

Commissioner Hargett moved to appoint Derrick Oveholt, and George Ledbetter to the Fire Rescue Advisory Committee, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) - There are seven vacancies and one applicant; Brenden Belluardo.

Vice-Chairman Moore moved to appoint Brenden Belluardo to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, seconded by Commissioner Hargett, and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners thanked everyone who attended the meeting

13. Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

Kennedy Freeman
Clerk to the Board

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Myron Yoder
Chairman

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

September 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 6.B

Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE

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AGENDA ITEM # 6.C

Schedule a public hearing for Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building to discuss funding and details for the Transportation Department for Fiscal Year 2028.

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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MEETING DATE

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AGENDA ITEM # 6.D

Tax Refund Requests in the amount of $842.46.

ATTACHMENTS

1. REFUND_MEMO (2)

Memorandum

To: Polk County Board of Commissioners

From: Melissa O'Loughlin, Polk County Tax Administrator

Date:

Re: Refund Request

Taxpayer	Parcel	Amount	Reason
Shirley James	vehicle	$ 109.05	tag surrender
Lynette Lacock	vehicle	$ 185.13	tag surrender
Aqua North Carolina Inc	BPP	$ 548.28	over payment
	TOTAL:	**$ 842.46**	

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AGENDA ITEM # 8.A

Consideration and Approval of the proposed new road names subsequent to the public hearing - Attorney Berg.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 8.B

Vaya Health Update - Angie Garner, Community Relations Regional Director.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 8.C.I

Highway 176 Update

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 8.C.II

SR-1547 Road Abandonment Resolution

ATTACHMENTS

1. SR 2 modifiec for abandonment HICKS_MCABEE_RD
2. HICKS_MCABEE_ABANDONMENT_PETITION_redacted

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Request for Abandonment from the State Maintained Secondary Road System

North Carolina

County: POLK

Road Description: SECONDARY ROAD 1547

WHEREAS, the attached petition has been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of the County of POLK requesting that the above-described road, the location of which has been indicated in red on the attached map, be abandoned from the Secondary Road System, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is of the opinion that the above-described road should be abandoned from the Secondary Road System, if the road meets minimum standards and criteria established by the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation for the abandonment of roads from the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of POLK that the Division of Highways is hereby requested to review the above-described road and abandon the road for maintenance from the State Maintained Secondary Road System.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of POLK at a meeting on the 21st day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this the _____ day of _____, 20 26 .

Official Seal

Clerk, Board of Commissioners

County: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

Forward direct with request to the Division Engineer, Division of Highways

Form SR-2 (3/2006)

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
Abandonment Petition

North Carolina

County of POLK

Petition request for the abandonment of Secondary Road 1547 from the State.

Maintained System

We the under signed, being all of the property owners on Secondary Road 1547

in POLK County do hereby request the Division of Highways of the Department of Transportation to abandon the road from the State Maintained System.

PROPERTY OWNERS

Name	Address
Phillip McAbee [redacted] Jim Page Rd, Columbus NC 28722	Phillip McAbee
Kenneth Hyder [redacted] Hyder Rd, Mill Spring NC 28756	Kenneth Hyder
Eric Halford, [redacted] Hicks McAbee Rd, Mill Spring NC 28756	Eric Halford

Form SR-3 (1/2001)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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AGENDA ITEM # 8.D

Resolution in Remembrance of September 11, 2001 - Commander Terry Trelford, Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 9-11 Resolution for the County Commissioner's Meeting 2026 (2)

RESOLUTION
IN REMEMBRANCE OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Commissioners is in support of the United States Senate regarding the coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2026 in honor of the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

four civilian aircraft were hijacked on September 11, 2001, and deliberately crashed in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., resulting in the loss of nearly 3,000 innocent lives; and

WHEREAS, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, government officials, civilian workers, emergency medical personnel and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to these horrific events, many suffering fatalities in their rescue efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Commissioners does hereby salute the American citizens who responded to these tragic events with courage, selfless compassion, determination, and skill, both on September 11, 2001, and in the intervening twenty-five years; and

a decade later the people of the United States and around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day, and their lives are forever changed as a result of this unprecedented threat to the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, on the 25th anniversary of this tragic day, the citizens of Polk County join the Womack Bradley Polk County Memorial VFW Post #9116 and the Auxiliary, their fellow Americans, and people around the world, in remembrance of the victims of the attacks on September 11, 2001, and their thoughts are with the families and those left behind; and

that the Polk County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes September 11, 2026, as a day of solemn remembrance of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; honors the heroic service, actions and sacrifices of the first responders and countless others who bravely risked and likewise often gave their lives during the rescue efforts; and offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of the victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Adopted this 21st day of September 2026.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

_____
Myron Yoder
Chairman

_____
Kennedy Freeman
Clerk to the Board

WOMACK BRADLEY POLK COUNTY MEMORIAL POST #9116 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS & AUXILIARY

_____
Terry Trelford
Post Commander

_____
Joyce B. Preston
Auxiliary President

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

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AGENDA ITEM # 8.E

Proclamation for Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing In Action (MIA) - Joyce Preston, President Polk County Memorial VFW Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116

ATTACHMENTS

1. POW-MIA PROCLAMATION 2026

PROCLAMATION
POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS, in every conflict in which our Nation has been involved, selfless American service members have sacrificed their lives for the sake of our country and its principles. Too many have never come home, or have endured unthinkable hardship as prisoners of war. During this month and on this day, we echo the creed inscribed on the black and white banners that fly in honor of America's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, and we renew our promise to our heroes, that "You Are Not Forgotten."; and

WHEREAS, we will never give up the search for those who are held as prisoners of war or have gone missing under our country's flag. We honor their sacrifice, and we must care for their families and pursue the fullest possible accounting for all missing members of our Armed Forces. Together, we must serve our Nation's patriots as well as they have served us by supporting them when they come home, and by carrying on the legacy of those who do not. This is a promise we keep for our fallen, for our veterans past and present, and for all those whose loved ones have not returned from the battlefield; and

WHEREAS; on 18 September 2026 the stark black and white banner symbolizing America's Missing in Action and Prisoners of War will be flown over the Polk County Court House, in Columbus, NC, the County Seat, the Polk County Veterans Brick Memorial, United States post offices, and other locations across our County. We raise this flag as a solemn reminder of our obligation to always remember the sacrifices made to defend our Nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Womack Bradley Polk County Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars & Auxiliary to Post #9116 request that the Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 2026 as Polk County POW/MIA Month, and 18 September 2026, as Polk County POW/MIA Recognition Day, and we urge all Polk County citizens to observe this day of honor and remembrance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on this twenty-first day of September 2026.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Myron Yoder
Chairman

ATTEST:

Kennedy Freeman
Clerk to the Board

President Joyce B. Preston
Womack Bradley Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to Post #9116 Veterans of Foreign Wars

Commander Terry Trelford
Womack Bradley Polk County Memorial Post #9116 Veterans of Foreign Wars

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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AGENDA ITEM # 8.F

Military Suicide Awareness Proclamation - Mike Collins, Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Military Suicide Awareness Proclamation for County Commissioners 2026

MILITARY SUICIDE AWARENESS
September 2026
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the VA estimates that our Veterans commit suicide every eighty-two minutes. That's 17.5 per day, 6,398 suicides a year, and 13% of all American suicides; and

WHEREAS, frequent deployments, stress of combat and prolonged separation from families have increased strain on military personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS the actions of the World at this time and the 25th Anniversary of 9/11 approaching, some Veterans may question the meaning of their service or whether it was worth the sacrifices they made. Others may feel moral distress about experiences they had during their service. **It's entirely normal to feel this way, and you are not alone;** and

WHEREAS, military personnel are reluctant to ask for help when they are depressed; and untreated depression is the number one cause of suicide among military personnel; and

WHEREAS, military personnel are encouraged to seek help to restore balance in their lives, as well as the lives of their families by engaging in stress relief activities, maintaining a buddy system of support so that *no soldier stands alone*, remembering the importance of self-care by engaging in activities that improve state of mind, asking for help from a professional, being aware that help is available through a variety of sources, including the Veterans Administration and Suicide Prevention hotlines; and

WHEREAS The Polk County Commissioners join the Womack Bradley Polk County Memorial Post 9116 Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary in urging all active and former military personnel and their families to seek help with behavior health issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Myron Yoder, Chairman of the Polk County Commissioner, do hereby declare September 2026 as "MILITARY SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH", and commends its observance to all citizens.

This 21st day of September 2026.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Myron Yoder
Chairman

ATTEST:

Kennedy Freeman
Clerk to the Board

Terry Trelford
Post Commander
Womack Bradley Polk County Memorial Post
9116 Veterans of Foreign Wars

Joyce B. Preston
Auxiliary President
Womack Bradley Polk County Memorial Post
9116 Veterans of Foreign Wars

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

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AGENDA ITEM # 8.G

Schedule a public hearing to review and discuss approval of text amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:00 pm in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building, 40 Courthouse St. Columbus, NC. (A copy of the current Subdivision Ordinance is available for review online at https://www.polknc.gov/ordinances.php or in the County Manager's office) - Cathy Ruth, Planning Director.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Subdivision_ordinancerecommendation8.13.26

To: Polk County Board of Commissioners

From: Planning Board and Staff

Date: August 13, 2026

Re: Polk County Subdivision Ordinance Text Amendment

Project History & Analysis

The Planning Board, with support from staff and county attorney, have updated the Polk County Subdivision Ordinance to address a modification of combination/recombination.

Proposed Amendments

Amendments included in attached document (additions to existing text are indicated by the use of underlining, .d deletions are indicated by strike-through). See attached document.

Plan Consistency

The Planning Board has found that this request is consistent with the Polk County 20/20 Vision Comprehensive Plan, adopted March 15, 2010, amended September 18, 2017:

a. Vision for Polk County: Polk County's rural atmosphere and serene natural beauty will be vigorously protected. Visionary and pragmatic county and municipal governments will work together in a cooperative manner as they continue to enhance the quality of life for all Polk County citizens.
b. I.47 As necessary, revise/update the Polk County Ordinances.

Recommendation

The Planning Board does recommend that the Board of Commissioners enact the Polk County Subdivision Ordinance text amendments.

Votes:
Aye - 7
Nay - 0
Abstain - 0

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

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AGENDA ITEM # 10.A

Adult Care Advisory Committee/Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee - There is one vacancy and one applicant; Michele Moore.

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

MEETING DATE

September 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 10.B

Fire Rescue Advisory Commission (FRAC) - There is one vacancy and one applicant; Josh Walton.

ATTACHMENTS

None

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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AGENDA ITEM # 10.C

Town of Tryon Planning Board (*Town seats are appointed by the Town Council; ETJ seats are appointed by the County Commissioners.*) — There are two vacancies and one applicant; Alan Casavant.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 12.A

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

ATTACHMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEM # 12.B

Motion to return to open session.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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September 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM # 12

Adjournment

ATTACHMENTS

None