POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
September 3, 2024 - 5:00 PM
Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building
4O Courthouse Street
Columbus, NC 28722
MINUTES

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

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

2. Invocation - Commissioner Moore.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Yoder.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

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

5. Consent Agenda

   A. Approval of the August 19, 2024 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.

   B. Schedule a public hearing for requested road name changes and readdressing to be considered on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

   C. Tax Refund Request for the months of July and August in the amount of $24,401.97.

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

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

   There were none.

7. Regular Agenda Items

   A. North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services (NCOEMS) Recognition of Ben Warren - Jeff Powell, NCOEMS Regional Manager.

Jeff Powell, Western Regional Manager for NCOEMS, presented Ben Warren with a certificate in honor of his 30-year career as a paramedic for Polk County.

B. Recognition in Appreciation of Ben Warren Upon his Retirement from Polk County EMS - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman presented Ben Warren with a framed certificate honoring his over 30-year career as a paramedic with Polk County EMS. The Commissioners thanked Ben for his dedicated service to Polk County and wished him a happy retirement.

C. Military Suicide Awareness Proclamation - Joyce B. Preston, President Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116.

Joyce Preston read and presented the Military Suicide Awareness Proclamation for approval
Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Proclamation for Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing In Action (MIA) - Ethel Collins, Secretary Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116.

Ethel Collins read the proclamation and presented it for approval.
Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Overholt, and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Resolution in Remembrance of September 11, 2001 - Commander Mike Collins.

Commander Mike Collins read the proclamation and presented it for approval.
Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Polk County Veterans Services Update - Gina Cashion, Veterans Services Officer.

Gina Cashion announced a free breakfast on September 13, 2024, at 9 am for all veterans and first responders. The breakfast will be held at The Meeting Place in Columbus.

G. North Carolina Preparedness Month Proclamation - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director

Bobby Arledge read the proclamation and presented it for approval.
Commissioner Moore moved to approve the proclamation and declare September 2024 as Preparedness Month, seconded by Vice-Chairman Melton and the motion carried unanimously.

H. North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Agreement to Assume Responsibility of Wolverine Trail and Budget Amendment to bring up to NCDOT Standards - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman presented the agreement between Polk County and NCDOT for NCDOT to bring Wolverine Trail up to state standards. He said Wolverine Trail is currently a private road, and this is the last step to making it a state-maintained public road.
Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the Agreement Overview between NCDOT and Polk County and to approve the budget amendment in the amount of $75,000, seconded by Vice-Chairman Melton and the motion carried unanimously.
Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Secondary Road Right of Way Agreement for Wolverine Trail, seconded by Vice-Chairman Melton and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

   There were none.

9. Adjournment

   Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board

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Myron Yoder
Chairman