POLK COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2024 - 5:30 PM
Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building
40 Courthouse Street
Columbus, NC 28722
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

   Members Present: Warren Eadus, Kim Daniel
   Members Absent: Tony Dale, Chris Jones, Lisa Krolak, Libby Morris, Warren Watson, Anwar Timol
   Staff Present: Cathy Ruth, Chelsea Allen, Sarah Zoellers

2. Approval of Agenda

   Quorum not present. No motion was made.

3. Approval of Minutes

   Quorum not present. No motion made.

   A. Draft Minutes - November 14, 2024

   Quorum not present. No motion made.

4. Agenda Items

   A. Zoning Ordinance Discussion - Rehab Facilities

      - Director of Polk County Department of Health and Human Services - Joshua Kennedy

   Cathy Ruth gave an overview of the past meetings' subdivision and zoning ordinance discussion topics for the Board and guest speaker Josh Kennedy, Director of Polk County Department of Health and Human Services, (DHHS), requested by the Planning Board
   Josh Kennedy provided insight on outstanding questions the Board had regarding facility location, benefits of licensed facilities versus unlicensed, and the large variety of substance misuse facilities and their treatment scopes. He stated that there are facilities located in both urban and rural locations throughout North Carolina, and it is dependent upon the type and scope of treatment a proposed facility provides whether a rural or more urban location is best. Josh Kennedy stated Polk County DHSS only refers its clients to licensed facilities as the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, (NCDHHS) adheres to the highest standards of care.

5. Other Business

   Cathy Ruth gave a brief overview of the MapBook2024 provided by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

6. Public Comments

   There were six citizen comments.

7. Adjournment

   Warren Eadus adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm.