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

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Myron Yoder
Chairman