POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
June 17, 2024 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order - Chairman Yoder

2. Invocation - Commissioner Beiler

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Overholt

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 June 3, 2024 Work Session, Public Hearing, and Regular Meeting Minutes.

   B. Approval of June 5, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.

   C. Tax Refund Request in the amount of $307.99.

   D. Sheriffs Department Monthly Activity Report for May 2024.

   E. FY 2025 NCDOT Grant Certifications & Assurances (application approved 9/18/2023) for Polk County Transportation.

   F. Polk County Transportation Department Revised 2023 Title VI Program Plan.

   G. Polk County EMS cancellation of uncollectible deceased patients debt in the amount of $30,907.10.

   H. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) County Fund Plan for FY 2024/25 including membership.

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

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

There were three comments on agenda items.

7. Polk County Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2024/25 – Budget work sessions were held on May 20, 2024 and June 3, 2024. The budget public hearing was held on June 3, 2024.

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to adopt the Tax Levy and the Polk County Budget Ordinance, as amended in the Budget Work Sessions, for the Fiscal Year 2024-25, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

8. To Consider Adopting a Resolution to Approve the Sublease of County Lease by St. Luke's Hospital, Incorporated of its Lease with Polk County to Fletcher Hospital, Incorporated for the hospital premises which is the subject of an existing Lease Agreement between Polk County and St. Luke's Hospital - Attorney Berg.

Commissioner Moore moved to Adopt a Resolution to Approve the Sublease of County Lease by St. Luke's Hospital, Incorporated of its Lease with Polk County to Fletcher Hospital, Incorporated for the hospital premises which is the subject of an existing Lease Agreement between Polk County and St. Luke's Hospital, seconded by Vice-Chairman Melton and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Rehabilitation Facilities Discussion from previous meeting - Cathy Ruth, Planning/Economic Development Director.

Ms. Ruth presented to the Board the uses that rehabilitation facilities could fall under in the current zoning ordinance. She said according to the current zoning ordinance, the facilities would be a permitted use by right in the Multiple Use zoned areas.
The Board directed the Planning Board to look at the Permitted Use table and come back with a recommendation for rehabilitation facilities, and to consider them for Special Use Permits.

10. Foothills Humane Society Contract/Updates - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman presented the updated agreement with the Foothills Humane Society.

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the agreement between Polk County and Foothills Humane Society, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Proclamation to declare July 2024 as Parks and Recreation Month - Mickey Edwards, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director and Laura Baird,

Recreation Coordinator.

Mickey Edwards and Laura Baird presented the proclamation for approval. Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the proclamation and declare July 2024 as Parks and Recreation Month in Polk County, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Budget Amendments - Sandra Hughes, Finance Director will present any budget amendments that may need approval for FY 2023/24.

Ms. Hughes presented a budget amendment in the amount of $40,000 from fund balance for the replacement of the air conditioning unit in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice.
Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of $40,000, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

She also presented a Grant Project Budget Ordinance for the OSBM administered Directed Grant in the amount of $150,000 to be used for Storm Cleanup and drone equipment for the Sheriffs Department.
Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the Grant Project Budget Ordinance in the amount of $150,000, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were none.

14. Volunteer Board Applications

A. Applications for Consideration: Martha Kemmer - Animal Control Board. Lizabeth Jenkins-Dale - Appearance Commission. Lisa Krolak - Board of Adjustment. Cynthia Fowler - Fire Rescue Advisory Committee. Jane Ann Armstrong, Jewell Lynch - Home and Community Care Block Grant Committee. Mary Wells Prioleau - Mental Health Advisory Board. Cassandra Townsend - Recreation Advisory Board.

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

B. Two Applicants for one open position on the Economic and Tourism Development Commission - Paul Marion and Dee O'Brien.

Commissioner Moore moved to appoint Paul Marion to the Economic and Tourism Development Commission, seconded by Vice-Chairman Melton and the motion carried unanimously.

15. Commissioner Comments

The Board collectively thanked those in attendance.

16. Closed Session

A. Vice-Chairman Melton moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Attorney-Client Privilege, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Commissioner Moore moved to return to open session, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Upon returning to Open Session, Commissioner Moore moved to approve the two lease agreements for the Little Mountain Landfill well monitoring stations as recommended by the engineer, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried. Commissioner Beiler recused himself.

Commissioner Beiler moved to give the County Attorney settlement authority for all opioid litigation cases, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

17. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Melton 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