

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Regular Meeting  
June 3, 2019 - 7:00 PM  
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building  
Columbus, NC  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Melton, Vice-Chairman Yoder, Commissioner Beiler, Commissioner Gasperson and Commissioner Johnson. Also in attendance were County Manager Pittman, County Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board High, and citizens.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Melton called the meeting to order.

2. Invocation

Commissioner Beiler gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Melton led the pledge. A special video was played of 96-year-old World War II Veteran Pete DuPré playing the national anthem on a harmonica purchased for him by his father.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

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

A. Approve the May 20, 2019 budget work session & regular meeting minutes.

B. Tax refund requests through May 28, 2019 in the amount of \$1,043.66.

C. Local Water Supply Plan Resolution.

6. Citizen Comment(s)

There were no citizen comments on agenda or non-agenda items.

7. Budget Calendar Revision - County Manager Pittman.

County Manager Pittman requested amending the budget calendar to move the budget public hearing to June 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm, and change the time of the regular meeting to 7:30 pm.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve revised budget calendar, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion .

8. Cancel the June 3, 2019 public hearing scheduled at the May 20, 2019 BOC meeting - Joshua Kennedy, Consolidated Human Services Agency Director.

Mr. Kennedy explained the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the county submitting a 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) Application to the NC Department of Commerce. He said the committee organizing the grant is in need of more information, and they have decided to wait until the next grant cycle, thus the public hearing will be scheduled at a future date.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the cancellation of the June 3, 2019 public hearing scheduled at the May 20, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting., seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion .

9. Go Energies Fuel Project - Lindsey McGaha, Sr. Business Specialist, and County Manager Pittman.

Lindsey McGaha, Sr. Business Specialist gave a presentation a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes. She explained the project would enable the county to save money, and to collaborate with the School Board and the Town of Columbus. Manager Pittman said the maximum cost of the project will be \$30,000.00. He said the project will convert one regular gas tank, and if the budget permits, they will change a diesel fuel tank to a regular gasoline tank. He said any vehicles requiring diesel will use the tanks at the school bus garage, and any of the schools vehicles that need regular gas will now use our tanks. The Town of Columbus will purchase gas from the County at a slightly higher per gallon price to help cover operating costs. Sandra Hughes, Finance Director, presented the project budget ordinance, stating the funds would be taken from capital project fund balance appropriation.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Go Energies Fuel Project not to exceed \$30,000.00, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gasperson moved to approve the fuel tanks project budget ordinance in the amount of \$30,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Proposal 2019/2020 Highway 9 Water Quality Monitoring - Larry Walker, Solid Waste Director presented the proposal.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the 2019/2020 proposed costs for water quality monitoring at the Highway 9 Landfill., seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Proposal 2019/2020 Solid Waste Services & Related Engineering Services-

Larry Walker, Solid Waste Director presented the proposal.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the 2019/2020 proposed costs for solid waste services and related engineering services, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Amendment to Solid Waste Agreement with Republic Services - Larry Walker, Solid Waste Director presented the amended agreement.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the amendment to the solid waste agreement with Republic Services, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Appoint two members to the Region Wide Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee - County Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman explained Polk County may appoint two Commissioners or citizens to serve on the region wide comprehensive transportation plan steering committee.

Commissioner Gasperson moved to appoint Chairman Melton and Commissioner Beiler to the Region Wide Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee, seconded by Commissioner Johnson and the motion carried unanimously.

14. Volunteer Board Application(s)

A. One application was reviewed for the Recreation Advisory Board.

15. Commissioner Comment(s)

A. The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. Vice-Chairman Yoder thanked everyone who participated in the day of prayer. Commissioner Gasperson recognized the community for coming together for Brandon Knox, a county volunteer, who was injured in an accident. Commissioner Johnson thanked Isothermal Community College for coming to the budget work session and sharing great information on their programs and future plans.

16. Adjournment

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Ange High  
Clerk to the Board

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Tommy W. Melton  
Chairman