

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
September 23, 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 Moore. Also in attendance were County Manager Pittman, County Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board High, media and citizens.

1. Public Hearing

- A. Call the Public Hearing to Order - Chairman Melton. The purpose of the public hearing was to take public comments on proposed new road names, Kindred Lane, Jack Denton Lane, and Chix A Lot Lane. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.
- B. Citizen Comments - There were none.
- C. Commissioner Comments - There were none.
- D. Adjourn Public Hearing - Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Call to Order Regular Meeting - Chairman Melton.

3. Invocation - Commissioner Moore.

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Vice-Chairman Yoder.

5. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Melton requested adding Lake Adger dredging to the agenda as item 7A.

- A. Commissioner Gasperson moved to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. September 9, 2019 public hearing and regular meeting minutes.

7. Citizen Comment(s)

There were none.

7.A. Lake Adger Dredging Project.

Vice-Chairman Yoder introduced Jim Cannavino and Colt Love, and said he asked them to come to the meeting to share their thoughts and plans for dredging the Green River. Mr. Cannavino said he purchased the 60 acre site on the Green River where the original dredging was done. Mr. Cannavino said since the dredging stopped several years ago the sand has continued to build. He said he has the equipment, and a team of workers ready to start dredging again, but he would like to work with the County to put a plan together, and get the process started. Mr. Love said lack of maintenance has made the lake not as useful for citizens as it was in the past. He explained it would not be an easy task, but if the river passage is maintained, it would help to keep the marina passage cleaned out. Vice-Chairman Yoder said he is grateful that a private enterprise is willing to take on a project like this. Mr. Cannavino said he would like the County to lead the tasks of wetlands mitigation, and floodplain management. He also asked for help connecting with the proper agencies, and getting the appropriate permits.

Manager Pittman said there will be some difficulty extending into the marina with the dredging project. He said he would suggest bringing all the key stakeholders to the table. Manager Pittman said the County will lead the conversation on the marina dredging, since they already have contracts with the North Carolina Wildlife Enforcement Agency, and the Lake Adger Home Owners Association. Vice-Chairman Yoder said Gary Gardner from NC Wildlife, is going to be putting together a dredging project in the marina in the Spring of 2020, which will be open for bids.

The consensus of the Board was for Manager Pittman to schedule a meeting with all involved parties to discuss the dredging possibilities. After the meeting, he will present the findings back to the Board.

8. Military Suicide Awareness Month Resolution.

Joyce B. Preston, Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116 thanked all veterans for their service and recognized all the special days for veterans in September. She introduced Lisa Krolak auxiliary member, and Chairman Melton read the resolution.

Commissioner Gasperson moved to approve the resolution and declare September 2019 Military Suicide Awareness month, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Resolution in Remembrance of September 11, 2001.

Joyce B. Preston, Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116 introduced Commander Michael Collins who read the resolution.

Commissioner Gasperson moved to approve the resolution in remembrance of September 11, 2001, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Proclamation for Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing In Action (MIA) Recognition Day September 20, 2019.

Joyce B. Preston, Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116 presented the proclamation.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the proclamation declaring September 20, 2019 as Polk County POW/MIA Recognition Day, and the month of September 2019 as Polk County POW/MIA Month, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Turner Shoals Dam Update.

Dave Odom Engineer said the County has been working on various aspects of the Lake Adger/Turner Shoals Dam over the last several years. These include a full inspection and report, an updated Emergency Action Plan, a Probable Maximum Flood analysis and report, and a Comprehensive Stability Analysis for the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ). The Comprehensive Stability Analysis was officially approved by NCDEQ July 2019 allowing the dam design to begin, which is currently underway, and is expected to be completed within six to nine months.

Geoff Kruger, who has worked on all of the project has moved firms from AECOM to GEI Consultants. AECOM assigned our project to GEI to allow for continuity on the project with Mr. Kruger. Mr. Odom said the estimated cost of the dam improvements will be \$4,750,000. Manager Pittman said the County is pursuing grant funding from the Federal Department of Commerce, and there is \$1,200,000 saved in the capital reserve fund for the project that will cover the grant match if it is awarded.

12. 2019 Polk County Transportation Safety Systems Plan.

Katelyn Earley Transportation Manager presented the Transportation Safety System Plan (SSP) for approval.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the 2019 Transportation SSP, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Schedule Public Hearing for Subdivision, Junkyard, and Well Ordinances.

Cathy Ruth Planner gave a presentation on the Planning Board's recommendation to schedule a public hearing to amend the Subdivision and Junkyard Ordinances, and to rescind the Construction and Abandonment Well Ordinance.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to hold a public hearing on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice located in the Womack

Building in Columbus, NC., seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed starting the regular meeting immediately following the public hearings.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to begin the regular Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2019 immediately following the scheduled public hearings, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

14. Schedule Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance - Towers.

Cathy Ruth Planner gave a presentation explaining the planning boards recommendation to schedule a public hearing on amending the zoning ordinance regarding towers.

Commissioner Moore moved to schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 7, 2019 immediately following the public hearing scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm. Both hearings will be in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice located in the Womack Building in Columbus, NC, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

15. Proposed New Road Names - Kindred Lane, Jack Denton Lane, Chix A Lot Lane.

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed new road names.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve new road names as presented, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

16. Volunteer Board Application(s)

A. Applications for Vote: Cathy Berlin Animal Control Board; Michelle Fortune Economic & Tourism Development Commission; Jonathon Gerst Recreation Advisory Board.

Commissioner Beiler moved to appoint all members as presented, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

B. The Commissioners reviewed these applications: Stuart Goldstein and Ann Webster Adult Care & Nursing Home Advisory Committee, Joe Cooper and Christine Mariotti Appearance Commission, and Rick Covil and Penny Padgett Health & Human Services Agency Board.

17. Commissioner Comment(s)

The Commissioners thanked everyone for attending the meeting. They all expressed sincere admiration for all Veterans, and they appreciated the presentation of the resolutions and proclamation for military awareness.

18. Adjournment

Commissioner Beiler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by

Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

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Clerk to the Board

Tommy W. Melton
Chairman