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POLK COUNTY
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
January 5, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice
Womack Building
Columbus, NC
AGENDA

1. Call to Order of the Public Hearing on the Closeout of the 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/Scattered Site Housing Application – Chair Pack.
The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the closeout of the 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/Scattered Site Housing Application that was funded by the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance. The county was provided \$400,000 in CDBG funds, and expended \$146,225 to substantially rehabilitate 2 homes, \$157,275 to demolish and rebuild 2 homes; and \$38,705 to address urgent repair needs of 8 additional eligible households. The selected units were evaluated and qualified as owner occupied low to moderate income citizens who reside in Polk County. The county also used \$40,000 in funding to pay for planning and grant administration. \$1,295 in funding will be de-obligated. The public hearing was advertised in the *Tryon Daily Bulletin*. Paula Kempton, Isothermal Planning & Development Community/Economic Development Services Director, will be present to answer questions. The information is included in the packet under Agenda Item #11.
2. Citizen Comments
3. Commissioner Comments
4. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the public hearing.
5. Call to Order of the Regular Meeting – Chair Pack
6. Invocation – Rev. Phil Dunfold, Columbus Presbyterian Church

7. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice-Chair Holbert
- √ 8. Approval of Minutes – Approval of the December 1, 2014, regular meeting minutes (2 sets). Motion to approve. **Pages 1-6.**
9. Approval of Agenda – Agenda items may be added and/or deleted at this time. Motion to approve.
10. Citizen Comments
- √ 11. Closeout of the 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/Scattered Site Housing Application – To consider closing out the 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/Scattered Site Housing Application subsequent to the public hearing. Motion to approve. **Page 7.**
- √ 12. Waterline Extension Request – Jeff Walker, Inman-Campobello Water District General Manager, will be present to discuss the request made by Green River Baptist Church. **Pages 8-9.**
- √ 13. Budget Amendments – Sandra Hughes, Finance Director, will present the two budget amendments. 1) BA #7, Legal, Appropriate Fund Balance, \$25,410 – To appropriate fund balance for current and estimated specialized professional legal services for the ICWD interlocal agreement negotiations. Motion to approve. 2) BA #8, Sheriff, Appropriate Fund Balance, \$30,000 – To appropriate fund balance for the amount that rolled into fund balance from the insurance proceeds (\$24,755, FY14) for the Administration SUV that was not replaced – plus an additional amount of \$5,245 for a total of \$30,000 fund balance; they would like to use it for a new SUV for the Sheriff and give Administration a retired Sheriff's Department vehicle. Motion to approve. **Pages 10-11.**
- √ 14. Growing Food Connections Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Dawn Jordan, Agricultural Economic Development Director, will present the MOU. Motion to approve. **Pages 12-17.**
- √ 15. County Horse Trail Crossings: Request to Restrict Unmuffled Engine Brakes & Improve Signage – Commissioner Gasperson asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. **Pages 18-19.a.**
- √ 16. Rural Economic Development Competitive Grant Program for Underserved & Limited Resource Communities (ULRC) Grant Application & Resolution – Robert Williamson, Economic Development Director, will present the grant application and resolution. Motion to approve. (Only the resolution requires approval.) **Pages 20-28.**
- √ 17. Economic Development Update – Mr. Williamson will present the update. **Pages 29-30.**

- √ 18. Polk County Detention Center Request for Qualifications (RFQ) – County Manager Pittman will present the information for consideration. **Pages 31.**
- √ 19. Human Resources Position – County Manager Pittman will present the job description and salary range. Motion to approve. **Pages 32-34.**
- 20. NC Local Government Commission (LGC) Meeting Representation – To discuss Board representation at the January 8, 2015, meeting with the LGC regarding the proposed water contract between Polk County and Inman-Campobello Water District.
- √ 21. Commissioner Appointments to Boards by Chair – To appoint Commissioners to the various boards. Motion to approve. **Page 35.**
- √ 22. Volunteer Board of Vote – Tryon Planning Board – 1 application, 1 ETJ alternate vacancy. Motion to approve. **Pages 36-37.**
- √ 23. Volunteer Boards For Review – Planning Board – Columbus Township, 1 application, 1 vacancy; Green Creek Township – 3 applications, 1 vacancy; Tryon Township, 2 applications, 1 vacancy; Alternate At-Large – 1+ (All current Planning Board applicants not appointed as regular members will be considered for appointment to the alternate at-large position.), 1 vacancy. Recreation Advisory Board – 2 applications, 1 vacancy. **Pages 38-48.**
- 24. Commissioner Comments
- 25. Closed Session – Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of attorney-client privilege, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).
- 26. Return to Open Session – Motion to return to open session.
- 27. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn.

√ Indicates information is included in the agenda packet.