

POLK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC HEARING &  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00pm  
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building  
Columbus, NC  
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Gasperson, Vice-Chair McDermott, Commissioner Owens and Commissioner Pack. Commissioner Walker was out of town. Also in attendance were County Manager Whitson, County Attorney Egan, Clerk to the Board Fehrmann, staff, media and citizens.

1. Call to Order of the Community Development Block Grant/Scattered Site Housing 2011 Funding Cycle Public Hearing - Chair Gasperson called the public hearing to order. The purpose of the hearing was to announce the availability of funds for the Community Development Block Grant/Scattered Site Housing 2011 funding cycle. The County is considering applying for CDBG funds to rehabilitate homes of low to moderate income citizens within the County. Paula Kempton, IPDC Grant Services Assistant Manager, was present to answer questions.
2. Citizen Comments – There were none.
3. Commissioner Comments – Vice-Chair McDermott said there is a great need in Polk County for this kind of assistance, and she thinks all of Polk County should support the grant.
4. Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Vice-Chair McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Call to Order of the Regular Board of Commissioners' Meeting – Chair Gasperson called the meeting to order.
6. Invocation – Chair Gasperson gave the invocation.
7. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Pack led the pledge.
8. Approval of Minutes – Vice-Chair McDermott moved to approve the December 5, 2011, regular BOC meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously.
9. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Pack moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice-Chair McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
10. Economic & Tourism Development – Libbie Johnson, Director, presented the Polk County promotional video.

11. Request for Waiver of Tax Interest – John Bridgers, Tax Assessor, presented the request on behalf of Mr. Robert McLean. Commissioner Owens moved that the interest be forgiven, seconded by Commissioner Pack and the motion carried unanimously.
12. Polk County Board of Education Budget Amendment – Commissioner Pack moved to approve Board of Education Budget Amendment #3 in the amount of \$72,200 to amend the school budget to reflect grants received and to appropriate funds for capital outlay expenditures, seconded by Vice-Chair McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
13. Western Carolina Community Action – The 2012 Community Services Block Grant was submitted for review.
14. Manager's Report – 1) 2012 Audit – Commissioner Pack made a motion to put the 2012 audit out for bid, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously. 2) Surplus Transportation Vans – Vice-Chair McDermott made a motion to declare a 2003 Dodge center aisle van and a 2006 Ford lift van surplus, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously. 3) County Manager Whitson announced that the January 23<sup>rd</sup> public hearing, regular BOC meeting and BOC work session will be held in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.
15. Volunteer Board for Vote – Laura Ellington was appointed to the Council on Aging by unanimous vote.
16. Volunteer Boards for Review – Applications were reviewed for the following boards: Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – 1 application, 1 regular vacancy; Library Board of Trustees – 1 application, 2 regular vacancies; Mental Health Advisory Board – 1 application, 3 regular vacancies; Recycling Advisory Board – 1 application, 2 regular vacancies; Sunny View Fire District Tax Commission – 3 applications, 3 regular vacancies; Transportation Advisory Board – 2 applications, 1 regular vacancy; Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 application, 3 alternate vacancies.
17. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items – Ricky McFalls asked if the rumor was true that a Polk County Commissioner went to Rutherford County and talked to a Rutherford County Deputy about the deputy moving to Polk County and putting in for the sheriff's job.
18. Commissioner Comments – Commissioners thanked everyone for coming out. Chair Gasperson said he would be glad to talk to anyone regarding Mr. McFalls' concerns after the meeting, or at any time via his cell phone. He also said would be glad to discuss any false rumors at any time.

19. Adjournment – Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice-Chair McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS

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Beth Fehrmann  
Clerk to the Board

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Ray Gasperson  
Chair