

POLK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 2:30pm
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Gage, Vice-Chair Holbert, Commissioner Bradley and Commissioner Gasperson. Also in attendance were County Manager Pittman, County Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board Fehrmann, media and citizens.

1. Call to Order – Chair Gage called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation – Chair Gage gave the invocation.
3. Pledge – Vice-Chair Holbert led the pledge.
4. Acquisition of Property – The Board considered the purchase of a 2.60 acre parcel located at 221 Park Street in Columbus, NC, Tax Parcel P73-29. Chair Gage read the following statement and requested it be included verbatim in these minutes:

“As you are all aware, we have been working on the feasibility, design, and site location for a new Law Enforcement Facility since last year. Initially, the need for a quick turn-around and the desire to locate a courthouse on the site at a later date put us in a box that limited our choices for a location. This need for expedition led us to the old prison property on Locust Street, which was the only location where the facility could have been constructed in the Columbus Public Service Zoning District. While this location would have ultimately worked, it wasn't the optimal choice to place Polk County in a good strategic position. Commissioners identified this in the May 2, 2016 meeting and instructed the County Manager to move forward with the 4-H property, but pursue other options as well.

“The 2.6 acres that the Board of Commissioners is considering purchasing tonight is a crucial component of a negotiation with Island Creek, LLC for another 19.5 acres (part of parcel P73-152) for the Polk County law enforcement center. The site ready building site being negotiated expands our ability to not only place the law enforcement facility, but potentially help fulfill Polk County Local Government's building and space needs for decades. We fully anticipate having an agreement with them in the next thirty days.

“This transition to the new site for the Polk County Law Enforcement Center is a collaborative effort of this elected body and staff serving the needs of Polk County Citizens in the present and in the future. The Polk County Board of Commissioners are very excited about this opportunity and are looking forward to more shared opportunities in the future.”

Commissioner Gasperson moved to direct County Manager Pittman to exercise the County's option to purchase Polk County Tax Parcel Number P73-29 consisting of ±2.6 acres for the purchase price of \$125,000, and further moved to direct the

- County Manager to set a closing date for the transaction, seconded by Commissioner Bradley and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Project Budget Ordinance – The Board considered a Project Budget Ordinance for the proposed Detention & Sheriff’s Department Facility. Commissioner Gasperson moved to approve the Project Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$175,000 for land acquisition (\$125,000) and engineering services (\$50,000) for the Detention & Sheriff Facility, seconded by Vice-Chair Holbert and the motion carried unanimously.
 4. Adjournment – Commissioner Bradley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gasperson and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

Beth Fehrmann
Clerk to the Board

Michael V. Gage
Chair