

RESOLUTION OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 581

WHEREAS, Polk County wishes to regulate signs placed for public observance within its jurisdictional boundaries and provide an improved environmental setting and community appearance by regulating existing billboards along our scenic highways; and

WHEREAS, preserving the scenic and aesthetic character of Polk County in order to protect and promote the development of the tourist industry and to provide for the protection of the health, welfare, and quality of life for residents and visitors is a County goal; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 581 will eliminate some of the local control by allowing existing billboards on the interstate and other major highways to be upgraded to digital billboards; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety of motorists on public roads in Polk County, the prevention of the distracting influence of digital billboards throughout the County should be maintained; and

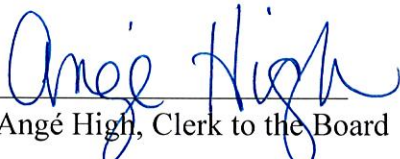
WHEREAS, House Bill 581 would force the North Carolina Department of Transportation and local governments to pay billboard companies more than what is currently required to remove existing signs for public works projects; and

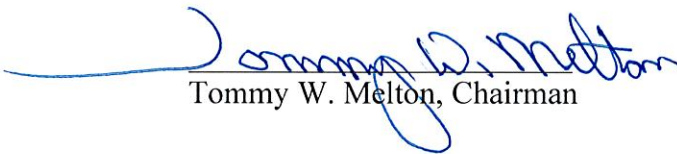
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Polk County Board of Commissioners desire to protect the rural atmosphere and scenic highways, and the safety of traveling motorist opposes the passing of House Bill 581.

Adopted this 5th day of June, 2017.

POLK COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:


Angé High, Clerk to the Board


Tommy W. Melton, Chairman