

POLK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC HEARING &  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, October 17, 2011, at 3:00pm  
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building  
Columbus, NC  
MINUTES

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

1. Public Hearing Regarding the NC Tomorrow CDBG Application – Chair Gasperson called the public hearing to order. The purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment on the Community Development Block Grant application. Jim Edwards, Executive Director of Isothermal Planning & Development Commission, gave the presentation.
2. Citizen Comments – There were none.
3. Commissioner Comments – Vice-Chair McDermott asked if Region C would have the opportunity to review and approve the region's strategy before it is integrated into the others, and Mr. Edwards said that it would.
4. Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Vice-Chair McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Regular Board of Commissioners' Meeting – Chair Gasperson called the meeting to order.
6. Invocation – Commissioner Owens gave the invocation.
7. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice-Chair McDermott led the pledge.
8. Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Owens moved to approve the September 22, 2011, joint meeting minutes and the October 3, 2011, regular BOC meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously.
9. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Pack moved to create a consent agenda comprised of Agenda Items 10, 11 and 15, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Pack moved to approve the following consent agenda:
  - NC Tomorrow CDBG Application
  - September Tax Refund Request

- Declare a 2006 Ford 12 Passenger Transportation Department Van Surplus

Commissioner Owens seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. NC Tomorrow CDBG Application – Approved by consent agenda.
11. September Tax Refund Request – Approved by consent agenda.
12. Tax Interest Relief Request – John Bridgers, Tax Assessor, presented the request submitted by Judith Metcalf. It was determined that the interest was imposed due to clerical error. Commissioner Owens moved to approve the interest relief request in the amount of \$76.34, seconded by Commissioner Pack and the motion carried unanimously.
13. Update of the Community Child Protection Team's 2010 Annual Report – Lou Parton, DSS Social Work Program Manager, gave the update. She stated that while things have improved with the District Attorney's office, including the appointment of a new assistant district attorney to assist Polk County, there are still areas where additional improvement is needed.
14. Alexander's Ford Update – The Alexander's Ford site was recently certified by the National Park Service as part of the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail.
15. Manager's Report – A 2006 Ford 12-passenger Transportation Department van was declared surplus by consent agenda.
16. Volunteer Board for Vote – Lee Bradley was appointed to a regular position on the Planning Board by a 4-1 vote. (McDermott voted to place Bradley in the alternate position.)
17. Volunteer Board for Review – Two applications for the Recycling Advisory Board were reviewed. There is currently one regular and one alternate vacancy on this board.
18. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items – Rickie McFalls said that, since the County has found so much money to lay waterlines, he wishes the County could do a budget amendment to help taxpayers on their taxes.
19. Commissioner Comments – The Commissioners all thanked everyone for coming out. Chair Gasperson expressed appreciation for those involved in bringing the Alexander's Ford project to fruition.
20. Adjournment – Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pack 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