

POLK COUNTY  
Monday, November 1, 2010, 7:00 PM  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE FILING OF AN  
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED  
BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 160A-20.  
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building  
Columbus, N.C.

PRESENT: Chairperson Walker, Vice-Chairperson Gasperson, Commissioners McDermott, Melton and Watson. The others in attendance were County Manager Whitson, Interim County Attorney Egan and Clerk to the Board Britton, staff, media and citizens.

1. Call to Order/Welcome – Chairperson Walker called the meeting to order
2. Invocation – Michael Keel, Pastor of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Commander Mike Collins, American Legion, Tryon, led the pledge.
4. Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Melton made a motion to approve the October 18, 2010, Regular Board of Commissioners' meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Melton added Item 7B, Update on the Adult Day Health Care Center and Human Services Building; County Manager Whitson added Item 7A, Recognition of Polk County by Eastern Carolina University; County Manager Whitson added Item 8A, Select, Approve and Accept the Bank Proposal for the Human Services Building Loan. Commissioner Melton made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Watson and the motion carried unanimously.
6. Veterans Presentation to the Polk County Board of Commissioners - Local veteran Comm. Mike Collins presented Ms. Lisa Krolak with a plaque in appreciation of her work with the veterans of Polk County. In honor of Veteran's Day, November 11, 2010, and on behalf of the local American Legion and the VFW posts, Comm. Collins presented a framed print of the Historic Court House. The small plaque on the print is inscribed in remembrance of the veterans of Polk County.
7. North Carolina American Planning Association Presentation – Jim Edwards, Isothermal Planning and Development Commission (IPDC) Executive Director, and Josh King, IPDC Regional Planner, presented Polk County with the Marvin Collins Planning Award in recognition of Polk County's 20/20 Vision Plan.

Chairperson Walker thanked the IPDC for nominating Polk County for the award, and the Polk County Community Foundation for contributing to the plan. Chairperson Walker also recognized all those present who contributed their time and efforts to the 20/20 Vision Plan.

- 7A. Recognition of Polk County by Eastern Carolina University - County Manager Whitson read a letter to Cathy Ruth, Planner, from Eastern Carolina University thanking her and her assistant, Angé High, for their collaboration on a recent focus group held in Polk County.
- 7B. Update on the Adult Day Health Care Center and Human Services Building – County Manager Whitson said the County recently received approximately 10” of rain over a 36 hour period. The grading work at the Human Services site is completed, but the excessive rain did some damage. The contractor is currently repairing the site and expects to complete the job in two days. All the erosion control measures worked and no sedimentation entered any of the streams. An anonymous complaint about the site was made to DENR and they are investigating the situation. The road at the Adult Day Health Care Center was slightly impacted by the rain, and the concrete pad suffered some washout. County Engineer Dave Odom will assess the situation and make recommendations.
8. Public Hearing – A public hearing was held to hear public comment on the Authorization Of The Filing Of An Application For Approval Of A Financing Agreement Authorized By North Carolina General Statutes 160A-20. Notice of the public hearing was advertised in the *Tryon Daily Bulletin* October 20, 2010. Chairperson Walker called the hearing to order. There were no citizen comments. County Manager Whitson distributed information on the proposals. Commissioner Watson said he thought the pertinent information should have been made available before the public hearing. County Manager Whitson said the County had received legitimate proposals from three different banks. The lowest interest rate was 3.56% on a fixed rate 15 year loan from BB&T. The interest rate expires on December 31, 2010. County Manager Whitson said there were some differences in the current loan amortization and the one handed out two weeks ago due to a difference in interest rates and a glitch in the loan amortization software the finance department uses. Commissioner Watson made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
- 8A. Select, Approve and Accept the Bank Proposal for the Human Services Building Loan – County Manager Whitson read the resolution approving the financing terms, a copy of which is on file with these minutes. Finance Director Sandra Hughes said the Local Government Commission should give final approval on December 7, 2010. Discussion ensued and the resolution was tabled until the next meeting. Commissioner McDermott made a motion to accept the proposal contingent upon the final approval of

the LGC, seconded by Commissioner Watson and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Proclamation Recognizing Foothills Humane Society – Commissioner McDermott requested this item be placed on the agenda to recognize the organization on their 20th anniversary. Bob Then and Dot Moyer of the Foothills Humane Society accepted the proclamation. Commissioner McDermott made a motion to adopt the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Watson and the motion carried unanimously.
10. Proclamation Recognizing Adoption Awareness Month – Jennifer Pittman and Rose (Jackie) Johnson of the Department of Social Services accepted the proclamation. Commissioner Melton made a motion to adopt the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Watson and the motion carried unanimously.
11. A Model Code Of Ethics For North Carolina Local Elected Officials – Discussion continued over a Polk County policy which includes pages 20 – 26 and the Commissioners agreed to vote on the code at the next BOC meeting.
12. Resolution Approving The Water Shortage Response Plan - For the Polk County Water Department - South. County Manager Whitson said the County currently has four water departments including Sunny View School, Polk Central School, Polk County Water Department (Mill Spring) and the Polk County Water Department – South (Green Creek). The State has asked that the BOC pass the Water Shortage Response Plan specifically for the Water Department – South. Commissioner McDermott suggested two grammatical corrections. Vice-Chairperson Gasperson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Watson and the motion carried unanimously.
13. Budget Amendments – Sandra Hughes, Finance Director, presented the budget amendments. BA #8 Budget Addition, Social Services, \$78,558.00, additional funding for Child Day Care - Commissioner Watson made a motion to pass the budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously. BA #9 Budget Addition, Social Services, \$2,948.00, Budget Amendment for the difference between the original budgeted amount of \$8,665.00 and the Budget Allocation received – Commissioner Watson made a motion to pass the budget amendment, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Gasperson, and the motion carried unanimously.
14. Board Vacancies (Review) – The Board reviewed an application from Nadine Naujoks for the Council on Aging, and an application from Beth Cannon for reappointment to the Appearance Commission.
15. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items – David Weiss gave an update on Senate Bill 510 FDA Food Safety Modernization Act. He said the Tester Amendment needs to be adopted along with SB510 and encouraged citizens

write their representatives regarding this bill. Chairperson Walker encouraged Mr. Weiss to submit an article to the *Tryon Daily Bulletin* regarding the bill and include contact information for those citizens who wish to send letters.

16. Commissioner Comments – Commissioner McDermott thanked those involved with the Foothills Humans Society, Human Services, and the 20/20 Visioning Committee for all they have done for the community. Vice-Chairperson Gasperson reaffirmed Commissioner McDermott’s comment and said he is a huge proponent of having broad-based representation on County volunteer boards. Commissioner Watson said he enjoyed the presentations tonight and thanked all the volunteers for all they do. Commissioner Melton offered his congratulations to all the candidates running for office tomorrow and said he would like to see 100% voter turnout. Chairperson Watson expressed her condolences for the recent loss of former Commissioner Bill McKaig.
17. Adjourn – Commissioner Melton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Watson and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Anne Britton  
Clerk to the Board

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Cindy Walker  
Chairperson