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POLK COUNTY
January 7, 2013
7:00PM PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice
Womack Building
Columbus, NC
AGENDA

1. Call to Order of the Mountainside & Ridgeline Protection Ordinance (MRPO)/Steep Slope Ordinance Public Hearing – Chair Gage. Cathy Ruth, Planner, will be present to answer questions regarding an Ordinance Concerning Development Activities on Steep Slopes; repealing the Mountainside & Ridgeline Protection Ordinances for both the zoned and unzoned portions of Polk County; enacting a new Steep Slope Ordinance regulating development activities on slopes which equal or exceed thirty percent. (See tab #10 for ordinance.) A copy of the ordinance is available to the public for review in the County Manager's Office.
2. Citizen Comments
3. Commissioner Comments
4. Motion to Adjourn the Public Hearing
5. Call to Order of the Regular Meeting – Chair Gage
6. Invocation – Reverend Gary Curtis, Green River Baptist Church
7. Pledge of Allegiance – Rear Admiral Paul Sutherland
- √ 8. Approval of Minutes – Approval of the December 3, 2012, public hearing and regular meeting minutes (two sets). **Pages 1-8.**

9. Approval of Agenda – You may add/delete items at this time.
- √ 10. Mountainside & Ridgeline Protection Ordinance (MRPO)/Steep Slope Ordinance – The information is in the packet. **Pages 9-36.**
- √ 11. November & December Refund Requests – Melissa Bowlin, Interim Tax Administrator, will present the requests. Citizen comments. **Pages 37-38.**
- √ 12. St. Luke's Hospital Lessor Estoppel, Consent & Agreement – To enable St. Luke's to secure funding for the addition to the facility. Ken Shull, St. Luke's CEO, and Interim County Attorney Bailey Nager will answer any questions. Citizen comments. **Pages 39-43.**
13. Closed Session – Motion to go into closed session for the purposes of personnel, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6), and attorney-client privilege, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).
14. Return to Open Session – Motion to return to open session.
15. Foothills Humane Society Update – Selena Coffey, Executive Director, will give the update. Citizen comments.
- √ 16. Western Carolina Community Action Community Services Block Grant Application – The application was submitted to the Commissioners for review on December 21, 2012. Citizen comments. **Pages 44-75.**
- √ 17. Green Creek Community Center Resolution – Commissioner Gasperson asked that this resolution be placed on the agenda. Citizen comments. **Page 76.**
- √ 18. House of Flags - UNCTV Resolution – Vice-Chair Owens asked that this resolution be placed on the agenda. Citizen comments. **Page 77.**
- √ 19. Legal Trapping of Furbearers in Polk County Resolution – Vice-Chair Owens asked that this resolution be placed on the agenda. Citizen comments. **Page 78.**
- √ 20. NCACC Legislative Goals Voting Delegate – To elect a Commissioner to represent Polk County as a voting delegate. Citizen comments. **Page 79.**
21. Waterline Extensions – Commissioner Pack asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion and possible action. Citizen comments.
22. School Security Task Force – Commissioner Pack asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion and possible action. Citizen comments.
- √ 23. Polk County School Resource Officers – Commissioner Gasperson asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. Citizen comments. **Page 80.**

- √ 24. Meeting Procedures, Rules, Agenda Items Procedure, and Decorum – Commissioner Gasperson asked that this item be placed on the agenda in order to discuss the format in which changes are presented and to discuss the changes adopted on December 3, 2012. Citizen comments. **Pages 81-88.**
25. January 22, 2013 BOC Meeting – To cancel the Monday, January 21, 2013, meeting as the county offices will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Citizen comments.
- √ 26. Budget Additions – Sandra Hughes, Finance Director, will present the additions. BA #4, \$4,712 - Saluda Library – To increase revenue and expense for a donation made for the purchase of 4 computers. Citizen comments. BA #5, \$42,606 - Social Services – Additional funding received in Crisis Intervention; budget amendment to increase the budgeted amount from \$56,462 to \$94,826; additional funding received for Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIEAP); budget amendment to increase the budgeted amount from \$37,644 to \$41,886; both programs are 100% federally funded. Citizen comments. BA #8, \$15,000 - Contract Services – To increase revenue and expense for tap fees received and to pay for meters installed. Citizen comments. **Pages 89-91.**
- √ 27. Manager' Report – 1) Fire Hydrant at Mill Spring F.D. 2) Courthouse Cupola Spire 3) Jervey Palmer Building **Page 92.**
- √ 28. Volunteer Board for Review – Recreation Advisory Board – 3 applications, 3 regular vacancies; Sunny View Fire District Tax Commission – 4 applications, 3 vacancies. Citizen comments. **Pages 93-99.**
- √ 29. Volunteer Board Appointments for Commissioners – Chair Gage will make the appointments. Citizen comments. **Page 100.**
30. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items
31. Commissioner Comments
32. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn.

√ *Indicates information is included in the agenda packet.*