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POLK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC HEARING,  
REGULAR MEETING & WORK SESSION  
Monday, January 23, 2012 at 3:00pm  
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building  
Columbus, NC  
AGENDA

1. Call to Order of the State FY 2013 Community Transportation Grant - Chair Gasperson. The Community Transportation Program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in Polk County as well as provides transportation options and services for communities within the service area. Jewell Carswell, Transportation Director, will be present to answer questions. (See tab #10 for the grant application.) A copy of the grant application is available to the public for review at the County Manager's Office.
2. Citizen Comments
3. Commissioner Comments
4. Motion to Adjourn
5. Call to Order of the Regular Board of Commissioners' Meeting – Chair Gasperson
6. Invocation – Commissioner Owens
7. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice-Chair McDermott
8. Approval of Minutes – Approval of the January 9, 2012, public hearing and regular BOC meeting minutes. Motion to approve.
9. Approval of Agenda – Items may be added or deleted at this time. Motion to approve.

- √ 10. FY 2013 Community Transportation Program Resolution – The information is in the packet. Motion to approve. **Pages 4-47.**
- √ 11. Mental Health Advisory Board – Kathy Romich, Chair, will ask for guidance from the BOC regarding this advisory board. The information is in the packet. Citizen comments. **Page 48.**
- √ 12. November & December Refund Requests – Melissa Bowlin, Tax Collector, will present the requests. The information is in the packet. Citizen comments. Motion to approve. **Pages 49-50.**
13. Delinquent Tax Collection – The Board will charge Ms. Bowlin with collecting delinquent taxes by any and all means. Citizen comments. Motion to approve.
- √ 14. House Bill 1779 – Ms. Bowlin will give a presentation on the bill. The bill will become effective on July 1, 2013, and will create a combined motor vehicle registration and property tax collection system. The information is in the packet. **Pages 51-54.**
- √ 15. Request for Waiver of Tax Interest – John Bridgers, Tax Assessor, will present the request. The information is in the packet. Citizen comments. Motion to approve. **Pages 55-64.**
16. Manager's Report – 1) Courthouse cupola update. 2) Stearns Gym update. Citizen comments.
- √ 17. Volunteer Board for Vote – Library Board of Trustees – 1 application, 2 regular vacancies; Recycling Advisory Board – 1 application, 2 regular vacancies; Sunny View Fire District Tax Commission – 3 applications, 3 regular vacancies; Transportation Advisory Board – 2 applications, 1 regular vacancy; Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1 application, 3 alternate vacancies. **Pages 65-75.**
- √ 18. Volunteer Boards for Review – Appearance Commission – 3 applications, 3 vacancies; Council on Aging – 1 application, 2 vacancies; Farmland Preservation – 1 application, 1 vacancy. **Pages 76-78.**
19. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items
20. Commissioner Comments
21. Closed Session – For the purpose of Attorney-Client Privilege, G.S. 143-318-11(a)(3) and for Personnel, G.S. 143-318-11(a)(6). Motion to enter into closed session.

√ 22. Budget Work Session – Motion to return to open session and enter into the BOC work session. **Pages 79-82.**

- 1) Budget Schedule – Motion to approve.
- 2) Reduction in sales tax revenue beginning in 2013-2014 budget year – Sandra Hughes
- 3) Preview of Polk County Schools' budget situation 2012-2013 – Bill Miller
- 4) Restore the annual 2.5% step increase for County employees – Ryan Whitson
- 5) Senior Center Loan Payoff – Sandra Hughes
- 6) Future Water Lines
- 7) Fuel Costs – Ryan Whitson
- 8) Other/Miscellaneous Items
- 9) Citizen Comments

23. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn.

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