

POLK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 PM January 25, 2010  
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building  
Columbus, N.C.

PRESENT: Chairperson Walker, Vice-Chairperson Gasperson, Commissioners McDermott, Melton and Watson. Also in attendance were County Manager Whitson, County Attorney Hix, and Clerk to the Board Britton. Staff members participating were Sandra Hughes, Finance Officer, EMS Director Sandra Halford, Planner Cathy Ruth and Maintenance Director Mickey Edwards.

1. Call to Order/Welcome – Chairperson Walker called to order the Polk County Board of Commissioners' meeting.
2. Invocation – Vice-Chairperson Ray Gasperson
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Watson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Approval of January 11, 2010, minutes and Joint Public Hearing – Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the amended minutes and the Joint Public Hearing minutes, seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Agenda – Vice-Chairperson Gasperson requested one (1) addition to the agenda 5(a); clarification of the volunteer board procedures. Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
  - 5a. Vice-Chairperson Gasperson made the following motion in clarification of the volunteer board procedures: Effective immediately, (1) any applicant for a volunteer board vacancy must be a Polk County resident at the time of application; (2) the application form will be updated and processed through the County Manager's office; and (3) any applicant applying for a volunteer board must not be delinquent in payment of all Polk County taxes. Commissioner McDermott seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
6. Board Vacancies (Review) - Polk County Council on Aging (1) application. Polk County Travel & Tourism Board applications (2). These applicants were reviewed.
7. Board Vacancies (Vote) - Tryon Planning and Adjustment Board (1) application. Recycling Advisory Board (1) application. Commissioner Gasperson made a motion to approve Vincent Krydynski, Jr. for the Tryon Board of Planning and Adjustment (county appointment) and Elaina Prevett for

the Recycling Advisory Board, seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Polk County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance - Planner Cathy Ruth discussed and reviewed with the Board the requested changes of the ordinance. The information provided was for review and will be placed back on the February 15, 2010, agenda. Discussion followed on the "existing jobs" and concern over future problems. The next meeting of the NC Sedimentation Control Commission will be May 19, 2010, with documentation due 2 weeks prior.
9. Adult Day Care
  - a. Update – Mr. Whitson reported that the heavy rains have delayed the grading.
  - b. Naming of Facility – Commissioner Watson praised the dedication and work of Don and Betsy Freeman on the vision of an adult daycare facility. Unfortunately Mr. Freeman passed away before the building was completed. Commissioner Watson asked that the Board name the facility in the Freemans' honor. Commissioner Melton made a motion to name the adult daycare facility the "Don and Betsy Freeman Center", seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
10. County Manager's Report – "Kick off the Budget 2010". Mr. Whitson outlined the following items that he felt were major issues in planning the budget. They were financial overview, vehicles, employees and capital. He answered questions along with Sandra Hughes, Finance, Sandra Halford, EMS, and Mickey Edwards, Maintenance. All additional information is filed in the agenda packet.
11. Citizen Comments on non-agenda items - There were none.
12. Board of Commissioners' Comments - Commissioner McDermott thanked the County Manager for beginning work on the budget. Commissioner Watson commented on all the information covered tonight and work that will need to be done on the budget. Commissioner Gasperson stated he is optimistic on the building of a DSS facility. Chairperson Walker thanked the staff members who participated in the meeting and thanked the Community Foundation for the \$11,000 grant for recycling.
13. Closed Session – Personnel G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6); Pending Litigation G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (1). Commissioner McDermott made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Commissioner Gasperson and the motion carried unanimously.
14. Return to Open Session. (1) County Attorney Tom Hix requested a motion regarding the 1/25/10 letter from Attorney Phil Feagan that the proposal from

White Oak development be denied. Commissioner Watson made that motion, seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.

(2) County Attorney Tom Hix requested a motion from the Board of Commissioners that authorizes the County Attorney to begin a complaint for breach of contract against White Oak development for failure to pay the monies they contracted to pay. Commissioner Watson made that motion, seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.

15. 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