

POLK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 PM February 1, 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, Architect C. Cannon and Clerk to the Board Britton.

1. Call to Order/Welcome – Chairperson Walker thanked the Polk County Communications Department and the Polk County Maintenance Department for their long hours and hard work during the last ice/snow storm.
2. Invocation – Vice-Chairperson Gasperson.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner McDermott.
4. Approval of January 25, 2010, minutes - Commissioner Watson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Melton and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Melton requested adding 5(a) Adult Day Care Center to the agenda. Commissioner McDermott made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Commissioner Watson and the motion carried unanimously.  
  
5a. Commissioner Melton discussed the special dedication for the Adult Day Care Center - He made a motion to name Commissioner Watson Chairman of the event, which will probably take place in April. Commissioner McDermott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
6. Board Vacancies (Review) – Recreation reappointment, 1 application. The application was reviewed.
7. Board Vacancies (Vote) – Travel & Tourism, 1 application. Vice-Chairperson Gasperson made a motion to approve the application of Sara Bell of Saluda, seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
8. Department of Human Services Facility – Architect Cecil Cannon presented a milestone schedule for the Polk County Human Services Facility. Discussion followed. Vice-Chairperson Gasperson made a motion to approve the milestone schedule and authorize the County Manager to use Mitchell County as a prototype and move forward, seconded by Commissioner Watson and the motion carried unanimously. The plans for the Polk County facility will be similar to the Mitchell County DSS but larger by about 1,000 square feet.

Newspaper and website advertising for an architect will begin February 8, 2010.

9. County Manger's Report - Mr. Whitson reported on the need for a truck for the Maintenance Department. He received 5 estimates. Commissioner Watson made a motion to purchase a 2011 Ford 250 4x4 Super Duty truck for \$26,679.54 (lowest estimate) from Stott's Ford. Mr. Whitson also stated that this was \$1200 less than the state contract. Commissioner Melton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
10. Budget Amendments – S. Hughes, Finance Officer, presented:
  - BA#15 DSS \$9,000 budget addition to increase revenue and expense for Special Child Adoption funding – 100% State. Commissioner Melton made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
  - BA#31 Solid Waste Enterprise Fund \$17,800 to transfer funds that were budgeted as part of contract service to RPM Health Department for an employee that has retired. The money will be paid to the part-time replacement as contract labor. Commissioner Melton made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Watson and the motion carried unanimously.
  - #32 Jail \$12,000 to cover estimated budget shortfall in salaries. Commissioner Melton made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
11. Citizen Comments on non agenda items - There were none.
12. Commissioners' Comments - Commissioner Gasperson reported he was glad to see the barbeque festival was happening again. Chairperson Walker thanked the NC Division of Pollution Prevention for a grant of \$11,000. This grant was used for recycling trailers and boxes.
13. Closed Session - Pending Litigation G.S. 138-143.11 (a) (1) Commissioner Watson made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Gasperson and the motion carried unanimously.
14. Return to Open Session - Commissioner Watson made a motion to accept payment from the White Oak Development for 1/5 of the balance of the water line, leaving 4 equal payment installments due the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month, with the exception of May which will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioner Melton seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjourn - Commissioner McDermott 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