

POLK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 20, 2012 at 3:00pm
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Gasperson, Vice-Chair McDermott, Commissioner Owens, Commissioner Pack and Commissioner Walker. Also in attendance were County Manager Whitson, County Attorney Egan, Clerk to the Board Fehrmann, staff, media and citizens.

1. Call to Order of the Regular Board of Commissioners' Meeting – Chair Gasperson called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation – Commissioner Pack gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Walker led the pledge.
4. Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Owens moved to approve the February 6, 2012, public hearing and regular meeting minutes, seconded by Vice-Chair McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Agenda – County Manager Whitson requested that the Agreement Regarding Pass Through Use Of Water Lines be added as Agenda Item #10.a., and that EMS Surplus Items be added to Agenda Item #10. Commissioner Pack moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously.
6. Polk State of the County Health Report – Mary Smith, Health Educator for the Rutherford-McDowell-Polk District Health Department, presented the report, which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes.
7. Mountainside and Ridgeline Protection Ordinance (MRPO) Amendments – Cathy Ruth, Planner, gave the presentation, which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes. Section 8.5 *Minor Land-Disturbing Activities*, Commissioner Pack recommended that the maximum square footage exemption be increased to 750, contingent upon the recommendation of the Building Inspector. County Attorney Egan said those changes may be proposed and incorporated into the MRPO at the time of adoption. Vice-Chair McDermott moved to set two public hearings for the next BOC meeting, one for An Ordinance Amending the Mountainside and Ridgeline Protection Ordinance for Zoned Areas of Polk County and the other for An Ordinance Amending the Mountainside and Ridgeline Protection Ordinance for Unzoned Areas of Polk County, on March 5, 2012, at

- 7:00pm in the library of Sunny View Elementary School, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously.
8. Budget Amendment – Commissioner Owens moved to approve BA #12, Additional Funding Received in Crisis Intervention, to increase the budgeted amount from \$95,593 to \$131,657, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously. Vice-Chair McDermott moved to approve the Hwy. 108 Polk County/Town of Columbus Interconnect Project Budget Ordinance to appropriate fund balance for the general fund in the amount of \$592,465, contingent upon permits being obtained for the waterline construction, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried 4-1 (Pack opposed). Commissioner Owens moved to approve Budget Amendment #4, Jail, to increase the budget for part-time salaries for the jail to allow current full-time employees to attend BLET, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously.
 9. Sheriff's Department Classification Change Request - Commissioner Pack moved to change the classification of one Patrol Sergeant position (Grade 21) to the position of Second Lieutenant (Grade 23), seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously.
 10. Manager's Report – 1) County Manager Whitson and Vice-Chair McDermott reported on the NC/SC border meeting they attended in Rock Hill, SC. The existing border is being re-established, not changed, and this should only affect five residences in Polk County, all of whom have been notified. 2) Stearns Gym Floor – County Manager Whitson has signed a contract for \$13,500 for the installation of thirty pillars underneath the gym floor; work will begin in about two weeks. 3) Courthouse Cupola – County Manager Whitson has signed a contract for \$3,200 to repair the rotted wood on the cupola. 4) DSS Open House - It was the consensus of the Board that the DSS open house be scheduled for 1:00pm on March 19th, followed by the BOC meeting at 3:00pm in the DSS training room. 5) EMS Surplus Items – Commissioner Pack moved to declare the Zoll M Series Cardiac Monitors surplus, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously.
 - 10.a. Agreement Regarding Pass Through Use Of Water Lines – Vice-Chair McDermott moved to approve Chair Gasperson's signing of the Agreement Regarding Pass Through Use Of Water Lines with the Town of Columbus, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously.
 11. Volunteer Board for Vote – Marcella Mack was appointed to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council by unanimous vote; Barie Baker was appointed to the Library Board of Trustees by unanimous vote.
 12. Volunteer Board for Review – Applications for the Board of Equalization & Review and the Recycling Advisory Board were reviewed.

13. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items – There were no citizen comments.
14. Commissioner Comments – The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming out.
15. Adjournment – Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

Beth Fehrmann
Clerk to the Board

Ray Gasperson
Chair