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Vice-Chair

Ray D. Gasperson  
Commissioner

Keith Holbert  
Commissioner

Tom E. Pack  
Commissioner

POLK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING  
March 18, 2013, 7:00pm  
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building  
Columbus, NC  
AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Chair Gage
2. Invocation – Commissioner Pack
3. Pledge of Allegiance – John Crew, USMC
- √ 4. Appointment of County Attorney – Appoint Jana L. Berg as County Attorney. **Page 1.**
- √ 5. Approval of Minutes – Approval of the March 4, 2013, special and regular meeting minutes. **Pages 2-5.**
6. Approval of Agenda – Agenda items may be added and/or deleted at this time.
- √ 7. February Refund Requests – Melissa Bowlin, Interim Tax Administrator, will present the requests. **Page 6.**
- √ 8. Fire Departments & Rescue Squad Audits – Commissioner Gasperson asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. Citizen comments. **Page 7.**
9. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Columbus Veteran's Day Parade – Col. Otis Livingston, U.S. Army, Ret., will discuss plans for the November 11, 2013, parade. Citizen comments.
- √ 10. CDBG NC Tomorrow Regional Economic Development Plan Public Hearing – To set the public hearing for May 6, 2013, at 7:00pm. **Page 8.**

- √ 11. Green River Games – Vice-Chair Owens asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. John Grace, Event Coordinator, will be present to discuss the event. Citizen comments. **Pages 9-11.**
- √ 12. Board of Commissioners' Term Increase – Vice-Chair Owens asked that this item be placed on the agenda to discuss a resolution adopted by the Polk County Republican Party recommending increasing Commissioners' terms from two/four year staggered terms to four year staggered terms. Citizen comments. **Page 12.**
- 13. Updates on County Employees – Commissioner Gasperson asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. Commissioner Gasperson would like the Board to be updated by the Interim County Manager on all new hires, transfers, and terminations since the last BOC meeting. Commissioner Gasperson would like the update to occur at every regular meeting, as necessary, and would like for it to include date of hire, transfer, or termination, as well as salaries of new hires and transfers. Citizen comments.
- √ 14. Options for Changing Commissioners' Terms – Commissioner Gasperson asked that this item be placed on the agenda. Commissioner Gasperson will present information provided by Bob Joyce of the UNC School of Government. Citizen comments. **Pages 13-15.**
- √ 15. Manager's Report – Declare miscellaneous computer equipment items surplus. Citizen comments. **Page 16.**
- √ 16. Volunteer Boards for Vote – Recreation Advisory Board – 1 application, 1 regular vacancy; Recycling Advisory Board – 1 application, 2 regular vacancies. **Pages 17-19.**
- √ 17. Volunteer Boards for Review – Recycling Advisory Board – 1 application, 1 regular vacancy; Tryon Planning & Zoning Board – 3 Tryon ETJ vacancies. **Pages 20-21.**
- 18. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items
- 19. Commissioner Comments
- 20. Closed Session – Motion to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing matters related to the location of a business in the county, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4), attorney-client privilege, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), and personnel, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6).
- 21. Return to Open Session – Motion to return to open session.
- 22. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn.

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