

POLK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 21, 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 – Chair Gasperson gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Walker led the pledge.
4. Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Owens moved to approve the May 7, 2012, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Vice-Chair McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Walker moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Owens.
6. Recognition of PCHS Girls 4x400 Relay Team – The Board commended the team for its outstanding achievement in claiming the state championship again this year and setting a new school record at 4:02.37.
7. Proclamation for National Mental Health Month – Commissioner Walker introduced Josh Schactman, the new Chair of the Mental Health Advisory Board, who read the proclamation. Commissioner Walker moved to approve the proclamation, seconded by Vice-Chair McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
8. Proclamation for National Trails Day, June 2, 2012 – Mary Smith, Coordinator of the Polk Fit, Fresh & Friendly Board, read the proclamation. Commissioner Owens moved to approve the proclamation, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously.
9. 2012 Proclamation for the Blue Ridge BBQ & Music Festival – Commissioner Walker read the proclamation issued by Governor Perdue.
10. UNC School of Government Essentials of Economic Development Workshop – Vice-Chair McDermott recently attended this workshop in Asheville. The course notebook will be kept on file in the County Manager's office as a resource document for anyone interested in learning more about economic development.

11. Volunteer Boards for Vote – Larry Newton, Sandra Padgett and John Salmon were appointed to the Mental Health Advisory Board by unanimous vote.
12. Volunteer Boards for Review – Applications for the following boards were reviewed: Appearance Commission – 1 application, 1 vacancy; Harmon Field Board of Supervisors – 1 application, 1 BOC appointment; Planning Board – 2 applications, 1 regular vacancy; Recreation Advisory Board – 2 applications, 4 regular vacancies.
13. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items – There were no comments.
14. Closed Session – Commissioner Owens moved to go into closed session for the purposes of: A) To consider and take action with respect to the position to be taken by the county in negotiating a price or other material terms of an agreement for the acquisition or lease of real property, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5); B) For attorney-client privilege, G.S. 143-318(a)(3); C) For personnel, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6), seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously.
15. Return to open session – Vice-Chair McDermott moved to return to open session, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously.
16. Forestry Letter – Commissioner Owens moved to approve that the Clerk, on behalf of the Commissioners, send a letter to the NC Forest Service District Forester recommending that the new hire have extensive geographical knowledge of and experience in Polk County, seconded by Commissioner Pack and the motion carried unanimously.
17. Commissioner Comments – Commissioners thanked everyone for coming out.
18. Adjournment – Commissioner Owens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS

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Beth Fehrmann  
Clerk to the Board

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Ray Gasperson  
Chair