

POLK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, June 13, 2011, 7:00pm
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

The public hearing was preceded by a special closed session meeting for the purpose of Attorney-Client Privilege, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(2); no action was taken. Commissioner Owens made a motion to close the special closed session meeting and to enter into the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Pack and the motion carried unanimously.

1. Call to Order – Chair Gasperson called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation – Commissioner Owens gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Vice-Chair McDermott led the pledge.
4. FY 2011/12 Polk County Annual Budget – The purpose of the public hearing was to hear citizen comments on the proposed annual budget. Keith Holbert spoke in favor of Commissioner Pack's budget, and said he plans to keep track of future budget amendments and have them published quarterly. Debbie Arceneaux said a tax cut would be appreciated by many citizens, and the County needs to stop overspending. Margaret Johnson spoke favorably regarding the County's financial management over the past few years. Myron Yoder asked the Commissioners to keep the employee's healthcare deductible at \$500. David Maxwell urged the Board to follow through with the 20/20 Vision Plan. Earl Thompson complimented the Commissioners and County Manager for doing such a good job. Betty Garniss spoke in favor of the County Manager's proposed budget and asked the Board to continue its fiscal conservancy.
5. Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Walker expressed appreciation for everyone's participation and comments. Commissioner Owens asked the Board to consider Commissioner Pack's budget. Commissioner Pack said his budget does not cut into the fund balance but, rather, at the end of the process will actually add to it. Vice-Chair McDermott spoke in support of the County Manager's budget. Chair Gasperson said the proposed budget is the culmination of the hard work of many people, and is fiscally responsible and sustainable.
6. Adjournment – Commissioner Owens made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

Beth Fehrmann
Clerk to the Board

Ray Gasperson
Chair