

POLK COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC HEARING &  
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2011, at 3:00pm  
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building  
Columbus, NC  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order of the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Public Hearing - Chair Gasperson called the public hearing to order. The purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment regarding the proposed ROAP application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Jewell Carswell, Transportation Director, was present to answer questions.
2. Citizen Comments – There were no citizen comments.
3. Commissioner Comments – There were no Commissioner comments.
4. Motion to Adjourn – Commissioner Owens made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Pack and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Call to Order of the Regular Board of Commissioners' Meeting – Chair Gasperson called the meeting to order.
6. Invocation – Commissioner Walker gave the invocation.
7. Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Gasperson led the pledge.
8. Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Walker made a motion to approve the September 6, 2011, regular BOC meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously.
9. Approval of Agenda – County Manager Whitson clarified that Agenda Item #13 was for the purpose of scheduling a public hearing, and asked that Agenda Item #14 be removed from the agenda. Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice-Chair McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
10. Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) Application Resolution – Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the ROAP application resolution, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously.
11. AssetWorks Vehicle Maintenance Software Project Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Tracy Waters, Transportation Administrative Assistant, was present to

- answer questions. Commissioner Pack made a motion to approve the AssetWorks Vehicle Maintenance Software Project MOU, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously.
12. August Refund Request – Commissioner Pack made a motion to approve the August refund request, seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bowlin, Tax Collector, clarified that mortgage banks should on no occasion pay an individual's vehicle tax, although this has happened in error in the past.
  13. Ordinance Concerning Zoning Administration and Enforcement – Commissioner Walker made a motion to schedule a public hearing regarding an ordinance concerning Zoning Administration and Enforcement, repealing and replacing Sections 9.6, 9.7 and 9.8 of the Polk County Zoning Ordinance, for Monday, October 3, 2011, at 7:00pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building, seconded by Vice-Chair McDermott and the motion carried unanimously. County Attorney Egan gave an overview of the ordinance. Commissioner Pack asked that the word "immediately" be replaced by the word "promptly" in the last sentence of Section 9.9.1. of the Zoning Ordinance, and his fellow Commissioners concurred.
  14. Request to Update an IM II Position to an IM III – This item was removed from the agenda.
  15. Social Services Budget Amendment – Vice-Chair McDermott made a motion to approve BA #5 in the amount of \$15,025 for additional allocation received in Adult Day Care for the difference between the original budgeted amount of \$3,933 and the budget allocation received of \$18,958 (Adult Day Care reimbursed @ 87.5%), seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously.
  16. Library Budget Amendment – Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve BA #4 in the amount of \$23,620 to increase revenue and expense for grant funds for the purchase of computer equipment, seconded by Vice-Chair McDermott and the motion carried unanimously.
  17. Sheriff's Department Vehicles – Chief Deputy Kempster was present to answer questions. Vice-Chair McDermott made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2012 Ford Expedition (\$26,579) for the Sheriff's Department, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Owens made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2013 Ford Taurus FWD Interceptor (\$24,405) for the Sheriff's Department, seconded by Commissioner Walker and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Walker distributed a handout entitled "12 Proven Ways to Improve Your Gas Mileage", a copy of which is on file with these minutes, and asked that copies be made available to Sheriff's Department personnel.

18. Manager's Report – County Manager Whitson presented the Western Highlands Area Authority's Fiscal Monitoring Report, FY 2011 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
19. Volunteer Boards for Vote – Paul Nelson was appointed to the Council on Aging by unanimous vote. Pat Dockendorf and Cherie Wright were appointed to the JCPC by unanimous vote. William Boyd was appointed to the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee by unanimous vote.
20. Volunteer Boards for Review – Applications for the Columbus Fire District Tax Commission and the E&TDC were reviewed.
21. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items – There were no citizen comments.
22. Commissioner Comments – The Commissioners thanked everyone for coming out.
23. Closed Session – Commissioner Walker made a motion to enter into closed session to consider and take action with respect to the position to be taken by the County in negotiating the amount of compensation or other material terms of an employment contract, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5), seconded by Commissioner Owens and the motion carried unanimously. No action was taken in closed session.
24. Adjournment – Commissioner Pack made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Owens 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