POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 04, 2026 5:45 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioners Hal Floyd, Michael Gravett, Linda Liles, David McElwee, John Paschal and Chuck Thaxton.

OTHERS PRESENT:

County Manager Matt Denton, Assistant County Manager Connor Hooper, County Attorney Brad McFall, and County Clerk Jaime Armstrong.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chuck Thaxton called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. **Consider approval of agenda for the Regular Meeting of August 04, 2026.**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of August 04, 2026 with the amendment to add Executive Session for Personnel and Pending Litigation. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 07, 2026.**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 07, 2026. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **V26-06: Consider variance request from David Brock for seven foot relief from side setback requirement in a R-1 zone on property located at 360 Meadow Lakes Boulevard, Cedartown (Parcel: 028D-080). Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.**

   The applicant was present at the Work Session to answer any questions the Commissioners may have prior to consideration of the requests at their Regular Meeting.

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the variance request from David Brock for seven foot relief from side setback requirement in a R-1 zone on property located at 360 Meadow Lakes Boulevard, Cedartown (Parcel: 028D-080). Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

2. **Consideration of a proposed annual agreement with Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC for maintenance of the Jail Controls System in the jail in the amount of $18,918.00.**

   The proposed agreement is necessary to help keep our Jail Controls System operational. The agreement includes quarterly inspections and service, two emergency visits, and a $5,000.00 parts allowance. Unused parts allowance will be reimbursed at the end of the year. This will most likely require an amendment to the Sheriff's FY2027 budget during this fiscal year.

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the proposed annual agreement with Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC for maintenance of the Jail Controls System in the jail in the amount of $18,918.00. Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion unanimously.

3. **Consideration for approval of the proposed FY2027 Capital Improvement Plan.**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the proposed FY2027 Capital Improvement Plan. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion unanimously.

4. **Consideration of a resolution amending the daily compensation for Court Bailiffs.**

   Court Bailiffs are frequently being required to work extended days, some cases in excess of twelve hours per day for a daily payment of $75.00. The recommendation is to provide additional compensation in the amount of $35.00 per day for days that extend beyond ten hours, as required by a Superior Court Judge. This will most likely require an amendment to the Sheriff's FY2027 budget during this fiscal year.

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the resolution amending the daily compensation for Court Bailiffs. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion unanimously.

5. **Consideration for participating in the "Fire Apparatus Antitrust Litigation" and authorize the County Attorney to act as necessary on behalf of Polk County and the Board of Commissioners regarding this matter.**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve participating in the "Fire Apparatus Antitrust Litigation" and authorize the County Attorney to act as necessary on behalf of Polk County and the Board of Commissioners regarding this matter. Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

6. **Consideration of a resolution for the purchase of four 2026 Ford Explorers from Prater Ford in the amount of $176,168.72 to be funded from 2020 SPLOST.**

   These 2026 vehicles are on the ground and are the last models before Ford begins changing engine specifications. The 2027's will not be on the ground until spring of 2027. Chief Evans has requested to purchase these police package vehicles that are on the ground at a nearby dealership.

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the resolution for the purchase of four 2026 Ford Explorers from Prater Ford in the amount of $176,168.72 to be funded from 2020 SPLOST. Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

7. **Consideration for submitting a letter of confirmation to GDOT Aviation agreeing to funding terms for the FY2027 Airport CIP Project identified as "Design East Apron Rehabilitation".**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve submitting a letter of confirmation to GDOT Aviation agreeing to funding terms for the FY2027 Airport CIP Project identified as "Design East Apron Rehabilitation". Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion unanimously.

8. **Consideration for approval of a proposed plan dated July 09, 2026 from GDOT regarding the bridge replacement project on Drummond Road identified as PI 0018246.**

   The Board agreed to proceed with this project and provide $50,000.00 for right-of-way in December of 2024.

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the proposed plan dated July 09, 2026 from GDOT regarding the bridge replacement project on Drummond Road identified as PI 0018246. Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

9. **Consideration of a resolution amending the FY2027 General Fund Budget (Amendment #1).**

The proposed amendment corrects the funding source account for lawn care associated with county buildings. The funding was already allocated as an agency allocation in the General Fund Budget; however, the Finance Director advised that it should be paid from the Public Works Budget. This amendment simply moves the funding already allocated from Agency Allocations to Public Works. This does not increase the FY2027 General Fund Budget.

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the resolution amending the FY2027 General Fund Budget (Amendment #1). Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion unanimously.

10. **Consideration of a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to designate a portion of Dean Road to be posted for "No Trucks over Six Wheels".**

Chairman Thaxton stated the Motion as recommended by the Public Works Committee is to designate a portion of Dean Road to be posted for "No Trucks over Six Wheels". Motion unanimously.

11. **Consideration of 1991 International (VIN: 1126) & 1995 International (VIN: 4829) Fire Trucks to be sold on GovDeals.**

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the 1991 International (VIN: 1126) & 1995 International (VIN: 4829) Fire Trucks to be sold on GovDeals. Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

12. **Consideration of the proposed FY 2027 Operating Budget for the Polk County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS).**

Polk County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) has submitted their FY 2027 Operating Budget for consideration. As in previous years, they are using their fund balance to balance their budget. The county will not be providing any funding again this year due to their fund balance, which was $173,000.00 at the end of their FY 2026 budget.

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner McElwee to approve the proposed FY 2027 Operating Budget for the Polk County Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS). Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Denton reviewed the August 2026 Finance Report. He reported that Revenues were at 3.1%, Expenses were at 9.3%, and Agency Allocations were at 7.5%.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner McElwee had no comment.

Commissioner Floyd had no comment.

Commissioners Paschal and Liles expressed their appreciation to all of those in attendance.

Commissioner Gravett echoed Commissioners McElwee and Liles and expressed his appreciation to those in attendance as well as to the employees, as they are the ones in the trenches day in and day out. He also commended the Fire Department after seeing them in action responding to a brush fire.

Commissioner Thaxton mentioned school being back in session and reminded everyone to stay safe. He expressed his appreciation to Polk County employees for their hard work and stated that he is looking forward to this physical year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL AND PENDING LITIGATION

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to enter into Executive Session for Personnel and Pending Litigation. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion unanimously.

RECONVENE

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Second by Commissioner Floyd. Motion unanimously.

ADJOURN

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to adjourn the meeting. Second by Commissioner Floyd. Motion unanimously.

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CHARLES THAXTON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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JAIME ARMSTRONG, COUNTY CLERK