

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 05, 2025 6:00 PM**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioners Hal Floyd, Michael Gravett, Linda Liles, Gary Martin (via phone), 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.

NEWS MEDIA:

Kevin Myrick, Polk.Today.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hal Floyd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Consider approval of agenda for the Regular Meeting of August 05, 2025.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of August 05, 2025. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of July 01, 2025 and Called Meeting of July 09, 2025.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of July 01, 2025 and Called Meeting of July 09, 2025. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. V25-06: Consider request from Bradley McCurdy for 137' variance to front setback for accessory structure in an A-1 zone on property located at 3849 Treat Mountain Road, Cedartown (Parcel 021-010). 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 Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the request from Bradley McCurdy for 137' variance to front setback for accessory structure in an A-1 zone on property located at 3849 Treat Mountain Road, Cedartown (Parcel 021-010). Second by Commissioner Thaxton. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Z25-06: Consider request from Russell Rogers representing Christopher and Erin Parmer for zoning change from A-1 to C-1 on property located at 691 Cave Spring Road, Cedartown (Parcel 024-059). Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial.

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 Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to deny the request from Russell Rogers representing Christopher and Erin Parmer for zoning change from

A-1 to C-1 on property located at 691 Cave Spring Road, Cedartown (Parcel 024-059). Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider a resolution specifying and posting a speed limit on Woodfall Road of 25 mph between Hightower Road and Lee Rd and 35 mph between Lee Road and Cobb Mountain Road.

A resident of Woodfall Road notified Administration of an issue with people speeding on their road and expressed concerns over the unsafe conditions this is causing with a request that speed limit signs be posted. Chief Evans evaluated Woodfall Road due to the public safety concerns and recommended the specified speed limits based on her evaluation.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the resolution specifying and posting a speed limit on Woodfall Road of 25 mph between Hightower Road and Lee Rd and 35 mph between Lee Road and Cobb Mountain Road. Second by Commissioner Thaxton. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider a request from Nathaniel M. Green for a refund of property taxes in the amount of \$214.19.

State Law only allows refunds for the past three (3) years. Following review of the request and information provided by the Tax Commissioner and Tax Assessors Office, the Board of Assessors recommended denial of the refund.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Martin, which died for a lack of Second.

Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to deny the request from Nathaniel M. Green for a refund of property taxes in the amount of \$214.19. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider appointment to the Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Advisory Council.

Marty Robinson expressed interest in being reappointed to serve.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to reappoint Marty Robinson to the Northwest Georgia Region 1 EMS Advisory Council. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider designation of a voting delegate for the 2025 ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference.

This is the official call for the business session at the ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2025 at the Jekyll Island Convention Center in Glynn County. The purpose of this session is to consider policies to be adopted by the membership and other business that may come before the body. Each county may appoint a voting delegate (commissioner or county staff) to cast its county's vote on matters coming before the business session. In order for ACCG staff to conduct the voting process as smoothly as possible, they need the name of the county's delegate no later than Friday, August 29, 2025.

No action taken.

7. Consider agreements between the City of Cedartown, City of Rockmart and Polk County to employ services of the Polk County Board of Elections to conduct Municipal Elections on November 04, 2025.

The agreements follow the same structure as previously approved agreements for Municipal Elections. Each municipality will be required to pay a non-refundable set-up fee in the amount of \$750.00, which will cover basic costs such as qualifying and initial ads. Should the election be cancelled due to no contest, no refunds will be issued thus eliminating additional steps by County Administration offices. At the conclusion of the election, an itemized invoice will be issued to each municipality requesting payment within thirty days of issuance. The agreements also contain a notice regarding nonpayment or late payments.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the agreements between the City of Cedartown, City of Rockmart and Polk County to employ services of the Polk County Board of Elections to conduct Municipal Elections on November 04, 2025. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider the surplus of vehicles, equipment, and furniture to be sold on GovDeals.

August 2025 Surplus List
2004 Ford F-250 (Vin: 1FTNF21L34EA71260)
2006 Ford Crown Victoria (Vin: 2FAFP71W46X156298)
3 Whelen Light Bars
Lot of Courthouse Seats
Lot of Courthouse Benches
7 HP Monitors & 7 HP Keyboards

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the surplus of vehicles, equipment, and furniture to be sold on GovDeals with the exception of the Lot of Courthouse Benches. Second by Commissioner . Motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider recommendation from Personnel Committee to amend Sec. 5 of the Personnel Policy.

The proposed amendment will remove the wording, “Members of the same immediate family shall not be employed in the same department” from Section 5, Part A. There is still a provision in the policy that prevents family members supervising other family members. This item was brought to the attention of Administration for the second time in less than a year. Public Works and Police Dept. both have family members working within same family, just not supervising one another).

Chairman Floyd stated the Motion as recommended by the Personnel Committee is to amend Sec. 5 of the Personnel Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Consider new Alcohol License Application from Mit Patel requesting a Retail Package Outlet license to sell malt beverages and wine for the business known as Jay Ganesh 650 Inc dba Station Express located at 650 Prior Station Road in Cedartown, Georgia.

The applicant recently finalized a commercial lease for the existing building at the above location for operation as a convenience store, and is applying for a Retail Package Outlet license to sell malt beverages and wine. There is a residence across the street from that location. Chief Evans measured the distance between the commercial property and the residence reporting that it measured 295 feet. Though it does not meet the 500-foot distance requirement for residences, there is an exemption in the ordinance that states “where a license is issued to a grocery or convenience store, where the sale of malt beverages and/or wine is incidental to the sale of groceries and other like items, such store shall be exempt from the provisions relating to private residences”. The applicant has completed and met all of the requirements to consider granting approval of the license application.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the new Alcohol License Application from Mit Patel requesting a Retail Package Outlet license to sell malt beverages and wine for the business known as Jay Ganesh 650 Inc dba Station Express located at 650 Prior Station Road in Cedartown, Georgia. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed with Commissioners Gravett, Paschal and Thaxton voting in favor; Commissioners Liles and Martin voted against.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

1. July 2025 Finance Report.

County Manager Denton reviewed the July 2025 Finance Report. He reported that Revenues were at 0.6%, Expenses were at 5.3%, and Agency Allocations were at 1.5%.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin stated he feels they had a good meeting and it bothers him that he cannot be in attendance. He also gave an update on his health thanking everyone for their continued prayers during this time.

Commissioner Gravett had no comment.

Commissioner Paschal thanked everyone in attendance for being there and asked for the communities' continued support as they strive in their efforts to get the county where it needs to be.

Commissioner Liles also thanked everyone in attendance for coming to the meeting and asked that everyone be mindful of the students with school being back in session.

Commissioner Thaxton reiterated Commissioner Liles' comment regarding the students.

Commissioner Floyd mentioned the Public Hearings scheduled for the Millage Rate and explained the reason for the increase. He also expressed appreciation to County Manager Denton for his hard work on the budget.

ADJOURN

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

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HAL FLOYD, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

JAIME ARMSTRONG, COUNTY CLERK