POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 01, 2025 6:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioners Hal Floyd, Michael Gravett, Linda Liles, Gary Martin (via phone), John Paschal and Chuck Thaxton (via phone).

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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 July 01, 2025.**

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of July 01, 2025 with the amendment to include Executive Session for Potential Real Estate Acquisition and Pending Litigation. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of June 02, 2025.**

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of June 02, 2025. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **V25-03: Consider variance request from Robbie Hill for 20' relief from the minimum 30' required access for an A-1 zone on property located at 982 and 990 Aragon-Taylorsville Road, Aragon (Parcel # 058-043A & 058-043*). Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial.**

   No action was taken.

2. **V25-04: Consider variance request from Samuel Whittington for 5.02' relief from the minimum 30' required access for an A-1 zone on property located at 403 Lovvorn Road, Cedartown (Parcel # 031D-001D). 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 Samuel Whittington for 5.02' relief from the minimum 30' required access for an A-1 zone on property located at 403 Lovvorn Road, Cedartown (Parcel # 031D-001D). Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **TA25-02: Consider text amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 700.9 – Definitions of Terms, and Sec. 708.17 – A-1, Agriculture District.**

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the text amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Sec. 700.9 – Definitions of Terms, and Sec. 708.17 – A-1, Agriculture District. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider a request from Travis Carder to de-annex parcel 060-018V from the City of Rockmart.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to discuss the request from Travis Carder to de-annex parcel 060-018V from the City of Rockmart. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Commissioner Liles asked if this is commercial property to which County Manager Denton responded that the property is residential, but the owner operates a business from it and the City of Rockmart relayed that they receive frequent complaints on it. Following further discussion, County Attorney McFall recommended withdrawing the previous motion and motion to table the item due to lack of information and Planning and Zoning not being aware of the request until now as well as a possible consequence to the land owner that he is unaware of.

Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to withdraw the previous Motion and table the request from Travis Carder to de-annex parcel 060-018V from the City of Rockmart. Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider a request from Kyle Schaffer to waive penalties and interest on owed parcel 056-031B.

Kyle Schaffer submitted a request to the Tax Commissioner's Office for all interest and penalties to be waived on his property tax bills claiming he never received any tax notices from their office. Tax Commissioner Amanda Lindsey advised that, despite his claim of never receiving any tax notices from her office, he contacted the office December 03, 2024 to ask for a copy of his bill, and was informed of their payment arrangement form. There was no further contact from Mr. Schaffer and no payments were ever made. Due to the letter of intent to FIFA being returned by mail in March 2025, they realized there was a different address listed in qpublic so another notice was mailed to Mr. Schaffer at that address. On June 03, 2025, Mr. Shaffer requested all interest and penalties be removed from his 2023 and 2024 tax bills in the amount $1,249.14. He was told that they have tried every way possible to get him a bill, and advised him that they accept payments. The interest for 2023 is $364.56 and the penalty is $413.70 totaling $778.26. The interest for 2024 is $260.82 and the penalty is $210.06 totaling $470.88. It was explained by the Tax Commissioner's Office that they cannot waive the interest and penalties without just cause as every taxpayer with delinquent taxes have to pay them. Also, if audited, they have to account for every person who was waived interest and penalties and provide the Department of Revenue with a legitimate reason as to why the fees were waived. Tax Commissioner Lindsey forwarded the request to the Board for a final decision noting that as of June 16, 2025, both 2023 and 2024 tax years remain unpaid with no partial payments.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to deny the request from Kyle Schaffer to waive penalties and interest on owed parcel 056-031B. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider a proposed resolution amending the Clerk of Court FY2025 Budget.

The established level of control for amending departmental budgets states that only the Board can amend the salaries and benefits portion of any approved departmental budget. Being such, the Clerk of Court has requested to move funds from her Retirement and Temporary Salaries to regular salaries to cover gaps in her ARPA Grant funding for April and May.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the proposed resolution amending the Clerk of Court FY2025 Budget. Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Consider a request from the owner/developer of parcel 030A-007 off Collard Valley Road to accept 0.030 acres of property as additional county right of way for Collard Valley Road to accommodate a driveway for a proposed apartment development.**

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the request from the owner/developer of parcel 030A-007 off Collard Valley Road to accept 0.030 acres of property as additional county right of way for Collard Valley Road to accommodate a driveway for a proposed apartment development. Second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Consider an Ordinance Amendment correcting language in Section 34-36 pertaining to Nuisances.**

   The Code Enforcement Officer found an error in the ordinance in reference to sanitary facilities and septic systems. For some reason, the Department of Human Resources is mentioned in this section, and is not needed.

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the Ordinance Amendment correcting language in Section 34-36 pertaining to Nuisances. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Consider the surplus of vehicles and equipment to be sold on GovDeals.**

July 2025 Surplus List	
VIN / SERIAL NO.	**VEHICLE / EQUIPMENT**
2C3CDXAT0EH147946	2014 Dodge Charger
1FDNF21L84EB58454	2004 Ford F250
1LV5095MTBA340032	2011 John Deere 5095 M Tractor
N12707	Challenger MT455B Tractor

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the surplus of vehicles and equipment to be sold on GovDeals. Second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. **June 2025 Finance Report.**

   County Manager Denton reviewed the June 2025 Finance Report. He reported that Revenues were at 77.2%, Expenses were at 88.7%, and Agency Allocations were at 88.0%.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Liles thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Commissioner Martin gave an update on his recovery thanking everyone for their continued prayers and their patience during this time. He also thanked County Manager Denton for his hard work on the budget.

Commissioner Gravett noted that they are at the end of the fiscal year and thanked the department heads for their hard work in managing their budgets.

Commissioner Paschal stated they continue to strive to get the county to where it needs to be adding that it is going to take a lot of work and he encourages everyone to be as involved as possible.

Commissioner Thaxton no comment.

Commissioner Floyd expressed appreciation to his fellow Board members for the work that they do within the Committees and to Administration for all that they do. He also congratulated PIO Olivia Smith and Assistant Manager Hooper on their success with the Citizens Academy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND PENDING LITIGATION

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to enter into Executive Session regarding Potential Real Estate Acquisition and Personnel. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

RECONVENE MEETING

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

ADJOURN

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

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HAL FLOYD, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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JAIME ARMSTRONG, COUNTY CLERK