POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 07, 2026 6:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Commissioner Hal Floyd.

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 Chuck Thaxton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of July 07, 2026 with the amendments to remove items 1 and 9: Z26-08 and Resolution adopting Minimum Standards and Standard Lease Agreement template for the Polk County Airport, and add the following: Consider new Alcohol License Application from Toba Kamal requesting a Retail Package Outlet license to sell malt beverages for the business known as TOBA Hospitality, LLC located at 43 Coots Lake Road in Rockmart and Consider a request from Solarcycle to obtain an updated Letter of Consistency regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan for their Cedartown recycling operations. Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2026.**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 02, 2026. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Z26-09: Consider request from Kathleen Hammonds for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on property located at 1130 Dunn Road, Silver Creek (Parcel: 040-086). 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 Gravett to approve the request from Kathleen Hammonds for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on property located at 1130 Dunn Road, Silver Creek (Parcel: 040-086). Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

2. **Z26-10: Consider request from Julie Shuman for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on property located at 97 Ledbetter Road, Cedartown (Parcel: 036-045A). 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 request from Julie Shuman for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on property located at 97 Ledbetter Road, Cedartown (Parcel: 036-045A). Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

3. **V26-05: Consider request from Louis Macintyre for variance on property located at 388 Airport Road, Cedartown (Parcel: 040-105A) requesting 26' relief from front and rear setback requirements. No recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission.**

   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 McElwee to approve the request from Louis Macintyre for variance on property located at 388 Airport Road, Cedartown (Parcel: 040-105A) requesting 26' relief from front and rear setback requirements (12' relief from side setbacks and outbuilding on existing pad). Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion unanimously.

4. **SU26-04: Consider request from Thomas Mountain Family Farm, LLC represented by Zach Thomas to expand existing special use permit to include an events venue, cottage food products, co-op products and merchandise on property located at 2692 Buchanan Highway, Cedartown (Parcel: 026A-004). Planning 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 request from Thomas Mountain Family Farm, LLC represented by Zach Thomas to expand existing special use permit to include an events venue, cottage food products, co-op products and merchandise (includes business plan as presented) on property located at 2692 Buchanan Highway, Cedartown (Parcel: 026A-004). Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

5. **SU26-05: Consider request from San Juan Rental Company, LLC represented by Tiffany McCrimmon for special use permit for an events venue to hold weddings, corporate events and private events on property located at 1630 Coaling Road, Cedartown (Parcels: 037-041 & 037-041A). Planning 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 McElwee to approve the request from San Juan Rental Company, LLC represented by Tiffany McCrimmon for special use permit for an events venue to hold weddings, corporate events and private events on property located at 1630 Coaling Road, Cedartown (Parcels: 037-041 & 037-041A). Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion unanimously.

6. **Consider the surplus of a 1984 Ford Van (VIN#: 1FDJE37G8EHB80147) to be sold on GovDeals.**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the surplus of a 1984 Ford Van (VIN#: 1FDJE37G8EHB80147) to be sold on GovDeals. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion unanimously.

7. **Consider a resolution designating and posting traffic control on New Harmony Road.**

The proposed resolution will designate and post signage for "No Thru Traffic" on New Harmony Road between GA 100 and Prior Station Road due to resident complaints regarding trucks with trailers using the narrow roadway as a shortcut instead of traveling to the intersection of GA 100 and Prior Station Road.

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the resolution designating and posting traffic control on New Harmony Road. Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

8. **Consider a resolution for the purchase of a Pierce Commercial Pumper (demo model) from sole source provider, Ten-8, in the amount of $580,000.00 to be funded by 2020 SPLOST.**

   The cost of a new pumper is approximately $750,000.00. The opportunity to purchase this demo model offers a great deal for the county. Pumpers were also requested in this year's CIP.

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the resolution for the purchase of a Pierce Commercial Pumper (demo model) from sole source provider, Ten-8, in the amount of $580,000.00 to be funded by 2020 SPLOST. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion unanimously.

9. **Consider approval of comments submittal in response to EPD comments on the Grady Road Landfill 5 Year Permit Renewal.**

   GFL engineers have been working on the second round of EPD comments regarding the five year Permit Review that began in 2021. They are ready to submit their comments, which include D&O Plan amendments to meet current standards, etc. Administration met with them recently and reviewed their submittal.

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the comments submittal in response to EPD comments on the Grady Road Landfill 5 Year Permit Renewal. Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion unanimously.

10. **Consider new Alcohol License Application from Toba Kamal requesting a Retail Package Outlet license to sell malt beverages for the business known as TOBA Hospitality, LLC located at 43 Coots Lake Road in Rockmart.**

    The above application was submitted due to a change in business ownership at this location. Per county ordinance, any change in ownership requires a change of ownership application be approved by the Board. The applicant has completed and met all of the requirements to consider granting approval of the license application.

    Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the new Alcohol License Application from Toba Kamal requesting a Retail Package Outlet license to sell malt beverages for the business known as TOBA Hospitality, LLC located at 43 Coots Lake Road in Rockmart. Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

11. **Consider a request from Solarcycle to obtain an updated Letter of Consistency regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan for their Cedartown recycling operations.**

    Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the request from Solarcycle to obtain an updated Letter of Consistency regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan for their Cedartown recycling operations. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Denton reviewed the July 2026 Finance Report. He reported that Revenues were at 85.0%, Expenses were at 89.4%, and Agency Allocations were at 90.0%.

He also reminded everyone of the Comprehensive Plan Meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. tomorrow, July 08, 2026 at the Lankford Center.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner McElwee expressed his appreciation to all of those in attendance and to those that participated in the Work Session.

Commissioner Paschal had no comment.

Commissioner Liles also expressed her appreciation to all of those in attendance.

Commissioner Gravett echoed Commissioners McElwee and Liles and expressed his appreciation to the employees, as they are the ones in the trenches day in and day out.

Commissioner Thaxton announced that he will not be in attendance for the Comprehensive Plan Meeting due to being out of town and noted that Commissioner Floyd was absent due to having a medical procedure.

ADJOURN

Chairman Thaxton declared the meeting adjourned.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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CHARLES THAXTON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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JAIME ARMSTRONG, COUNTY CLERK