POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 02, 2025 5:50 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

County Manager Matt Denton, Assistant County Manager Connor Hooper, County Attorney Wayne Gammon III and County Clerk Jaime Armstrong.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hal Floyd called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. **Consider approval of agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 02, 2025.**

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 02, 2025 with amendments to include: Consider a proposed resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget, Consider a proposed resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Plan and 2020 SPLOST Budget to add the Jail Cell Renovation Project, and Consider a proposed resolution amending the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Defined Benefit Plan for Polk County Employees pertaining to banked sick leave. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of May 06, 2025.**

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of May 06, 2025. Second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Z25-04: Consider request from Phil Thomasson representing Larry Haney for zoning change from A-1 to C-1 on Tract 1 of 1.851 acres and Tract 2 of 1.577 acres located at 138 Clarkwood Road and 1714 Cedartown Highway, Rockmart (Parcels 054C-021, 054C-021A, 054C-023, and 054C-024A). 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 Liles to approve the request from Phil Thomasson representing Larry Haney for zoning change from A-1 to C-1 on Tract 1 of 1.851 acres and Tract 2 of 1.577 acres located at 138 Clarkwood Road and 1714 Cedartown Highway, Rockmart (Parcels 054C-021, 054C-021A, 054C-023, and 054C-024A). Second by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Consider a proposed amendment to the Polk County Personnel Policy, Section 22 "Holidays and Leave".**

The current retirement documents conflict with the Personnel Policy which make our policy void. The proposed amendment reflects the necessary corrective language for the Personnel Policy to address the issue pertaining to the use of banked sick leave as it relates to retirement.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the proposed amendment to the Polk County Personnel Policy, Section 22 "Holidays and Leave". Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Consider approval of a lease agreement with the State Properties Commission on behalf of the Department of Drivers Services.**

The agreement is a $1/year lease renewal which will renew annually for up to five years.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve lease agreement with the State Properties Commission on behalf of the Department of Drivers Services. Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Consider a proposed resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget.**

The proposed resolution will amend the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget by decreasing the Sheriff's Building Maintenance Budget and other funding sources for the Jail Renovation Project to be added to the Fiscal Year 2025 CIP and 2020 SPLOST Budget.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the proposed resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Consider a proposed resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Plan and 2020 SPLOST Budget to add the Jail Cell Renovation Project.**

The proposed resolution will amend the Fiscal Year 2025 CIP and 2020 SPLOST Budget to add the purchase of and funding for the Jail Cell Renovation Project in the amount of $1,300,000.00.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the proposed resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Plan and 2020 SPLOST Budget to add the Jail Cell Renovation Project. Second by Commissioner Thaxton. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Consider a proposed resolution amending the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Defined Benefit Plan for Polk County Employees pertaining to banked sick leave.**

The proposed resolution will amend the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Defined Benefit Plan for Polk County Employees to include unused leave as additional Credited Service upon retirement.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the proposed resolution amending the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia Defined Benefit Plan for Polk County Employees pertaining to banked sick leave. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. **May 2025 Finance Report.**

County Manager Denton reviewed the May 2025 Finance Report. He reported that Revenues were at 70.0%, Expenses were at 78.4%, and Agency Allocations were at 86.8%.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Liles recognized Rockmart High School Baseball Team on their recent State Championship win, and congratulated Public Information Officer Olivia Smith on the success of the first Citizens Academy sessions.

Commissioner Martin gave an update on his recovery and thanked everyone for their continued prayers. He also congratulated Rockmart High School Baseball Team on their recent State Championship win.

Commissioner Gravett thanked the citizens in attendance for their involvement, they appreciate them being there, and expressed his appreciation for the employees of Polk County.

Commissioner Paschal echoed Commissioner Gravett's comments and encouraged more citizens to become involved with the community.

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 noted that he had the opportunity to attend the initial Citizens Academy session adding that it was very informative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND PERSONNEL

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to enter into Executive Session regarding Potential Real Estate Acquisition and Personnel. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed with Commissioners Gravett, Liles, Paschal and Thaxton voting in favor; Commissioner Martin voted against.

RECONVENE MEETING

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

FURTHER BUSINESS

7. Consider the acquisition of property for a Polk County Fire Station.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the purchase of property for a Polk County Fire Station along Akes Station Road (Parcel 014-076L) in the amount of $35,000.00 for approximately three (3) acres contingent on final review by Administration. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

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

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HAL FLOYD, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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JAIME ARMSTRONG, COUNTY CLERK