POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 02, 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.

NEWS MEDIA:

Jeremy Stewart, Polk Standard Journal.

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 June 02, 2026.**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 02, 2026 with the amendment to remove items 2 and 3: Z26-07 and SU26-03. Second by Commissioner Liles. 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 April 28, 2026. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **TA26-02: Text Amendments to the Polk County Zoning Code of Ordinances, Section 708.15 – CN, Neighborhood Businesses, Section 708.24 – I-1, General Industrial, and Section 708.25 – I-2, Heavy Industrial. Planning Commission recommended approval of C-N and I-2. (Tabled April 28, 2026 until next meeting to extend moratorium until June 02, 2026.)**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the text amendments to the Polk County Zoning Code of Ordinances, Section 708.15 – CN, Neighborhood Businesses, Section 708.24 – I-1, General Industrial, and Section 708.25 – I-2, Heavy Industrial. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Z26-06: Request from John Watkins for zoning change from RA-8 to R-1 on 1.578 acres located Collins Road, Cedartown (Parcels 028B-034, 028B-035, and 028B-036). Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner McElwee to approve the request from John Watkins for zoning change from RA-8 to R-1 on 1.578 acres located Collins Road, Cedartown (Parcels 028B-034, 028B-035, and 028B-036). Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion unanimously.

2. **SU26-02: Request from Chad Carlton for special use permit for a U-Pick strawberry farm located on Mack Jones Road, Aragon (Parcels 046-106* and 046-107). Planning Commission recommended approval.**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the request from Chad Carlton for special use permit for a U-Pick strawberry farm located on Mack Jones Road, Aragon (Parcels 046-106* and 046-107). Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion unanimously.

3. **Consider the abandonment of Bell Road, also referred to as Alabama Road, located in the southwest corner of Polk County.**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the abandonment of Bell Road, also referred to as Alabama Road, located in the southwest corner of Polk County. Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

4. **Consider an appointment of Police Chief Kiki Evans to the Highland Rivers Behavioral Health Board.**

   Assistant County Manager Connor Hooper is the current board member and his term is expiring.

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner McElwee to appoint Police Chief Kiki Evans to the Highland Rivers Behavioral Health Board. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion unanimously.

5. **Consider a proposed Resolution requesting the assistance of our local legislators regarding a Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST).**

   Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the proposed Resolution requesting the assistance of our local legislators regarding a Local Homestead Option Sales Tax (LHOST). Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Denton reviewed the June 2026 Finance Report. He reported that Revenues were at 79.1%, Expenses were at 81.1%, and Agency Allocations were at 83.5%.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner McElwee expressed his appreciation to the voters for their support and congratulated all of the candidates on their campaigns.

Commissioner Floyd echoed Commissioner McElwee's comments and reminded everyone of the Budget Work Session scheduled for Friday, June 05 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Paschal expressed his appreciation to all of those in attendance.

Commissioner Liles also expressed her appreciation to all of those in attendance and wished all of the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Commissioner Gravett had no comment.

Commissioner Thaxton reminded everyone of the Special Election Runoff on June 16, 2026.

ADJOURN

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

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CHARLES THAXTON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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JAIME ARMSTRONG, COUNTY CLERK