POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 04, 2025 6:30 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

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 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. **Consider approval of agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 04, 2025.**

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 04, 2025 with the addition of Executive Session for 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 October 07, 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 October 07, 2025. Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Z25-13: Consider request from Pizano Construction Inc. represented by Joseph Pizano for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on 7.85 acres of property located on Puckett Road in Silver Creek (Parcel #034-025*). 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 Thaxton to approve the request from Pizano Construction Inc. represented by Joseph Pizano for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on 7.85 acres of property located on Puckett Road in Silver Creek (Parcel #034-025*). Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Z25-14: Consider request from David Middleton for zoning change from R-4 to A-1 on 9.291 acres of property located on Wieuca Way in Cedartown (Parcel #025J-080). 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 David Middleton for zoning change from R-4 to A-1 on 9.291 acres of property located on Wieuca Way in Cedartown (Parcel #025J-080). Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **V25-07: Consider request from Jeremy Absher for variance to allow three easements to reduce minimum lot size for event venue on property located at 639 Knox Mountain Road in Rockmart (Parcel # 063-027A). 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 Thaxton to deny the request from Jeremy Absher for variance to allow three easements to reduce minimum lot size for event venue on property located at 639 Knox Mountain Road in Rockmart (Parcel # 063-027A). Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **V25-08: Consider request from Carol Harper for variance to allow use of existing easement as access to newly divided parcel on property located on Brushy Mountain Road in Rockmart (Parcel #065-077). 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 Thaxton to deny the request from Carol Harper for variance to allow use of existing easement as access to newly divided parcel on property located on Brushy Mountain Road in Rockmart (Parcel #065-077). Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **SU25-03: Consider request from W. Wright Gammon Jr. represented by Baker Donelson Law Firm for special use permit for telecommunication tower on property located on Hightower Road in Cedartown (Parcel #045-040). 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 Thaxton to approve the request from W. Wright Gammon Jr. represented by Baker Donelson Law Firm for special use permit for telecommunication tower on property located on Hightower Road in Cedartown (Parcel #045-040). Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **TA25-03: Consider text amendments to Sections 708.01, 708.17 and 710.14 of the Code of Ordinances. Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval.**

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the text amendments to Sections 708.01, 708.17 and 710.14 of the Code of Ordinances. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Consider an amendment to the Polk County 2025 Holiday Schedule.**

   This year as last year, the Christmas Holidays fall such that only one day is left in the workweek, which is Friday, December 26. This amendment would add that day as an additional Christmas Holiday. The Board has approved this amendment in the past. After this year, this will not occur again until December 2030.

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the amendment to the Polk County 2025 Holiday Schedule adding December 26, 2025 as an additional Christmas Holiday. Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Consider an appointment to the Water Authority for a 5-year term expiring March 31, 2030 currently filled by Mr. Grady McCrickard.**

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to reappoint Grady McCrickard to the Water Authority for a 5-year term expiring March 31, 2030. Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **Consider a resolution authorizing the posting of "No Parking" signage along the right of way of Pepper Town Road from Irwin Street to Liberty Street.**

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the resolution authorizing the posting of "No Parking" signage along the right of way of Pepper Town Road from Irwin Street to Liberty Street. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

10. **Consider a resolution authorizing the de-annexation of Parcel #060-029A from the City of Rockmart (approx. 2.215 acres).**

    Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the resolution authorizing the de-annexation of Parcel #060-029A from the City of Rockmart (approx. 2.215 acres). Second by Commissioner Thaxton. Motion passed unanimously.

11. **Consider the surplus of vehicles to be sold on GovDeals.**

November 2025 Surplus List	
Vehicle	**VIN**
2002 Ford F-150	1FTRF17272KD70520
2004 Ford F-150	2FTRF17254CA63323
2004 Ford Ranger	1FTZR11EX4TA09452
2015 Ford F-250	1FDBF2B69FEB32685

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

12. **Consider a proposed resolution recommended by the Finance Committee amending the 2026 Special Revenue (Opioid) Fund Budget.**

    The proposed resolution increases the funding from the Opioid Fund to cover increases in the 2026 Accountability Courts for required matching funds.

    Chairman Floyd stated the Motion as recommended by the Finance Committee is to amend the 2026 Special Revenue (Opioid) Fund Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

13. **Consider a proposed resolution recommended by the Finance Committee designating the use of CARES Act Funds.**

    The resolution officially designates the balance of CARES Act Funds to be part of the General Fund Balance for use as revenue in the FY2026 General Fund Budget. The balance in the CARES Act Fund is approximately $1,108,243.84 plus recent interest. This will slow the use of Landfill Funds in the FY2026 budget.

    Chairman Floyd stated the Motion as recommended by the Finance Committee is to designate the use of CARES Act Funds. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. **October 2025 Finance Report.**

   County Manager Denton reviewed the October 2025 Finance Report. He reported that Revenues were at 22.5%, Expenses were at 27.1%, and Agency Allocations were at 26.2%.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Floyd mentioned the memorial lantern on display honoring Commissioner Gary Martin. He expressed gratitude and appreciation for his friendship with Commissioner Martin and the time he got to spend serving on the Board with him. He also expressed his appreciation for his fellow Commissioners. He announced the deadline for submitting resumes and letters of interest for the District 1 vacancy is November 05, 2025 and the Candidate Forum will be held on November 17, 2025.

Commissioners Thaxton, Liles, and Gravett echoed Commissioner Floyd's sentiments for Commissioner Martin.

Commissioner Paschal had no comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PENDING LITIGATION

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to enter into Executive Session for Pending Litigation. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

RECONVENE MEETING

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

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HAL FLOYD, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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JAIME ARMSTRONG, COUNTY CLERK