POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 02, 2025 6:22 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioners Hal Floyd, Michael Gravett, Linda Liles, Gary Martin (via phone), 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.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hal Floyd called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 02, 2025 with the removal of Executive Session for Personnel. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 05, 2025 and Called Meeting of August 14, 2025.**

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 05, 2025 and Called Meeting of August 14, 2025. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Z25-07: Request from Peter Smith represented by Phil Thomasson for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on property located at 95 Wieuca Way, Cedartown (Parcel 025J-053A). 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 Peter Smith represented by Phil Thomasson for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on property located at 95 Wieuca Way, Cedartown (Parcel 025J-053A). Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Z25-08: Request from Ramonda Jackson for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on property located at 1049 Stringer Road, Rockmart (Parcel 049-035). 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 Ramonda Jackson for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on property located at 1049 Stringer Road, Rockmart (Parcel 049-035). Second by Commissioner Thaxton. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Z25-09: Request from Tina Vollrath represented by Tyler Short for zoning change from C-1 to A-1 on property located at 63 Wimberley Hill Loop, Cedartown (Parcel 036-123C). 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 Tina Vollrath represented by Tyler Short for zoning change from C-1 to A-1 on property located at 63 Wimberley Hill Loop, Cedartown (Parcel 036-123C). Second by Commissioner Thaxton. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Z25-10: Request from Glenn Freels for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on property located at 2139 Old Cedartown Road, Cedartown (Parcel 043-077). 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 Gravett to approve the request from Glenn Freels for zoning change from A-1 to R-1 on property located at 2139 Old Cedartown Road, Cedartown (Parcel 043-077). Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Consider a recommendation from the Finance Committee to update the Building Inspections Fee Schedule to become effective October 01, 2025.**

   Chairman Floyd stated the Motion as recommended by the Finance Committee is to update the Building Inspections Fee Schedule to become effective October 01, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Consider the surplus of a 2019 Ford Escape to be used as trade-in value towards the purchase of a 2025 Police Interceptor.**

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the surplus of a 2019 Ford Escape to be used as trade-in value towards the purchase of a 2025 Police Interceptor. Second by Commissioner Thaxton. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **Consider the purchase of a 2025 Police Interceptor from Prater Ford in the amount of $43,903.84, to be funded by trade in value, insurance proceeds, and drug seizure funds.**

   The 2025 Police Interceptor will be purchased with vehicle trade-in value, drug seizure funds, and insurance reimbursements from wrecked vehicles.

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the purchase of a 2025 Police Interceptor from Prater Ford in the amount of $43,903.84, to be funded by trade in value, insurance proceeds, and drug seizure funds. Second by Commissioner Pa. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Consider a request from Atrium Health Floyd regarding access to certain channels on the County's P25 System.**

   The request from Atrium Health Floyd was to obtain access to the EMA, Fire and EMS channels on the County's P25 System If approved, the Board will need to specify which channels they are allowing Atrium access to in order for EMA Director Dockery to properly program their radio.

   Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the request from Atrium Health Floyd for access to the EMA, Fire and EMS channels on the County's P25 System. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed with Commissioners Gravett, Paschal and Thaxton voting in favor; Commissioners Liles and Martin voted against.

9. **Consider a recommendation from the Ordinance Committee to revise language in Section 3.1.5 of the Polk County Development Regulations pertaining to maintenance of driveways.**

   The proposed amendment will clarify that removal of dirt/mud/gravel in the roadway is the responsibility of the property owner and not the County.

   Chairman Floyd stated the Motion as recommended by the Ordinance Committee is to revise language in Section 3.1.5 of the Polk County Development Regulations pertaining to maintenance of driveways. Motion passed with Commissioners Gravett, Liles, Paschal and Thaxton voting in favor; Commissioner Martin voted against.

10. **Consider a recommendation from the Ordinance Committee to revise language in Sec. 34-1 and 34-3 of the Nuisances section pertaining to recreational vehicles.**

    The proposed revision removes the 14 consecutive day provision for staying in a recreational vehicle, which means if evidence exists that one is living in a recreational vehicle for permanent living quarters, it allows for citations.

    Chairman Floyd stated the Motion as recommended by the Ordinance Committee is to revise language in Sec. 34-1 and 34-3 of the Nuisances section pertaining to recreational vehicles. Motion passed unanimously.

11. **Consider a recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Family and Children Services pertaining to the Department's FY 2026 Budget.**

    DFCS will continue using a portion of their Fund Balance allocated by the County over the course of prior years to fund their FY 2026 budget.

    Chairman Floyd stated the Motion as recommended by the Finance Committee is to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Family and Children Services pertaining to the Department's FY 2026 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

12. **Consider award of bid for maintenance requirements of the Polk County Airport Fuel Farm Facility to Perry Brothers Aviation Fuels in the amount of $69,711.68 to be funded by the 2020 SPLOST.**

    The two bids received in response to the request for providing materials and labor for the maintenance of the Airport Fuel Farm Facility were from Perry Brothers Aviation Fuels in the amount of $69,711.68 and Campbell Oil Company in the amount of $103,904.00. Airport Manager Chuck Beavers reviewed the bid proposals and recommended awarding the bid to Perry Brothers Aviation Fuels in the amount of $69,711.68.

    Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to award the bid for maintenance requirements of the Polk County Airport Fuel Farm Facility to Perry Brothers Aviation Fuels in the amount of $69,711.68 to be funded by the 2020 SPLOST. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

13. **Consider proposed amendments to Exhibit "A" – Tax Abatement Schedule of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) adopted June 2018 between the County, Cities, and Development Authority of Polk County.**

    Development Authority of Polk County President/ CEO Chris Thomas is proposing amendments to the Tax Abatement Schedule to bring the schedule up to date with current times. County Manager Denton has reviewed the proposal and did not see anything concerning.

    Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the proposed amendments to Exhibit "A" – Tax Abatement Schedule of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) adopted June 2018 between the County, Cities, and Development Authority of Polk County. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

14. **Consider a proposed resolution amending the FY 2026 General Fund Budget.**

The proposed amendment increases anticipated revenue for L.O.S.T. and T.A.V.T. due to additional revenue recorded for FY2025, additional taxable revenue anticipated from the 7.500 mill rate, includes restored funding (salary & benefits) for the Animal Control Officer Position that was frozen, and adds required funding for elected officials retirement that was overlooked during budgeting. Overall, the anticipated expenses increased by $300,000.00, and after considering all of the expense increases, the additional revenue allowed the county to reduce other funding sources budget by $216,200.00, which is a step in the positive direction.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the proposed resolution amending the FY 2026 General Fund Budget. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

15. **Consider a proposed Task Order from Oasis Consulting for ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the Old Hwy 278 landfill to be funded by the Landfill Fund Balance.**

The proposed Task Order is in response to a reoccurring issue of methane gas that comes and subsides annually. While now the gas has subsided, the county needs to engage Oasis to attempt to mitigate the issue to try to prevent its reoccurrence in the future. The proposed amount of this Task Order is $17,795.00, which will be funded from the Landfill Fund.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the proposed Task Order from Oasis Consulting for ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the Old Hwy 278 landfill to be funded by the Landfill Fund Balance. Second by Commissioner Thaxton. Motion passed unanimously.

16. **Consider the surplus of various vehicles and equipment to be sold on GovDeals, with proceeds from the three (3) dump trucks being used to assist in the purchase of a newer dump truck.**

September 2025 Surplus List
1999 International Dump Truck (VIN: 1HTGGAHT3XH206507)
1999 International Dump Truck (VIN: 1HTGGAHT5XH206508)
2004 International Dump Truck (VIN: 1HTWXAHT34J017226)
Printers, Monitors, Kitchen Equipment (S.O.)
Filing Cabinets, X-Ray Machine, Furniture (S.O.)
Keyboards, Bookshelfs, Phones, Card Readers (S.O.)
Monitors, Chairs, Shredder (911)

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the surplus of various vehicles and equipment to be sold on GovDeals, with proceeds from the three (3) dump trucks being used to assist in the purchase of a newer dump truck. Second by Commissioner Gravett. Motion passed unanimously.

17. **Consider the purchase of a 2023 Pierce Tanker from Brindlee Mountain in the amount of $460,000.00 to be funded from 2020 SPLOST.**

The 2023 Pierce Tanker from Brindlee Mountain has less than 2,000 miles on it, and if purchased new, this truck would be in excess of over $700,000.00.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the purchase of a 2023 Pierce Tanker from Brindlee Mountain in the amount of $460,000.00 to be funded from 2020 SPLOST. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

18. **Consider approval of the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Plan for Polk County.**

The proposed CIP still has pending funding issues due to an ongoing internal audit of remaining 2014 SPLOST Funds. Administration will need the Board to amend the CIP later to reflect available 2014 SPLOST funds.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Plan for Polk County. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

19. Consider a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Cities of Cedartown, Rockmart, and Aragon regarding implementing a 1% Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST).

Administration has proposed the Digest Ration Method of calculating the division of proceeds from a 1% FLOST with the cities. While there is currently no proposed agreement with the cities, Administration has been advised to go ahead and present the IGA to the Board for approval since it is what they believe to be the only fair and equitable method. The agreement will have to be approved by all entities prior to a referendum for a special election. As previously mentioned, this method uses the finalized net digest from each taxing entity to derive an equal mill rate reduction across each taxing entity.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Estimated Annual FLOST Returns: $8,237,320	**Digest Ratio Method Example**				
	2025 Taxable Net Digest Value	**Ratio of Taxable Net Digest to Total Net Digest**	**Est. Annual FLOST Returns x Net Digest Ratio**	**Property Tax Relief Per Dollar of Taxable Net Digest Value (Column 3 / Column 1)**	**Mill Rate Reduction Value**
Polk County:	$ 1,809,046,420	73.23%	$ 6,032,046	$ 0.0033	3.334
City of Cedartown:	$ 328,548,200	13.30%	$ 1,095,504	$ 0.0033	3.334
City of Rockmart:	$ 289,879,992	11.73%	$ 966,570	$ 0.0033	3.334
City of Aragon:	$ 42,946,504	1.74%	$ 143,200	$ 0.0033	3.334
Totals:	**$ 2,470,421,116**	**100.00%**	**$ 8,237,320**		

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Cities of Cedartown, Rockmart, and Aragon regarding implementing a 1% Floating Local Option Sales Tax (FLOST). Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. August 2025 Finance Report.

County Manager Denton reviewed the August 2025 Finance Report. He reported that Revenues were at 3.6%, Expenses were at 9.7%, and Agency Allocations were at 10.5%.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin thanked everyone that has wished him a happy birthday and gave an update on his health also thanking everyone for their continued prayers during this time.

Commissioner Gravett thanked everyone in attendance for being there and wished Commissioner Martin a happy birthday.

Commissioner Paschal had no comment.

Commissioner Liles wished Commissioner Martin a happy birthday and stated they will continue praying for him.

Commissioner Thaxton had 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.

ADJOURN

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

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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HAL FLOYD, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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JAIME ARMSTRONG, COUNTY CLERK