

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 06, 2026

6:20 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.

MEDIA PRESENT:

Jeremy Stewart, Polk County Standard Journal.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hal Floyd called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Consider approval of agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 06, 2026.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Thaxton to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 06, 2026 with the addition of: Consider the approval of a resolution pertaining to the filling of Board vacancies, and updated surplus list to include (13) Kronos Time Clocks and Accessories. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consider approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 02, 2025.

Chairman Floyd called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of December 02, 2025. Second by Commissioner Thaxton. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider appointment of Commission Chairman for 2026.

Chairman Floyd turned the meeting over to County Attorney McFall to address the election of a Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Polk County Board of Commissioners for 2026.

County Attorney McFall requested nominations for Commission Chairman for calendar year 2026. Commissioner Floyd made a Motion nominating Commissioner Thaxton as Chairman. With no other nominees, County Attorney McFall closed the nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider appointment of Commission Vice-Chairman for 2026.

County Attorney McFall requested nominations for Commission Vice-Chairman for calendar year 2026. Commissioner Floyd made a Motion nominating Commissioner Gravett for Vice-Chairman. With no other nominees, County Attorney McFall closed the nominations. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider approval of the 2026 LMIG Paving List as recommended by the Public Works Director.

The Public Works Director has considered the most desperate paving needs of the County considering all additional input from Administration and Commissioners. This year's list will require approximately \$1,665,823.00 in funding from SPLOST to pave a total of 21.06 miles.

Chairman Thaxton stated the Motion as recommended by the Public Works Director is to approve the 2026 LMIG Paving List. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider a recommendation from the Public Works Committee to designate up to \$66,000.00 from the 2026 LMIG Paving Grant for Paving Labor.

The funds from the 2026 LMIG Paving Grant will be used to provide supplements up to \$6,000.00 per employee per year, to be broken down into bi-weekly payments, for members of the paving crew to attract and keep paving employees.

Chairman Thaxton stated the Motion as recommended by the Public Works Committee is to designate up to \$66,000.00 from the 2026 LMIG Paving Grant for Paving Labor. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider a recommendation from the Public Works Director not to renew an agreement with Floyd County for inmate labor.

Public Works Director Dion Senn has recommended that the agreement with Floyd County regarding inmate labor not be renewed. The quality and consistency of the inmate pool has diminished. The inmate guard has also changed several times, and the current guard is the last possible guard according to the prison administration.

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the recommendation from the Public Works Director not to renew an agreement with Floyd County for inmate labor. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

The proposed amendments change the funding source for the Public Works Pole Barn from the 2014 SPLOST to the 2020 SPLOST, and revises costs to projects with a total reduction of \$33,000.00 to the CIP.

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the proposed amendments to the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan. Second by Commissioner Floyd. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider a proposed Contract for Sale of Real Estate between the Conservation Fund and Polk County, Georgia.

The proposed contract is to purchase the Santa Claus tracts of land from the Conservation Fund and is associated with the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Project (GOSP) grant. The total cost of this property will be paid from the grant.

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the proposed Contract for Sale of Real Estate between the Conservation Fund and Polk County, Georgia. Second by Commissioner McElwee. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Consider a proposed resolution authorizing a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Project Agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

The proposed resolution and agreement will start the process of acquiring the Santa Claus tracts of land from the Conservation Fund and authorize the county to proceed with acquiring the property and completing the project.

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Paschal to approve the proposed resolution authorizing a Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Project

Agreement with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Consider a proposed resolution amending the ACCG 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Polk County Employees to add a Roth option.

The proposed amendment will simply add a Roth option to the existing plan, giving employees another option to invest in their retirement.

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the proposed resolution amending the ACCG 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for Polk County Employees to add a Roth option. Second by Commissioner Floyd. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Consider the surplus of two (2) vehicles, outdated radio and Kronos equipment to be sold on GovDeals.

| January 2026 Surplus List | |
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| Item | VIN |
| 2000 Chevy Tanker | 1GBP7H1C0YJ512238 |
| 2013 Dodge Charger | 2C3CDXATXDH694849 |
| MOTOTRBO Radio System Equipment | (Various mobiles/portables) |
| (13) Kronos Time Clocks & Accessories | N/A |

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner McElwee to approve the surplus of two (2) vehicles, outdated radio and Kronos equipment to be sold on GovDeals. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Consider the surplus of two (2) vehicles to be transferred to the Northwest Georgia Drug Task Force for disposal.

The Northwest Georgia Drug Task Force has been actively working on transferring and replacing vehicles for officers. They recently purchased a 2023 model vehicle for Polk County. As part of that, they have requested that the county surplus the following two vehicles: a 2011 Ford Edge (VIN 2FMDK3KC9BBA99211) to be traded on the purchase of the 2023 vehicle and a 2008 Honda Accord (VIN 1HGCP368X8A0001882) to be auctioned.

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner McElwee to approve the surplus of two (2) vehicles to be transferred to the Northwest Georgia Drug Task Force for disposal. Second by Commissioner Liles. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Consider resolution removing Superior Court Clerk as the Official Manager of Courtroom Space.

The county will be moving to a Courtroom Scheduling Software, which will eliminate the need for the Superior Court Clerk to serve as Manager of Courtroom Space.

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Liles to approve the resolution removing Superior Court Clerk as the Official Manager of Courtroom Space. Second by Commissioner Floyd. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Consider the approval of a resolution pertaining to the filling of Board vacancies.

The proposed resolution outlines the Board’s desire to have Bill LC 47 3804 enacted by the Georgia General Assembly during the 2026 Session that will amend Section 5 – Filling of Vacancies of the Local Acts of Polk County.

Chairman Thaxton called for a Motion. Motion was made by Commissioner Gravett to approve the resolution pertaining to the filling of Board vacancies. Second by Commissioner Paschal. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT

1. December 2025 Finance Report.

County Manager Denton reviewed the December 2025 Finance Report. He reported that Revenues were at 57.6%, Expenses were at 46.1%, and Agency Allocations were at 56.7%.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Liles stated she is looking forward to a good new year under new leadership and welcomed Commissioner McElwee to the Board adding they are glad to have him even under these circumstances.

Commissioner Paschal stated he is also looking forward to the new year and working with his fellow Commissioners to progress the county to the best of their abilities.

Commissioner Gravett welcomed Commissioner Gravett and thanked Commissioner Floyd for his many years of service as Chairman. He thanked the Department Heads and employees for all that they do, and thanked the citizens in attendance for being there with them.

Commissioner McElwee congratulated Commissioner Floyd on a job well done. He feels that the Board and the county has a positive, forward momentum. He appreciates City of Cedartown Manager Edward Guzman for attending stating he is looking forward to working with the City of Cedartown and City of Rockmart municipalities. He expressed his appreciated to the Board for their confidence in him.

Commissioner Floyd stated he has enjoyed his Chairmanship over the years and would like to wish Commissioners Thaxton and Gravett luck in their roles as Chairman and Vice-Chairman. He believes they are positioned for a great year. He also thanked Administration for their support.

Commissioner Thaxton expressed his appreciation to the Board for their confidence in him and thanked Commissioner Floyd for the fantastic job the past eight years serving as Chairman. He will be working on Committee assignments in an attempt to get those out this week or beginning of next week though in the meantime they will continue to operate under the 2025 schedule until then.

ADJOURN

Chairman Thaxton adjourned the meeting.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHARLES THAXTON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

JAIME ARMSTRONG, COUNTY CLERK