# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING APRIL 15, 2024 5:00 PM



# R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building

- 1. Call to Order Chairman Yoder.
- 2. Invocation Commissioner Overholt.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance Chairman Yoder.
- 4. Approval of Agenda.
  - A. Items may be added or removed at this time.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented or amended.

- 5. Consent Agenda Motion to approve the Conesnt Agenda.
  - A. Approval of March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
  - B. 2023 Polk County Community Child Fatality Prevention and Protection Report.
  - C. Tax Refund Request in the amount of \$136.63.Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
- 6. <u>Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.</u>
- 7. Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (SE&SC) Landfill Update Warren Eadus, P.G., President, Quible & Associates, P.C.
- 8. Polk County Schools Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D., Director of Operations.

A. Public School Building Capital Fund (PSBCF) Disbursement Application - Door Locks, Access Controls and Repairs for Tryon, Sunny View, and Saluda Elementary Schools.

Motion to approve the application in the amount of \$23,828.

B. Public School Building Capital Fund (PSBCF) Disbursement Application - Athletic Facility Repairs for Polk County High School.

Motion to approve the application in the amount of \$65,473.

C. Request to transfer \$19,834 from the County's Capital Reserve account to reimburse Polk County Schools for capital expenses paid this year.

Motion to approve the transfer and approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$19,834.

9. <u>Proclamation to declare April 2024 as Child Abuse Awareness Month - Kim Wilson, Senior Program Manager Polk County Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services.</u>

Motion to approve the proclamation and declare April 2024 as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

10. <u>Amendment to Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Agreement with Republic</u> Services - Travis Ballard, Solid Waste Director.

Motion to approve the amended Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Agreement with Republic Services.

- Ambulance Purchase Request Michael Crater, EMS Director.
   Motion to approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$211,927.
- Polk County Rescue Squad Contract Attorney Berg.
   Motion to approve the contract with Polk County Rescue Squad.
- 13. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.
- 14. Commissioner Comments.
- 15. Adjournment

# **AGENDA ITEM**

April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: A.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 

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Regular Meeting
March 18, 2024 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Yoder, Vice-Chairman Melton, Commissioner Beiler, and Commissioner Overholt. Also in attendance were County Manager Pittman, County Attorney Berg and Clerk to the Board Tipton. Absent: Commissioner Moore

- 1. Call to Order Chairman Yoder.
- 2. Invocation Commissioner Beiler.
- 3. <u>Pledge of Allegiance Commissioner Overholt.</u>
- 4. Approval of Agenda
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Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Moore

- 5. Consent Agenda Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
  - A. Approval of March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
  - B. Tax Refund Request in the amount of \$119.61.
  - C. Declare IT equipment as surplus to be sold electronically through Govdeals.

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Moore

6. <u>Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.</u>

There were two citizen comments on agenda items.

7. Polk County Schools Update - Aaron Greene, Superintendent.

Mr. Greene introduced Polk County High School Volleyball Coach, Molly Hill. Ms. Hill thanked the Commissioners for their support during their road to win the state championship. Senior volleyball team members, Makayla Fisher and Ada Kelly then presented the Commissioners with medallions.

Mr. Greene gave an update on the school system, a copy of the quick facts is

hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference. Some of the highlights were that Polk County Schools has ranked in the top 5 in NC for student achievement for a decade, currently at 4th for college prep and 5th for grade level proficiency. He also stated that the school system is idependently ranked in NC as #1 district to teach in, #1 district for best teachers and #2 overall district.

8. Polk County Schools - Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D., Director of Operations.

A. Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) Request - Sixth payment on the Tryon Elementary PreK Addition Project.

Motion to approve the Distribution Request.

Dr. Schweitzer presented the 6th payment request for the Tryon Elementary Pre-K addition. he said the project is on schedule and will be completed in the Spring.

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the Distribution Request in the amount of \$271,341, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Moore

9. <u>Proclamation to declare April 2024 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month - Sandra Halford, Steps to HOPE, Inc.</u>

A represestative from Steps to Hope was not present at the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the Proclamation to decalre April 2024 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Moore

10. <u>2023 Uncollected (Delinquent) Tax Report - Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax</u> Administrator.

Melissa O'Loughlin presented the 2023 uncollected tax report.

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to charge the Tax Administrator to advertise and collect the 2023 taxes by any and all means, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Moore

11. <u>Department of Social Services Compensation Alignment and</u>
Recruitment/Retention Proposal - Josh Kennedy, HHSA Director

Josh Kennedy, HHSA Director gave a presentation a copy of which is hereby

incoporated into these minutes by reference. In an effort to recruit and retain social workers, he requested the approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$19,759 to place all qualified Social Workers in Grade 25, Step 3, minimum, and to add one Adult Protection Services Supervisor and three Social Worker Assistants. Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$19,759 for FY 2024, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Moore

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the positions as requested, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Moore

# 12. <u>Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.</u>

There were two comments on non-agenda items.

# 13. Volunteer Board Application(s)

A. Applications for Consideration: Susan J. Smith - Library Board of Trustees.

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the applicant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Moore

# 14. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Overholt thanked those in attendance, specifically those present to support Child Protective Services. He said he appreciates them advocating for these children. He said the situation is so much more than just throwing money at it and thinking it will get better, but that it is a step in the right direction. Commissioner Beiler thanked the foster parents that came out. He said foster parenting is an incredible sacrifice and thanked those in the county willing to step up and foster. He went on to say that it is pleasure and honor to serve all of Polk County.

Vice-Chairman Melton also thanked those in attendance. He said although we live in the best county, there are still many issues we need to take care of. Chairman Yoder thanked the public in attendance and gave a special thanks to Rep. Jake Johnson and for attending. He also thanked Josh Kennedy and Manager Pittman for their hard work on the recruitment and retention plan for the Social Workers.

# 15. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Moore

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Attest:	POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS		
Kristy A Tipton	Myron Yoder		
Clerk to the Board	Chairman		

# **AGENDA ITEM**

April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: B.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 

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# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FROM THE POLK COUNTY COMMUNITY CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION AND PROTECTION TEAM

## **TEAM MEMBERS**

Dr. John Kornmayer, Team Chair Crystal Gonzales, Polk County Division of Public Health Joshua Kennedy, Director, Polk County Health & Human Services Director Dr. John Kornmayer, Health & Human Services Board Lee Bradley, District Administrator GAL Program Toni Haley, Polk County Schools Dr. Gordon Schneider, LifeSpan Psychological Lynne Barnette, Vaya Andre Overholt, County Commissioner Andrew Murry, District Attorney Cathy Brooks, Partnership for Children of the Foothills Mary Edwards, Be A Voice 4 Kids Dawn Cronan, Juvenile Court Counselor Courtney Edney, Polk County Schools Head Start Michael Crater, Emergency Medical Services Dr. George Kim Kim Wilson, Social Services Senior Program Manager Robin Elliott, Social Services Supervisor Lorna Tessneer, Social Services Supervisor

Submitted - April 2024

# POLK COUNTY COMMUNITY CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION AND PROTECTION TEAM

## 2023 REPORT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## History of the Team:

In response to Executive Order 142 issued in May 1991, the North Carolina General Assembly established the "Child Fatality Prevention System" as codified in Chapter 7B Juvenile Code Article 14. The General Assembly found that the prevention of the abuse, neglect, and death of juveniles is a community responsibility; that professionals from different disciplines have responsibilities for children or juveniles and have expertise that can promote their safety and well-being; and that multidisciplinary reviews of the abuse, neglect and death of juveniles can lead to a greater understanding of the causes and methods of preventing these deaths.

The purpose of the Child Fatality Prevention and Protection System is to assess the records of selected cases in which children are being served by child protective services and the records of all deaths of children in North Carolina from birth to age 18 in order to:

- (i) Develop a communitywide approach to the problem of child abuse and neglect;
- (ii) Understand the causes of childhood deaths;

- (iii) Identify any gaps or deficiencies that may exist in the delivery of services to children and their families by public agencies that are designed to prevent future child abuse, neglect, or death; and
- (iv) Make and implement recommendations for changes to laws, rules and policies that will support the safe and healthy development of our children and prevent future child abuse, neglect and death.

Community Child Protection Teams and Child Fatality Prevention Teams were established in every North Carolina County in 1993. The Director of the Polk County Division of Social Services established the local Community Child Protection Team. The Health Director for the Rutherford / Polk / McDowell Health District established a separate Child Fatality Prevention Team. The Polk County Community Child Protection and Child Fatality Prevention Teams combined into one team in 1994 for meetings to cover both mandates. Team membership and operating procedures were updated during 2013 when the team officially combined into one team.

## Purpose of the Team:

The Polk County Community Child Fatality Prevention and Protection Team is an interdisciplinary group of community representatives who meet to promote a community-wide approach to the problem of child abuse, neglect and dependency. Through collaboration and advocacy, the community is engaged to look within itself to access how resources and services promote child protection and help keep our children safe and healthy. Both families and communities have benefited from the community approach to child protection.

The local purpose of reviewing child abuse and neglect cases is to identify whether gaps and deficiencies exist in the child protective service system; identify needed resources in the community; and to assist the County Director of Social Services in planning for needed services to prevent further abuse or neglect. The team reviews substantiated cases of abuse and severe neglect when it seems there were gaps in services that could have prevented the problem and all deaths of children under the age of 18.

The Polk County Community Child Fatality Prevention and Protection Team meet bi monthly and met six (6) times during 2023: January 18, March 15, May 17, July 19, September 20 and November 15. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic all meetings since March 2020 have been held virtually. The Annual Report to the Commissioners will be presented April 2024.

During 2023, the Team accomplished the following:

- Community Awareness
  - o April Child Abuse Awareness Month
    - Proclamations of April as Child Abuse Awareness in the towns/cities of Tryon, Columbus, and Saluda, and Polk County.
    - Child Abuse Awareness Event was scheduled for April 22nd with local community partners that was cancelled due to weather, but rescheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
    - Planted Pinwheel Gardens were planted throughout the county
    - Yard signs, banners and pole banners were displayed across the county
    - Hosted Darkness to Light Training on April 4<sup>th</sup>
    - Hosted 2 sessions of the training Disable the Label on April 14<sup>th</sup> and Mental Health First Aid September 15, 2023 in conjunction w/ Vaya Health, DSS, and WithAll

## Case Reviews

During 2023, three hundred fifty seven (357) Child Protection reports were made to Polk County Division of Social Services concerning children and families in Polk. Of these reports, two hundred eighty (280) met the legal criteria for an assessment / investigation to be conducted on the allegations of abuse, neglect or dependency by a parent or caretaker. Polk County Division of Social Services provided Child Protective Services to an average of one hundred thirty two (138) children each month.

The Community Child Fatality Prevention and Protection Team reviewed six (6) Child Protective Services cases during 2023 and one (1) State Child Fatality Prevention Case.

The one (1) Community Child Fatality Prevention case reviewed involved Crystal presented the CFPT case for review involving the death of a minor following a crash of his motor-cross bike. The teen was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. The team identified the inherent dangers of riding a dirt bike as a contributory factor. The team recommended community education regarding the dangers, correct motor-cross bike size and horsepower for youth, along with development of technology to better protect riders.

The (6) **Child Protective Services** case reviews included 1 case involving allegations of sexual abuse, 2 cases involving allegations of physical abuse, and 6 cases involving neglect. 2 of the cases involved allegations of abuse and neglect of children with special needs. Specifically, the cases included allegations of substance use/abuse, lack of child development knowledge, physical & sexual, a belief in abusive/harsh discipline and lack of mental health services for both children and parents. Four of the six cases involved parents who had substance misuse issues, and 6 of the children involved tested positive for drugs.

The issues presented in previous Reports to Commissioners remain the same. Substance abuse, mental health, unstable living situations, inadequate parenting to include a belief in harsh discipline, domestic violence, etc., all impact not only the health and wellness of families affected by child abuse and neglect, but also our entire community. In your role as Polk County Commissioner, we ask each of you to join us in a commitment this year to make changes in the lives of our children and families.

The Team developed these recommendations as a guide to improve local systems of care and highlight areas in which services could be improved for children and families state-wide to protect children better in the future. It cannot be known what impact, if any, these recommendations could have had on the reviewed case if they had been in place at the time; however, an investment in prevention NOW and for the next several years will be much more cost effective than waiting until after abuse or adverse experiences occur. The benefits of prevention far outweigh the costs of remediation when our society continues to pay for the results of child abuse and neglect.

During the reviews, the following were identified by the Team relating to child maltreatment:

## **Contributory Factors**

- Substance misuse
- Domestic Violence
- Belief in harsh/abusive discipline
- Stigma related to seeking MH and SA treatment
- Lack of early intervention services
- Lack of appropriate family and social supports
- Children/youth with special needs
- Under /unemployment

- Minimal parenting knowledge/skills
- Parent/caretaker's history of trauma
- Mental Health needs of the parents/children
- Transportation (lack of and/or limited)
- Lack of child development knowledge

## Gaps in Services, system deficiencies or other barriers to child protection

- Comprehensive community awareness and education on substance use disorder and domestic violence including the link between domestic violence and sexual abuse.
- Inadequate mental health and substance misuse treatment services. The community lacks a continuum of care from assessment to recovery, including but not limited to peer support, aftercare, outpatient group, SAIOP, and affordable inpatient treatment for individuals without a pay source.
- Case management for individuals involved in services provided by multiple agencies to include hospitals which would
  ensure children and families followed up with recommended treatment, and/or were visited following a missed
  appointment.
- Funding to creatively develop local services addressing mental health services.
- Education about safe touch and consistent screening for sexual abuse.

- There is inadequate access to comprehensive mental health and substance abuse services within Polk County, due
  in part to a shortage of mental health professionals. Additionally, there is not sufficient integration of care
  between medical and mental health providers. Coordination of treatment between separate health care and
  treatment providers is often hampered by privacy protections and the absence of routine processes for
  coordinating parallel care for individuals with co-occurring disorders and/or conditions.
- Polk County would benefit from enhanced evidenced-based parenting education focused on trauma and special needs.
- Respite services for children/youth with special needs and mental health challenges.
- Limited transportation services for families without, or inadequate transportation.
- Lack of education and support for alternative forms of discipline to physical discipline.
- Access to family planning to include and beyond traditional birth control, such as ways to empower both boys/girls/men/women regarding healthy relationships.
- Polk County needs trauma prevention or reduction services, and services to foster resilience from adverse
  childhood experiences. Primary care providers and other trained professionals commonly screen young children for
  trauma symptoms using the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) inventory. In follow-up, interventions are needed
  to mitigate some potential harmful outcomes that the screening identifies.
- There does not exist enough resources and services aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect.
- Polk County does not currently have a day care provider operating in Polk County.

# Strategies to address gaps in services, system deficiencies, or other barriers to child protection

- The Polk County Joint Community Child Protection Fatality Prevention Team will explore a county-wide campaign to reduce stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorders. Additionally, the team should continue conversations with Vaya Health about the need to recruit more behavioral health programs and providers to Polk County to ensure a more comprehensive continuum of care from education and prevention through high intensity services.
- The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) should continue its work to integrate physical, behavioral health provide continuity of care for clients over time. The workgroup should further explore a universal system for sharing electronic medical records between healthcare providers, allowing physicians and clinicians to quickly access patient information and facilitate better clinical decision-making.
- In conjunction with other community agencies and partners provide community education regarding mental health wellness, and substance misuse as a chronic brain disease emphasizing the impacts across micro, mezzo, and macro levels.
- Support distribution of Stewards of Children and Darkness to Light Training
- Polk County's network of health care providers and educators are encouraged to provide evidence-based health and sex education for all community members. Curriculum should teach youth and adults about safe touch, how to create and sustain safe, healthy and respectful relationships, what consent looks like, how certain factors influence sexual risk behavior, the benefits of being sexually abstinent, the efficacy of contraceptives, the importance of using contraceptives consistently and correctly, the importance of using a condom at the same time as another form of contraception to prevent both sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and pregnancy, healthy communication and negotiation skills, goal-setting and decision-making skills, how HIV and other STIs are transmitted and the health consequences of each, how to influence and support others to avoid or reduce sexual risk behaviors, the importance of limiting the number of sexual partners, and how to access valid and reliable information, products and services related to sexual health and preventive care.
- The Polk County Joint Community Child Protection Fatality Prevention Team should consider and evaluate ways to educate the public about the need for comprehensive health and sex education and explore ways to increase access to a range of birth control options.

- Engage the local District Attorney's Office in having treatment ordered as a part of sentencing for persons who are convicted for offenses that involve substance abuse.
- DHHS should consider re-implementing a service definition and funding for at-risk case management services for individuals with high ACES scores needing evidence-based interventions.
- The Polk County Joint Community Child Protection Fatality Prevention Team should consider advocating for, recruiting, and supporting the implementation and sustainability of evidence-based behavioral health interventions, such as parenting education, family therapy, and individualized treatment for children and families facing adversities and adults suffering from the effects of adverse childhoods. The team should additionally explore a public awareness campaign to build awareness of trauma and foster resilience within the community.
- DSS should consider advocating expanding state funding for prevention, preservation and reunification services, especially in rural counties where resources are scarce.

## **Conclusion**

Our children are the future, and their vision for Polk County will be a reflection of our efforts.

Every child deserves to wake up to a loving family, play in a safe community, and fall asleep with a smile as they dream about the wonders of tomorrow.

(Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina)

# **AGENDA ITEM**

April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: C.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 

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**Suggested Motion:** 

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

# Memorandum

To: Polk County Board of Commissioners

From: Melissa O'Loughlin, Polk County Tax Administrator

Date: 3/3

3/31/2024

Re: Refund Request

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	Amo	<u>ount</u>	Reason
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**TOTAL:** \$ 136.63

# **AGENDA ITEM**

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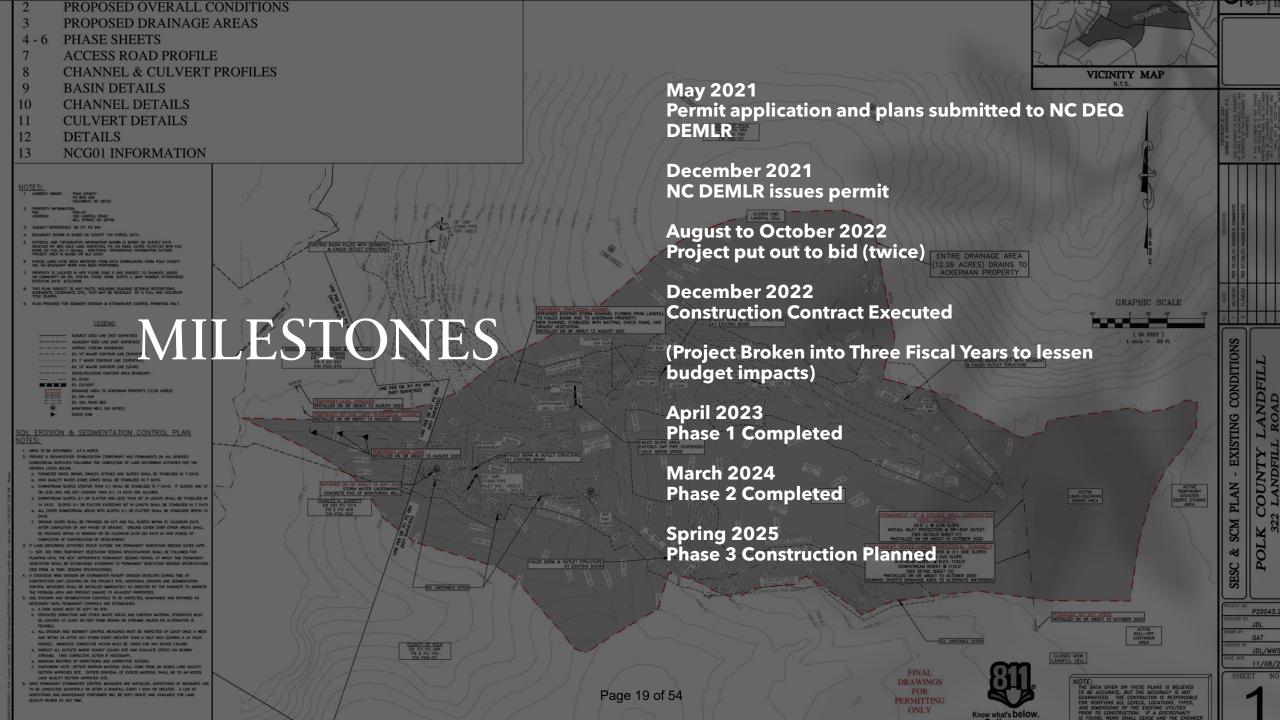
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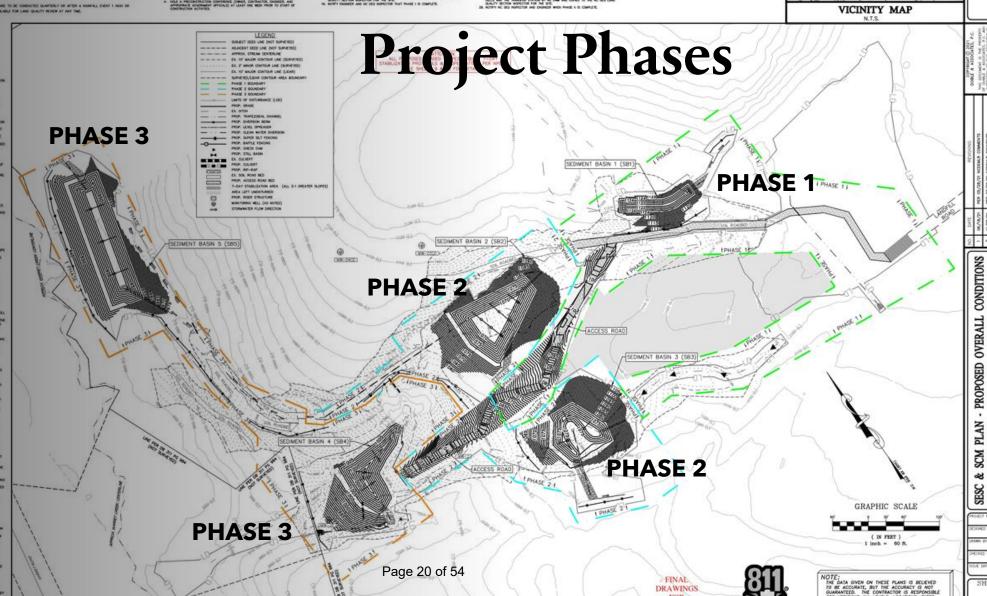








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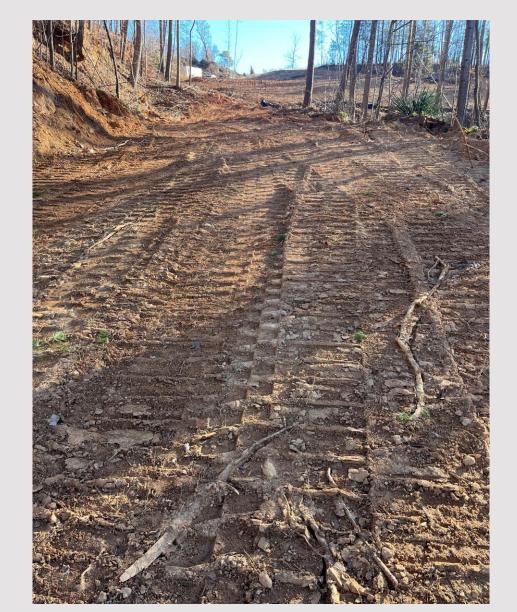


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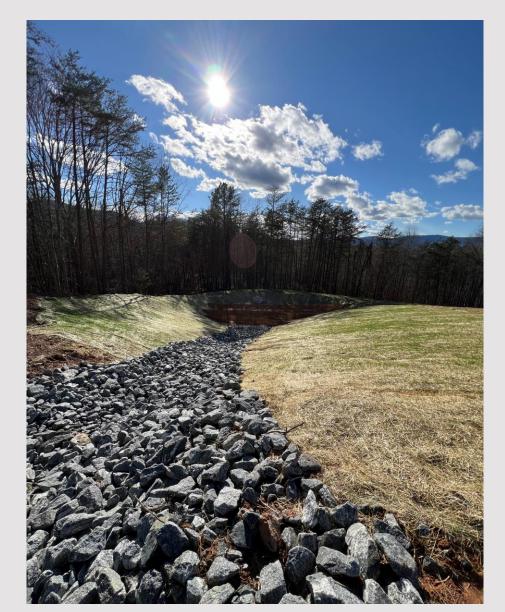


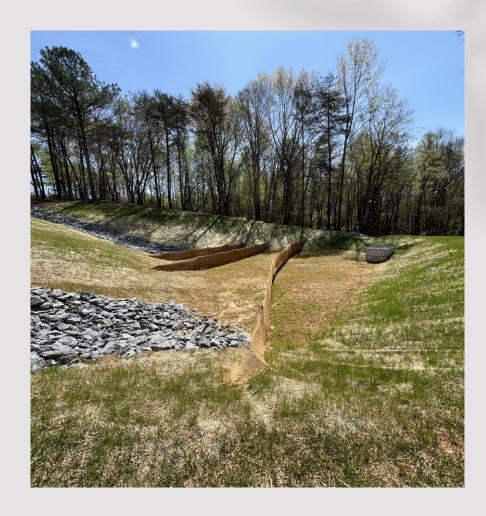
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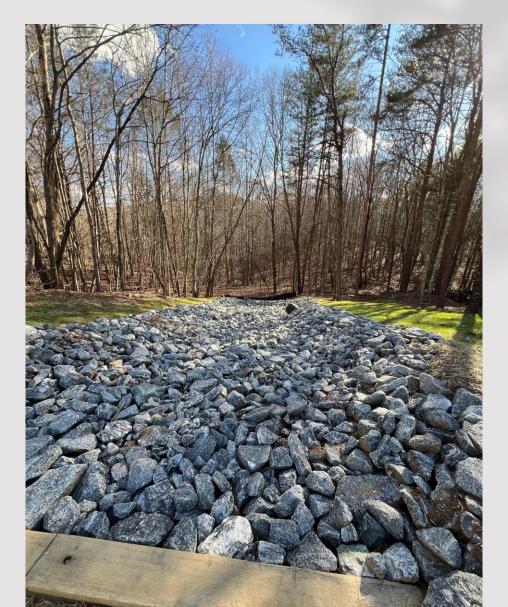
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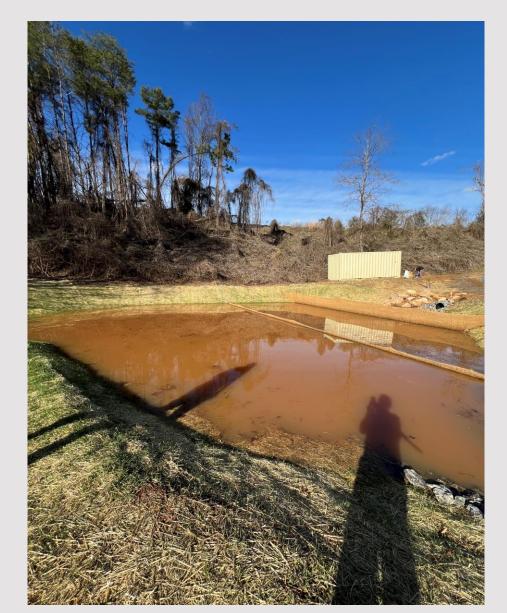




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# **AGENDA ITEM**

April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

# Agenda Item#: 8.

## ATTACHMENTS:

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PSBCF Athletic Facilities	Cover Memo	4/9/2024
Request for Local Capital	Cover Memo	4/9/2024
Budget Amendment	Cover Memo	4/10/2024

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Motion to approve the transfer and approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$19,834.

# APPLICATION PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL FUND NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY

Approved:	
Date:	

County:	Polk	Contact Person:	Brandon Schweitzer
LEA:	750	Title:	Director of Operations
Address:	125 E. Mills Street., PO Box 638, Co	Phone:	828-894-1023
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Project Ti	tle: District - Door locks, Access Controls,	Repairs	
Location:	Tryon Elementary, Sunny View Eleme	entary, Saluda Eleme	ntary
Type of F	acility: Elementary Schools		
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7			4/8/2024
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Form Date: July 01, 2011

# APPLICATION PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL FUND NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY

Approved:	=
Date:	

County: Polk	Contact	Person: Brandon Schweitzer
LEA: 750	Title:	Director of Operations
Address: 125 E. Mills Street., PO Box 638, Co	Phone:	828-894-1023
Project Title: Athletic Facility Repairs		
Location: Polk County High School		
Type of Facility: High School		
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(Signature — Chair, Board of Education)

Form Date: July 01, 2011

(Date)

# Polk County Schools

Sandra Hughes Finance Officer Polk County Government Apr 9, 2024



Dear Sandra,

Polk County Schools is requesting the transfer of **\$19,833.85** from the County's Capital Reserve account. The funds will be used to reimburse Polk County Schools for capital expenses paid this year.

Project	Amount to Reimburse Schools
CTE - Taxes/Tag for Vehicle Purchase	\$1,699.85
District - 28 Passenger Activity Bus	\$17,600.00
District - 28 Passenger Activity Bus (Taxes/Tag)	\$534.00
Total	\$19,833.85

Any questions about this transfer should be directed to Polk County Schools' Finance Officer Debbie Lovelace. Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued support of our schools.

# **ADMINISTRATION**

Aaron Greene Superintendent

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mike Ashworth *Chairman* 

Rick N. Covil *Vice Chairman* 

Lucinda T. Allen

Danielle E. Gibbs

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**Sherry Page** 

**Rob Parsons** 

Sincerely,

**Brandon Schweitzer** 

**Director of Operations** 

Polk County Schools

Stearns Education Center

PO Box 638 125 East Mills Street Columbus, NC 28722 828-894-3051 828-894-8153 fax

www.polkschools.org

# FB approp

DATE: 4/15/2024	BOC Meeting	RVE FUND BALANCE/	BATCH #:		_LINE_	
Dept.: Capital Reser	rve-School Sales Tax	/Transfer to School Cap	oital			
Amendment #:	Fund b	alance/ Additio <u>n #2</u> 4	<u>i</u>			
INCREASE EXPENSE/F	REVENUE		INCREASE FUND	BALANCE APPROPRIATE	<u> </u>	
GL ACCOUNT # 22-8168-9800-0 10-3981-9822 10-5910-6313-0	Trans-out (School Capital) Trans-in Sales tax-School	\$ 19,834 \$ (19,834) (19,834)	GL ACCOUNT # 22-3931-0000	Fund Balance Approp	\$	19,834
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EXPLANATION:	years from the sales	tal Reserve fund baland s tax set-aside computa account for reimburser	ation & to be transfe			
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# **AGENDA ITEM**

April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 9.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 

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# **Suggested Motion:**

Motion to approve the proclamation and declare April 2024 as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

# April 2024 Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Polk County; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves to be loved, cared for, secure, and safe and it is the responsibility of our communities to promote every child's right to a safe, happy and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, 357 reports were made to Polk County Child Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect not only cause immediate harm to children, but can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse and can increase the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems and risky behavior; and

WHEREAS preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of Polk County and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, we must make every effort to promote programs and activities that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among child welfare, citizens, agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together and that all citizens should become involved to provide safe, nurturing environments for children in all areas of their lives – at home, in school, and in the community – offering them the opportunity to grow up to be caring, contributing members of the community;

WHEREAS, **PREVENTION** remains the best defense for our children and families;

NOW, THERFORE, I, Myron Yoder, Board of Commissioner Chair, do hereby proclaim APRIL 2024 as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Polk County, North Carolina and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening the community in which we live.

Adopted this	day of	, 2024.
Myron Yoder, Cl	nairman	
ATTEST:		
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Kristy Tipton, Cl	erk to the Board of C	ommissioners

## POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## **AGENDA ITEM**

April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 10.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 

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# **Suggested Motion:**

Motion to approve the amended Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Agreement with Republic Services.

For the most part the new contract will remain the same as our current contract. The amendments for the new contract are as follows:

- · Contracted hauler; our current contracted hauler is Enterprise. With the new contract NWW will be our new haulers. (They offered Republic the lowest bid)
- Rate for transportation and disposal; The current rate is \$48.41 the new rate will be \$56
- · Annual CPI based on urban consumer water, sewer, and trash collection; our current CPI is locked at 3% with the new contract the locked CPI will increase to 5%. This cost helps cover increase costs related to transportation and disposal of trash.
- · Minimum weight; currently we no longer have a minimum weight meaning we are charged only for what is sent. With the new contract we will be required to maintain a monthly average of 20 tons per trailer. Looking over our weights from previous reports a monthly average should not be an issue.
- Fuel surcharge; the fuel surcharge will remain the same as our current contract. This does not come into effect until the DOE region index exceeds \$3.20 per gallon

We are looking at the new contract having an increase of approximately 185,000.

## POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## **AGENDA ITEM**

April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 11.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 

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## **Suggested Motion:**

Motion to approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$211,927.



04/07/2024

Dear Michael Crater,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of Atlantic Emergency Solutions in response to your recent request for a quote to supply ambulances to Polk County Emergency Medical Services.

At Atlantic Emergency Solutions, we understand the critical role that ambulances play in emergency medical services. We are committed to providing high-quality, reliable, and state-of-the-art ambulances to support the vital work of emergency responders like those at Polk County EMS. Our vehicles are equipped withadvanced technology and features to ensure safety, efficiency, and comfort for both patients and EMS professionals.

I am also pleased to announce the recent opening of our new regional service center located in Asheville. This facility enhances our capability to serve clients in Polk County with greater efficiency and speed. We are factory certified and able to handle warranty claims shall they arise. Being in close proximity, we can assure you of our quick response times and easy accessibility.

One of the significant advantages of choosing Atlantic Emergency Solutions is our team of mobile technicians. These highly skilled professionals are equipped to be dispatched directly to your location, ensuring minimal downtime for your ambulances and reducing the need for out-of-service units to travel for maintenance or repairs. This service is particularly beneficial in urgent situations where every moment counts.

We understand that investing in ambulances is a significant decision. Therefore, we assure you of our full support and commitment to providing comprehensive after-sales support to your team. Our goal is to not only provide youwith exceptional ambulances but also to ensure they are operating at their best at all times.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit our proposal and are confident that our ambulances will meet and exceed the expectations of Polk County EMS. We are excited about the prospect of working together and are committed to supporting the critical work you do in saving lives and serving the community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information or have any questions. We look forward to the possibility of a fruitful partnership.

Thank you for considering Atlantic Emergency Solutions for your ambulance needs.

Sincerely,

James Kirby Regional Account Manager 828.708.0715















# Proposal for Furnishing Ambulance

Department: Attn:	
Upon an order being placed by you, and final acce ambulance and equipment herein named will be r	
	Price
	Total:
attached, delays due to strikes, war, or intentional	shipped in accordance with the specifications hereto conflict, failures to obtain chassis, materials, or other about months from the receipt of order and the
Taxes: Tax is not included in this proposal. In the exempt from sales tax or any other applicable tax qualify for exempt status, it is the duty of the pure	es and/or the proposed ambulance does not
	d, and a purchase order is issued then cancelled or tic Emergency Solutions may charge a cancellation
	d by the laws of the state of Virginia. No additional Emergency Solutions unless agreed to in writing and ergency Solutions.
This proposal is valid	
Sincerely,	























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POLK COUNTY FINANCE BUDGET AMENDMEN DATE: 4/15/2024 Dept.: EMS	NT: GENERAL FU I BOC Meeting	ND BALANCE	BATCH #:		_LINE
Amendment #:	8-F Fund	balance			
INCREASE EXPENSE			INCREASE FUND	BALANCE APPROPRIATE	<u>)</u>
GL ACCOUNT # 10-4370-5000-0	Capital	\$ 211,927	GL ACCOUNT # 10-3991-0000	Fund Balance Approp	\$ (211,927)
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EXPLANATION:  Date approved & en	presentation	ond balance for the pu	irchase of a new ar	nbulance per the	
COUNTY MANAGER		-	FINANCE OFFICE	ER	

## POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## **AGENDA ITEM**

April 15, 2024 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 12.

**Suggested Motion:** 

Motion to approve the contract with Polk County Rescue Squad.