

POLK BOCC RESOLUTION 2024-

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE MEMBERSHIP APPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR THE POLK
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO
EXECUTE AN AMENDED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Section 134 of Title 23 of the United States Code and Section 339.175 of Florida Statutes requires the designation of metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) in urbanized areas, as defined by the US Bureau of the Census; and

WHEREAS, the Polk Transportation Planning Organization serves as the MPO for the Lakeland and Winter Haven Urbanized Areas and is the agency designated to conduct a continuing, coordinated, and comprehensive transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has requested the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to submit a Membership Reapportionment Plan that is based on the 2020 Census and consistent with federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, Section 339.175 of the Florida Statutes describes the membership of the MPO, including the authority of the Governor to apportion membership based on agreement with local governments, geographic location and equitable population distribution; and

WHEREAS, the Polk TPO endorsed its current membership structure as the best means to maximize local government participation in the TPO planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Polk TPO has prepared a Membership Apportionment Plan using the results of the 2020 Census, and this Plan demonstrates that the proposed membership structure apportions voting members on an equitable geographic-population basis; and

WHEREAS, under the MPO designation procedure, member local governments are required to adopt a resolution accepting or rejecting the proposed reapportionment; and

WHEREAS, federal and state laws require the member local governments to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to create a MPO and delineate provisions for its operation; and

WHEREAS, the current Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the Polk Transportation Planning Organization was executed on July 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, there will be a need to update this Interlocal Agreement to reflect the new Membership Apportionment Plan based on the 2020 Census and new federal provisions for the MPO planning process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting convened on July 2, 2024:

1. That the Polk County Board of County Commissioners endorses the TPO Membership Apportionment Plan approved by the TPO Board on October 12, 2023, and as listed below:

JURISDICTION

VOTING MEMBERS

Polk County Board of County Commissioners	Five (5)
City of Lakeland	Six (6)
City of Winter Haven	Three (3)
City of Auburndale	One (1)
City of Bartow	One (1)
City of Haines City	Two (2)
City of Lake Wales	One (1)
City of Lake Alfred	One (1)
City of Davenport	One (1)
City of Fort Meade	One (1)*
City of Mulberry	One (1)*
City of Frostproof	One (1)*
City of Dundee	One (1)**
City of Eagle Lake	One (1)**
City of Polk City	One (1)**
City of Lake Hamilton	One (1)**

*Alternate Voting Membership – South County Bloc

**Alternate Voting Membership – Central County and Ridge Bloc

2. That the Polk County Board of County Commissioners authorizes its Chairman to execute the Amended Interlocal Agreement for the Creation of the Polk Transportation Planning Organization pending the Governor's approval of the Membership Apportionment Plan.

Signed:

Commissioner W. C. Braswell, Chair
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Bill Beasley, County Manager

Approved by the County Attorney as to
form and legal sufficiency:

Randy Mink, County Attorney