



Polk County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes - Final

September 20, 2022 Regular BoCC meeting

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CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 a.m. (MARTHA SANTIAGO, CHAIR)

Rollcall

Present:	Commissioner George Lindsey Commissioner Bill Braswell Commissioner Rick Wilson Chair Martha Santiago Commissioner Neil Combee
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INVOCATION

Bill Dehart, Polk County Fire Rescue Chaplain

A. PRESENTATIONS and RECOGNITIONS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (MARTHA SANTIAGO, CHAIR)

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A.1. Captain Jack Davenport, 100th year birthday recognition.

Minutes: Chair Santiago recognized Captain Jack Davenport for his 100th year birthday on August 6, 2022. She discussed his military career and accomplishments. She said he has been known all his life for his volunteerism. She said he has served as a Chaplain and serves as an active member of the Lake Ashton Veterans Club since 2018. She said he has been married to his wife for 30 years; she said they have raised a dozen children, have 27 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren. She said the City of Lake Wales honored him on his birthday and proclaimed it Jack Davenport Recognition Day. She said they are

honored to have him here today to recognize his career and personal accomplishments. She thanked him for his service to our county and to the county.

Captain Davenport said he is a very fortunate man. He said he had a great life in the Navy and has had a great life with women. He said he has raised a lot of children. He said it has been his privilege to move from Boca Raton to Polk County; he said they are very proud to call Polk County their home. He said he and his wife are very fortunate to be here and thanked the Board.

Commissioner Combee wished Captain Jack another 100 years and asked him his secret to a long life.

Captain Jack said you need to talk to the man above because he makes the decisions. He discussed his first wife who passed away and how he met his second wife.

A.2. Employee Recognition

Minutes: The Board recognized Doug Gable, Jennifer Cooper, Joy Johnson, William Norris, Richard Sharpe, and Julian Garcia for their years of service to the county.

B. CEREMONIAL PROCLAMATIONS

B.1. Opioid Awareness Month

Minutes: The Board proclaimed September Opioid Awareness Month.

County Court Judge Susan Barber said they are so grateful to have an amazing partnership with the Board and the citizens of Polk County. She said they appreciate them using the month of September to raise awareness for opioid and stimulate use disorders. She said they hope to continue long after the month of September raising awareness and promoting education.

C. REQUEST FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC/AUDIENCE AND OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD

C.1. Comments.

Minutes: There were no public comments at this time.

D. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

D.1. Approve Consent Agenda.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Rick Wilson
SECONDER:	George Lindsey
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

E. COUNTY COMPTROLLER (STACY M. BUTTERFIELD, CPA)

E.1. Disbursements.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Neil Combee
SECONDER:	Rick Wilson
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

E.2. Minutes of Regular Board meeting held on September 6, 2022.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Neil Combee
SECONDER:	Bill Braswell
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

F. REQUEST FROM ELECTED OFFICIAL and OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

G. COUNTY ATTORNEY (RANDY MINK)

G.1. Accept Astonia North potable water, wastewater and reclaimed water utility system improvements for ownership, operation, and maintenance by Polk County Utilities. (No fiscal impact)

Minutes: County Manager Randy Mink discussed the Astonia North potable water, wastewater and reclaimed water utility system improvements for ownership, operation, and maintenance by Polk County Utilities.

Commissioner Lindsey recused from voting.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Bill Braswell
SECONDER:	Rick Wilson
AYE:	Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee
Recused:	Lindsey

G.2. Approve the release of a surety in the form of Performance Bond No. GM204411 in the amount of \$152,387 for Astonia North. (No fiscal impact)

Minutes: County Manager Randy Mink discussed the release of a surety in the form of Performance Bond No. GM204411 in the amount of \$152,387 for Astonia North.

Commissioner Lindsey recused from voting.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Rick Wilson
SECONDER:	Neil Combee
AYE:	Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee
Recused:	Lindsey

G.3. Accept a one-year warranty and surety in the amount of \$243,409.46 in the form of Maintenance Bond No. GM204417 Astonia North. (No fiscal Impact)

Minutes: County Manager Randy Mink discussed the one-year warranty and surety in the amount of \$243,409.46 in the form of Maintenance Bond No. GM204417 Astonia North.

Commissioner Lindsey recused from voting.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Neil Combee
SECONDER:	Rick Wilson
AYE:	Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee
Recused:	Lindsey

H. COUNTY MANAGER (BILL BEASLEY)

H.1. Approve agreement with Life Extension Clinic, Inc., dba Life Scan Wellness Centers to perform firefighter physicals. (Estimated annual expenditure of \$695,000.00)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the agreement with Life Extension Clinic, Inc., dba Life Scan Wellness Centers to perform firefighter physicals. He recommended approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Rick Wilson
SECONDER:	George Lindsey
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

H.2. Approve the American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Funding Agreement with Lake Wales Care Center (\$1,000,000.00 one-time expense)

Minutes: County Manger Bill Beasley discussed the American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Funding Agreement with Lake Wales Care Center. He recommended approval.

Commissioner Wilson said this organization along with many others in the county are doing a great job. He said he has known the people with the Lake Wales Care Center for a long time and they have a lot of different programs going on and this is a great way to help them with the ARP funds. He said this a good program and they will do a great job.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Rick Wilson
SECONDER:	George Lindsey
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

H.3. Approve agreement & business associate agreement with Cove Behavioral Health, Inc. to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Second Chance

Program services. (\$819,667.00 three-year expense)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the agreement and business associate agreement with Cove Behavioral Health, Inc., to provide Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Second Change Program services. He recommended approval.

Chair Santiago said this is a good news item and anything they can do for behavioral health is very much needed.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Rick Wilson
SECONDER:	Bill Braswell
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

H.4. Board to authorize the County Manager to execute, on behalf of Polk County, the Low Income Pool Letter of Agreement with the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration for matching funds on behalf of Central Florida Health Care on or before the deadline of October 1, 2022. (\$888,018 not-to-exceed one-time expense).

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley recommended the Board authorize the County Manager's office to execute, on behalf of the Polk County, the Low Income Pool Letter of Agreement with the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration for matching funds on behalf of Central Florida Health Care on or before the deadline of October 1, 2022. He recommended approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Rick Wilson
SECONDER:	Neil Combee
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

H.5. Approve the contract with Lakeland Regional Health to provide primary care services to eligible low-income county residents who are not Polk HealthCare Plan members. (total amount not to exceed \$1,900,000 annually)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the contract with Lakeland Regional Health to provide primary care serves to eligible low-income county residents who are not Polk HealthCare Plan members. He said this funding request was presented to and approved by the Citizens Oversight Committee. He recommended approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Neil Combee
SECONDER:	Rick Wilson
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

H.6. Approve the contract with Tri-County Human Services, Inc. to provide behavioral health services to eligible low-income county residents who are not Polk HealthCare Plan members. (total amount not to exceed \$700,000 annually)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley reviewed the contract with Tri-County Human Services, Inc., to provide behavioral health services to eligible low-income county residents who are not Polk HealthCare Plan members. He recommended approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	George Lindsey
SECONDER:	Neil Combee
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

H.7. Approve the contract with United Way of Central Florida, Inc. to solicit and administer a pilot initiative and provide Navigator services. (total amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 annually)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the contract with United Way of Central Florida, Inc., to solicit and administer a community health care pilot initiative and provide Navigator services. He recommended approval.

Ashley Barnett, United Way, introduced parties present with her today. She said United Way has been established for 75 years. She said a lot of time and preparation has gone into setting this program up for success. She discussed their partners. She said the Board's support of the project is a sign that they are active and united as a community to address the community's most pressing health challenges. She discussed the two branches of this program. She said the Navigators will make citizens aware of the services provided. She said this is a pilot program but is also a place of collaboration where they can work together to better serve the citizens of Polk County.

Christina Jackson, United Way, she said all the studies are showing that the three biggest areas of concern are awareness, behavioral health, and early intervention. She said their partnerships will allow them to reach out to the community members in need, help those that are applicable to the Polk County Health plan, and provide valued services. She thanked the Board for their support.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Rick Wilson
SECONDER:	Neil Combee
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

H.8. Board to authorize the County Manager to execute, on behalf of Polk County, the Low Income Pool Letter of Agreement with the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, for Peace River Center for Personal Development, Inc. behavioral health matching funds on or before the deadline of October 1, 2022. (\$324,220 not-to-exceed one-time expense).

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley requested the Board authorize the County Manager's office, to execute on behalf of Polk County, the Low Income Pool Letter of Agreement with the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Health Care Administration, for Peace River Center for Personal Development Inc., behavioral health matching funds on or before the deadline of October 1, 2022. He said this is the first low-income pool inter-governmental transfer in connection with Peace River Center. He recommended approval.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Neil Combee
SECONDER:	George Lindsey
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

H.9. Board to authorize the County Manager to execute, on behalf of Polk County, the Low Income Pool Letter of Agreement with the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, for Tri-County Human Services, Inc. behavioral health matching funds on or before the deadline of October 1, 2022. (\$860,081 not-to-exceed one-time expense).

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley requested the Board authorize the County Manager’s office to execute, on behalf of the Polk County, the Low Income Pool Letter of Agreement with the State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, for Tri-County Human Services, Inc., behavioral health matching funds on or before October 1, 2022. He recommended approval.

Commissioner Combee said they need to discuss the Board’s significant effort regarding mental health.

Joy Johnson, Health and Human Services, discussed the Low Income Pool program and said they are excited to have participated in this program over the last 14 years. She said they are very fortunate to have a dedicated funding source that many other counties would love to have. She said they have used this funding source to leverage the funds to draw additional funds from the federal government to the local healthcare providers. She discussed the different funding match opportunities the county has participated in. She said over the last 14 years the county has leveraged over \$63 million of the Indigent Healthcare taxpayer dollars to benefit \$97 million. She said this is a great opportunity and they look forward to continuing providing these match opportunities.

Commissioner Lindsey discussed the Mayors Roundtable meeting last week. He said the mayors were asked to comment on the issues their communities are facing; he said behavioral health is one of the issues. He said the county has not done a very good job at getting the word out to their colleagues. He said they have leveraged the people’s money that was passed through a referendum. He said they have done a great job servicing citizens in the county. He said they have an obligation to share their successes with other elected officials on how they were able to leverage the people’s money wisely. He said he is proud of Polk County and there is nothing in any of the other counties that he is envious of. He said they have great relationships with elected officials and the municipalities.

Chair Santiago said she did not know the county had invested so much money into the community. She said behavioral health is a huge need in the community.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Neil Combee
SECONDER:	Rick Wilson
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

I. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (GEORGE LINDSEY)

I.1. Commissioner Lindsey Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Lindsey had no comments.

J. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2 (RICK WILSON)

J.1. Commissioner Wilson Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Wilson had no comments.

K. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (BILL BRASWELL)

K.1. Commissioner Braswell Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Braswell had no comments.

L. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5 (NEIL COMBEE)

L.1. Appoint Ramon Vicioso as a member of the Polk County Sidewalk Advisory Committee for the remainder of the three-year term ending February 29, 2024.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Neil Combee
SECONDER:	Bill Braswell
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

L.2. Commissioner Combee Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Combee had no comments.

M. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4 (MARTHA SANTIAGO, CHAIR)

M.1. Chair Santiago Comments.

Minutes: Chair Santiago said it was an honor to serve at the Mayors Roundtable meeting.

N. LAY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

N.1. Appoint Danielle Bouloute as a member of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for a three-year term, September 20, 2022, through September 20, 2025. (No fiscal impact)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	George Lindsey
SECONDER:	Neil Combee
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

N.2. Appoint Caleb Salmon as a member of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Citizens

Advisory Committee (CAC) for a three-year term, September 20, 2022, through September 20, 2025. (No fiscal impact)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Bill Braswell
SECONDER:	Rick Wilson
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

O. EXPEDITED HEARINGS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2022-089

O.1. Public Hearing (LDCT-2022-7 SE Polk MH) (Adoption Hearing) to consider the adoption of a County-initiated ordinance amending the Land Development Code to add Individual Mobile Homes into the Village Centers and Village Center Cores of the Southeast Polk SAP. (No Fiscal Impact).

Minutes: Land Development Director Ben Ziskal showed slides and reviewed the proposed county-initiated request to amend Table 401.08.01. and Section 401.08.01.K of the Land Development Code to add individual mobile homes in the Village Centers and Village Center Cores of the Southeast Polk Selected Area Plan. He said staff recommends approval.

Chair Santiago opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Rick Wilson
SECONDER:	Neil Combee
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

O.2. Public Hearing (LDWA-2022-23 Smith Access Waiver) (Adoption Hearing) to consider an applicant-initiated request seeking a waiver to Section 705.B of the Land Development Code (LDC). (No fiscal impact)

Minutes: Land Development Director Ben Ziskal showed slides and reviewed the proposed applicant-initiated request for a waiver to Section 705.B, for approval of a residential lot with access through a private unpaved road known as Honeycomb Lane. He said staff recommends approval.

Chair Santiago opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Neil Combee
SECONDER:	George Lindsey
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

P. PUBLIC HEARINGS

P.1. Public hearing to consider adoption of a resolution setting the rate of collection and approval of the non-ad valorem assessment roll for the 2022 Local Provider Participation Fund special assessment and authorizing the County Manager to

execute Letter of Agreement with AHCA.

Minutes: County Attorney Randy Mink discussed the adoption of a Resolution setting the rate of collection and approval of the non-ad valorem assessment roll for the 2022 Local Provider Participation Fund special assessment and authorizing the County Manager to execute the Letter of Agreement AHCA. He gave background information on this program. He recommended approval.

Chair Santiago opened a public hearing.

Danielle Drummond, Lakeland Regional Health President, thanked the Board for their support and expressed her support of this program. She said this will allow them to access much needed funds to make up the deficit they have when caring for Medicaid patients.

Karen Kerr, BayCare Hospitals President, she said she is here in support of this Resolution. She discussed the Medicaid shortfall. She said they get paid .58 cents on the dollar. She said this will help with the cost of rising healthcare costs. She thanked the Board for their consideration.

Jennifer Wandersleben, Advent Health Regional CEO, thanked the Board for their partnership. She said they are ensuring access to quality healthcare in Polk County. She said there are currently 243,000 Polk County residents enrolled in Medicaid. She discussed the funding for Medicaid participants. She said this will help sustain services to the community.

Chair Santiago closed the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	George Lindsey
SECONDER:	Neil Combee
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

P.2. Public Hearing to consider adoption of a Resolution to vacate a portion of platted and unmaintained right-of-way shown as Park Road on the map of Park Place.

Minutes: Wade Allen, Real Estate Services, showed slides and reviewed the proposed vacation of a portion of platted and unmaintained right-of-way shown as Park Road on the map of Park Place. He said there was no objection to this request. He said staff recommends approval.

Chair Santiago opened a public hearing.

Jean Braswell, applicant, discussed the road on her property. She said it has never been developed and the neighbors have no objection. She said this will allow them to have more access to their property.

Chair Santiago closed the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Neil Combee
SECONDER:	Bill Braswell

AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee
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P.3. Public Hearing to consider adoption of a Resolution to vacate a portion of Grassy Lake Street along with platted and unmaintained right-of-way all shown as Second Street on the map of Everett Subdivision.

Minutes: Wade Allen, Real Estate Services, showed slides and reviewed the proposed vacation of a portion of Grassy Lake Street along with platted and unmaintained right-of-way all shown as Second Street on the map of Everett Subdivision. He said there were no objections to the vacation. He recommended approval.

Chair Santiago opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Rick Wilson
SECONDER:	George Lindsey
AYE:	Lindsey, Braswell, Wilson, Santiago, and Combee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minutes: Chair Santiago adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.