



Polk County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes - Draft

December 19, 2023 Regular BoCC meeting

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Rollcall

Present:	Commissioner George Lindsey Commissioner Bill Braswell Commissioner Neil Combee Commissioner Martha Santiago Commissioner Rick Wilson
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CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 a.m. (BILL BRASWELL, CHAIR)

INVOCATION

Murphy Hanley, Polk County Fire Rescue Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (BILL BRASWELL, CHAIR)

A. PRESENTATIONS and RECOGNITIONS

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

C.1. Comments.

Minutes: There was no one from the public wishing to speak.

D. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

E.1. Disbursements.

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

E.2. Minutes of Regular Board meeting held on December 5, 2023.

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

G. COUNTY ATTORNEY (RANDY MINK)

G.1. Approve Land Donation Agreement between Ernie Caldwell Properties, LLC and Polk County in conjunction with a satellite roadway maintenance unit site in the northeast area of Polk County off Ernie Caldwell Blvd. (No fiscal impact)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the Land Donation Agreement between Ernie Caldwell Properties, LLC, and Polk County in conjunction with a satellite roadway maintenance unit site in the northeast area of Polk County off Ernie Caldwell Blvd. He recommended approval.

Commissioner Lindsey recused from voting.

Upon question, Wade Allen, Real Estate Services Administrator, said the intent is to move the wetlands to offset the uplands to give us a more usable location. He said the county bought the 20 acre and the 8 acre parcels to get more expansion off of these parcels. He said this is a temporary site and they are trying to maximize the uplands. He said right now it will be used for a temporary maintenance facility. He said this is being set up for what they decide to use this for in the future. He said the red area is uplands and the rest is wetlands. He said they are looking to co-locate multiple things here. He said they need a good 30 acres in this area.

Commissioner Wilson said this makes the property more valuable and makes it a usable site. He said the wetlands would be off that spot they are looking at.

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

H. COUNTY MANAGER (BILL BEASLEY)

H.1. Approve a Marketing Partnership Agreement with Avelo Airlines to promote commercial passenger air service to the Lakeland Linder International Airport (\$6,000,000 estimated total expense over a period of 5 years)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the Marketing Partnership Agreement with Avelo Airlines to promote commercial passenger air service to the Lakeland Linder International Airport.

Mark Jackson, Tourism and Sports Marketing Director, said this partnership involves three entities; the county, Avelo Airlines and the City of Lakeland. He discussed the improvements to the terminal and the runways. He discussed marketing and how they will work together to drive demand. He said all three parties have done a great job working together. He said they are anticipating around June of next year they will have roughly 2 and 1/2 flights a week and six months later two planes will be based in Lakeland. He said the marketing will be going into about ten destinations and they have allocated about \$100,000 per market for those destinations.

Kris Hallstrand, City of Lakeland Airport Director, said the partnership is real and they appreciate the county's support. She said it will benefit the whole community.

Mr. Beasley recommended approval.

Commissioner Santiago said this is a game changer for the county. She said the Tourist Development Council voted unanimously for this.

Mr. Jackson said we do not have the information on the flight destinations. He said it will be up to Avelo Airlines.

Commissioner Santiago said this is great news and she thanked Mr. Jackson and the City of Lakeland for all they have done.

Commissioner Combee discussed a billboard he saw for Avelo.

Mr. Jackson said it will be averaging 2 and 1/2 flights a week in the beginning.

Ms. Hallstrand said some of the destinations will be released mid-February. She said it will expand in the future.

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

H.2. Approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lakeland to fund a portion of the master plan for the Airport land occupied by the Aerospace Center for Excellence (ACE) and allowing the Tourism and Sports Marketing Division to build a visitor services area in the Lakeland Linder International Airport terminal. (\$175,000 estimated one-time expense)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Lakeland to fund a portion of the master plan for the airport land occupied by the Aerospace Center for Excellence and allowing the Tourism and Sports Marketing Division to build a visitor service area in the Lakeland Linder International Airport terminal. He recommended approval.

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

H.3. Request Board approve construction contract with Cobb Site Development, Inc. for the Lake Buffum boat ramp project. (\$2,148,306.00 one-time cost)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the construction contract with Cobb Site Development, Inc., for the Lake Buffum boat ramp project. He recommended approval.

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

H.4. Approve Amendment 1 to the Impact Fee Credit Agreement for Mirabella Road Extension between Polk County and KB Home Orlando, LLC (Revised One Time Expense in Impact Fee Credits \$1,346,650.85).

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed Amendment 1 to the Impact Fee Credit Agreement for Mirabella Road Extension between Polk County and KB Home Orlando, LLC. He recommended approval.

Upon question, Mr. Beasley said it goes to the entrance of the Mirabella Town Homes and is extended through that development up to that area.

Transportation Director Jay Jarvis said it is maybe half a mile to 3/4 a mile.

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

H.5. Approve construction contract with Killebrew, Inc., CIP amendment and budget transfer for the Benton Street drainage improvements project (\$477,022.98 one-time expense from American Rescue Plan Funds)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the construction contract with Killebrew, Inc., CIP amendment and budget transfer for the Benton Street drainage improvements project. He recommended approval.

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

I. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (GEORGE LINDSEY)

I.1. Commissioner Lindsey Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Lindsey wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2 (RICK WILSON)

J.1. Commissioner Wilson Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Wilson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

K. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4 (MARTHA SANTIAGO)

K.1. Commissioner Santiago Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Santiago wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

L. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5 (NEIL COMBEE)

L.1. Commissioner Combee Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Combee wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

M. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (BILL BRASWELL, CHAIR)

M.1. Chair Braswell Comments.

Minutes: Chair Braswell discussed the school zone traffic cameras. He discussed the handout and said the black is the question and the red is the answer. He said it requires an ordinance and the ordinance has to be specific to each school zone that is covered. He said all costs and all liabilities are covered by the company, they indemnify the county, and it is an open contract and can be terminated without notice at any time. He said after going back and forth with the Sheriff he wanted him to express his objection to these cameras.

He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minutes: Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.