



Polk County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Minutes - Draft

May 16, 2023 Regular BoCC meeting

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CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 a.m. (GEORGE LINDSEY, CHAIR)

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

Murphy Hanley, Polk County Fire Rescue Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (GEORGE LINDSEY, CHAIR)

A. PRESENTATIONS and RECOGNITIONS

A.1. Polk County Roads and Drainage Division - Pavement Management - National Recognition for the James B. Sorenson Award for Excellence in Pavement Preservation

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley recognized the Roads and Drainage Division for the National Recognition for the James B. Sorenson Award for Excellence in Pavement Preservation. He said he cannot be more proud of staff. He said we are one of the leaders in Florida and the country.

Rick Church said this is leading the investment of pavement preservation. He said the criteria for this award is acceptance of pavement preservation by elected officials, general public and employees in the industry; demonstration of the preservation principles; communication techniques; uniqueness of the program; new concepts or

applications; reduced user delays and decreased frequency of reconstruction. He said Polk County was nominated by Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions. He said the county's roadway network includes 2,535 centerline miles of paved roads. He discussed the treatments implemented by the county. He presented the James B. Sorenson Award for Excellence in Pavement Preservation.

Mr. Beasley said this is a national award and we are the first public jurisdiction in the State of Florida to be recognized. He said it says a lot for the community, the team, the vendors, pavement companies and contractors.

Chair Lindsey said our road system is our single-largest asset. He complimented Roads and Drainage Director Jay Jarvis and his team for pursuing this. He said it is a testament to our team and employees.

Mr. Jarvis said staff was reluctant because it was new. He said this led them to moving forward with techniques. He recognized everyone in the audience that was present that helped earn this award.

Commissioner Combee congratulated everyone. He said there was a time when the county was so low on funds that some paved roads were in bad shape and they just removed the asphalt and returned them to clay roads.

Commissioner Braswell said Gap Way Road.

Commissioner Santiago thanked Mr. Jarvis and staff. She said this award is a testament to the dedication.

Commissioner Wilson said they appreciate everything they do. He said it is good to be one of the leaders in the country.

A.2. Employee Recognition

Minutes: The Board recognized Larry Selph and Trenterrel Taylor-Hill from the Roads and Drainage Division for their years of service.

B. CEREMONIAL PROCLAMATIONS

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

C.1. Comments.

Minutes: Terry Jones said he is following up about New Hope Street. He said there are more tanks there. He said it is difficult if they have to evacuate again.

County Manager Bill Beasley said they have met with the Sheriff's office to talk about recent crime data. He said they are talking to the City of Auburndale and Coca-Cola to see how they can improve the truck traffic and avoid being in that community. He said there will be a community meeting within the next couple of weeks to hear from more residents. He said they are looking for the church to sponsor the meeting.

Chair Lindsey said they will find a convenient location. He requested that transportation be provided if needed.

Upon question, Mr. Beasley said there is a barricade at the exit.

D. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

D.1. Approve Consent Agenda.

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

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

E.1. Disbursements.

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

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

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

H. COUNTY MANAGER (BILL BEASLEY)

H.1. Approve a State-Funded Grant Agreement and associated resolutions and amend the budget for unanticipated revenue for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and CIP Amendment and budget transfer for the Thompson Nursery Road Phase II Extension. (\$5,000,000.00 one-time revenue)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the State-Funded Grant Agreement, resolutions and amending the budget for unanticipated revenue for the Florida Department of Transportation and CIP Amendment and budget transfer for the Thompson Nursery Road Phase II Extension. He recommended approval.

A letter will be sent to the delegation for the Board's appreciation.

Mr. Beasley thanked Commissioner Wilson for being the liaison to the legislative group.

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

- H.2. Approve Consultant Services Authorization (CSA) No. 22-083-01 with Burgess and Niple, Inc., (Consultant) for final design services on the Lake Ned Road at Cypress Gardens Road Intersection Improvements Project. (\$318,137.45 one-time expense)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the Consultant Services Authorization No. 22-083-01 with Burgess and Niple, Inc., for final design services on the Lake Ned Road at Cypress Gardens Road intersection improvements project. He recommended approval.

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

- H.3. Approve contract with Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine, Inc. (LVIM) to provide medical services to qualified residents. (Total amount not to exceed \$366,817.89 for the remainder of year 1 and \$546,661.00 annually in years 2, 3 and 4)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the contract with Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine, Inc., to provide medical services to qualified residents. He recommended approval.

Alice Koehler, Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine, Inc., said they provide primary medical, dental and mental health care to the working uninsured. She said they serve about 3,000 people and she said there are about 50,000 residents that could qualify for these services. She thanked the Board for considering this request and for making the indigent health care services so important. She said for every dollar that is invested four dollars is returned to the community.

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

- H.4. Approve the American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Funding Agreement with Central Florida Health Care. (\$799,075.00 one-time expense)

Minutes: County Manager Bill Beasley discussed the American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Funding Agreement with Central Florida Health Care. He recommended approval.

Lawrence Best, Central Florida Health Care, said they are looking to add a third floor. He said this building will have adult and pediatric medical, dental, optometry, a drive-thru pharmacy, diabetes center, a teaching kitchen and they plan to expand the

behavioral health services. He said three sites will be consolidated into this project. He said this will allow an additional 4,800 patients to be seen a year. He said it is a great need for the community.

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

I. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2 (RICK WILSON)

I.1. Commissioner Wilson Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Wilson had no comments.

J. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (BILL BRASWELL)

J.1. Commissioner Braswell Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Braswell had no comments.

K. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4 (MARTHA SANTIAGO)

K.1. Commissioner Santiago Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Santiago had no comments.

L. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5 (NEIL COMBEE)

L.1. Commissioner Combee Comments.

Minutes: Commissioner Combee had no comments.

M. COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 (GEORGE LINDSEY, CHAIR)

M.1. Chair Lindsey Comments.

N. LAY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

N.1. Appoint Nick Miller as a member of the Tourist Development Council for the four-year term, May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2027.

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

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

Minutes: County Attorney Randy Mink reminded the audience of the procedures for public hearings and swore in those who plan to speak.

- O.1. Public Hearing (LDCPAL-2022-14 SPD Revisions Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment) (Adoption Hearing) to consider adoption of a County-initiated Large-Scale Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment to remove development standards for Suburban Planned Developments from the Comprehensive Plan. (No Fiscal Impact).

Minutes: Land Development Director Ben Ziskal discussed the proposed text amendment. He said that staff recommends approval. He said there were no comments from the Department of Economic Opportunity.

The Chair opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

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

- O.2. Public Hearing (LDCT-2022-16 SPD Revisions LDC Text Amendment) (Adoption Hearing) to consider the adoption of a County-initiated request to modify Conditional Use and Open Space standards for Suburban Planned Developments (SPDs). (No Fiscal Impact).

Minutes: Land Development Director Ben Ziskal discussed the proposed text amendment. He said that staff recommends approval.

The Chair opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

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

- O.3. Public Hearing (LDCT-2023-2 Infill Lots Text Amendment) (Adoption Hearing) to consider the adoption of a County-initiated request to amend setback standards for infill lots; modify requirements for the infill of individual lots; and increase the locations for administrative approval of individual mobile homes. (No Fiscal Impact).

Minutes: Land Development Director Ben Ziskal discussed the proposed text amendment. He said that staff recommends approval.

The Chair opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

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

O.4. Public Hearing (LDCPAS-2023-1 Aleph RH CPA) (Adoption Hearing) to consider the adoption of a Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) to change the Future Land Use designation on 1 +/- acre from Business Park Center (BPC) to Residential Low (RL) in the Transit Supportive Development Area (TSDA). (No Fiscal Impact)

Minutes: Land Development Director Ben Ziskal discussed the proposed map amendment. He said that staff recommends approval.

The Chair opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

The motion includes a correction from Residential Low to Residential High.

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

P. PUBLIC HEARINGS

P.1. Public Hearing (LDCCD-2023-1 County Line Road Sub-district Change) (Adoption Hearing) to consider the adoption of a Sub-District Map Change on 35.18 +/- acres from Business Park Center-1 (BPC-1) in the Rural Development Area (RDA) to Business Park Center-2 (BPC-2). (No Fiscal Impact)

Minutes: Land Development Director Ben Ziskal discussed the proposed text amendment. He said that staff recommends approval. He said this has been amended to change the southern 27 acres from BPC-1 to BPC-2. He said the northern eight acres will remain unchanged. He said there was a buffer on the north side; he said the development and storage would be on the 27 acres.

The Chair opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

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

P.2. Public Hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance amending Polk County Ordinance 11-007, the Polk County Structural Maintenance Ordinance, and repealing Polk County Ordinance 21-029

Minutes: County Attorney Randy Mink reviewed the ordinance amending Polk County Ordinance 11-007, the Polk County Structural Maintenance Ordinance, and repealing Polk County Ordinance 21-029. He recommended approval.

Mr. Mink confirmed that this came from staff and the Affordable Housing Committee.

The Chair opened a public hearing; no one spoke.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minutes: Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.