

**Polk County Board of County Commissioners
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 19th, 2026
Courthouse
7:00pm
Benton, TN**

AGENDA

Roll Call

- 1- Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
- 2- Approval of Reports of Offices**
- 3- Approval of Notary: Betty Jane Standridge, Arianna Standridge, Eric Graham, James Meeks, Larry A Filkoff**
- 4- Budget Amendments: Fund 101 #25-27**
- 5- Budget Amendments Polk County School Board: NONE**
- 6- Chilhowee Middle School/Football Field Handicap Restroom: Adam Stone Polk County School System**
- 9- School Board Vacancy District 1 Appointment: Commissioner John Pippenger**
- 10- Les & Sally Moss with lifestyle Building for Senior Center: County Executive Hatcher**
- 11- Stacey Burgess/SETDD: County Executive Hatcher**
- 12- SETDD Possible Grant Funding: County Executive Hatcher**
- 13- Fair Association Water & Building: County Executive Hatcher**
- 14- Proposal: Office Building and Polk County Show Barn Upgrades: County Executive Hatcher**
- 15- Opioid Expenditure Recommendation: County Executive Hatcher**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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POLK COUNTY TRUSTEE**

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FROM: GINA BURCHFIEL, TRUSTEE
DATE: February 28, 2026
SUBJECT: BAL OF ACCOUNTS AS OF
February 28, 2026

<i>COUNTY GENERAL</i>	9,601,079.55
<i>SANITATION</i>	1,223,655.77
<i>DRUG CONTROL FUND</i>	201,084.81
<i>HIGHWAY/PUBLIC WORKS</i>	1,002,048.55
<i>GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL</i>	5,062,226.55
<i>SCHOOL FEDERAL PROJECTS</i>	147,510.01
<i>CAFETERIA FUND</i>	36,405.05
<i>TEACHERS FUND</i>	0.00
<i>GENERAL DEBT SERVICE</i>	1,875,587.11
<i>CAPITOL PROJECTS AIRPORT</i>	8,876.48
<i>INDUSTRIAL PARK</i>	0.00
<i>SANITATION PROJECTS</i>	0.00
<i>CAPITOL OUTLAY BUILDING</i>	2,432,259.25
<i>CAPITOL PROJECTS BUILDING FUND</i>	579,975.00
<i>CAPITOL PROJECTS COUNTY GENERAL</i>	912,346.82
<i>WATER LINE</i>	0.00
<i>HOUSING REHAB</i>	0.00
<i>CAPITAL PROJECTS-PATROL CARS</i>	151,690.38

Proposal: Office Building and Polk County Show Barn Upgrades

Submitted to: Polk County Commission

Submitted by: Polk County Fair Association

Date: 03/09/2026

Purpose:

The Polk County Fair Association is requesting approval to construct a small office building at the county show barn to support administrative operations, event coordination, vendor management, and record storage for Fair Association.

Current Need:

The Fair Association currently operates without a permanent office space. During events such as the Polk County Fair and livestock shows, organizers must rely on temporary workspaces to manage registrations, vendor coordination, communication, and record keeping. An on-site office would significantly improve organization, efficiency, and event management.

Proposed Project:

The proposed project would include the construction of a 14x32 office building located on the show barn grounds near the newly constructed Soil Conversation Pavillion which will be staked off for a visual of precise location for the County Commission to view. The office would provide:

- Administrative workspace for event management
- Vendor and participant check-in area
- Secure storage for records and supplies
- Meeting space for event coordination
- Access to electricity, internet, and climate control

Funding:

The construction of this office building will be fully funded by the Polk County Fair Association. This project will not require a request of county funding, allowing the Association to have an on-site office without requesting financial assistance of the Commission.

Benefits to the County:

- Improved management of the Polk County Fair and livestock events
- Better support for youth agricultural programs such as 4-H and FFA
- Increased efficiency for vendors, volunteers, and event organizers
- Long-term infrastructure improvement for the Fair Association

Additional Community Improvement

To give back to the community and improve the experience for those who attend and participate in events at the show barn, the Polk County Fair Association also plans to install two large circulation fans inside the show barn and adding a third later. These fans will improve airflow and ventilation during livestock shows, the county fair, and other community events held in the facility. This addition will make the environment more comfortable for exhibitors, animals, vendors, and visitors. This is the Fair Association gesture of gratitude for the community support received. Should the Fair Association leave or disband for any reason the fans will remain as a permanent improvement to the show barn as our contribution to the community.

Estimated Cost

The office building and installation of three show barn circulation fans will be paid for by the Polk County Fair Association. This project will not require a request of county funding.

Request:

The Polk County Fair Association respectfully requests approval from the Polk County Commission to proceed with the construction of the office building at the county show barn.

Sincerely,

Loretta Rummel

Polk County Fair Association President

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Customer	Invoice Details	Payment
polk county executive catricelowe@yahoo.com po box 128 benton, TN 37307	PDF created March 2, 2026 \$72.00	Due March 16, 2026 \$72.00

Items	Quantity	Price	Amount
Notice of schooll board vacancy published on 3-5-2026	1	\$72.00	\$72.00
Subtotal			\$72.00

Total Due \$72.00



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3/2/26*

Public Notice Pursuant to T.C.A. § 5-5-111 and all other law

There is hereby given Notice of Vacancy on the Polk County School Board in District ONE (1) with such vacancy scheduled to be filled at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Polk County Commission on Thursday, March 19th., 2026 at the Polk County Court House in Benton, Tenn. at 7: p.m.

This appointment shall take effect from appointment from the County Commission until a newly elected school board member for the unexpired term takes over September 1st., 2026.

Anyone wanting to make recommendations for the appointment on the school board may submit such recommendation(s) in writing to the chairman of the county commission prior to the meeting (this may be done in the Polk County Clerk's Office) or they may be submitted in person at the meeting.

.For a person to be nominated to the position, a member of the commission must make such nomination. Nominations do not require a second. If a person nominated is not present, the commissioner making the nomination must submit a signed statement from the nominee that the nominee is willing to serve.

Applicant requirement:

- Be at least 18 years old;
- Hold a high school diploma or G.E.D;
- Not fall within TCA 8-18-101(1)-(5) (or other laws) which are those unable to run for public office.
- Shall reside within the district to be filled and represented.

Organization	Amount requested	Approved use	Scorecard
Transitional Accountability Program (T.A.P)	\$ 20,000.00	Primary Prevention, Treatment, Recovery support, Education & Training	75
Boys & Girls Club	\$ 20,000.00	Primary Prevention, Education & Training	77
Crescendo	\$ 16,727.00	Harm Reduction, Recovery Support, Education& Training	74
Volunteer Behavioral Health	\$ 40,000.00	Treatment	82
CASA	\$ 29,796.96	Primary Prevention, Recovery Support, Education & Training	84
Dream Center of the Ocoee Region	\$ 10,000.00	Not approved by board - zoning issues	0

This is restricted money that must be spent on opioid use. Amendment will follow. All applications received are listed above.