

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Courthouse  
Benton, Tennessee

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Polk County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session, on the 15th day of January, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse, Benton Tennessee. This meeting complied with the provisions of TCA 8-44-101 et seq. with each commissioner being notified of the meeting, notices posted on the bulletin board of the county courthouse and the news media was also notified.

A quorum of commissioners was present, namely:

Keith Barker	Mush Davis
Shane Bowman (absent)	Christy Hardin
Greg Brooks	Kelley Morgan
Danny Carver	John Pippenger
Debbie Davis	Samantha Trantham

Jackie Rogers, County Clerk of said Board of Commissioner’s was in attendance as well. Chairman Greg Brooks is declared the meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the following proceedings were had and entered into record to-wit:

(1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Samantha Trantham made a motion to approve all unapproved minutes as presented. Commissioner Mush Davis seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes                      Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved

(2) APPROVAL OF REPORTS OF OFFICES

Commissioner Samantha Trantham made a motion to approve the reports of offices as presented. Commissioner Kelley Morgan seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes                      Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

(3) APPROVAL OF NOTARIES:

Commissioner Samantha Trantham made a motion to approve notaries Gloria Hayes and Nellie Smith as presented. Commissioner Mush Davis seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

(4) BUDGET AMENDMENTS: FUND 101 #21

Commissioner Samantha made a motion to approve all budget amendments #21 as presented. Commissioner Mush Davis seconded the motion. Chairperson Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

(5) BUDGET AMENDMENTS POLK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION: NONE

(6) PARKRIDGE ER FACILITY: COMMISSIONER KELLEY MORGAN

Members with the Parkridge free standing ER came to do a presentation to the board of commissioners on the building of the ER in Bradley County and asking for the support of the county. NO VOTE

(7) FREE STANDING ER (MARITHA SILVERS): COMMISSIONER JOHN PIPPENGER

Maritha Silvers a citizen of Polk County, presented to the commissioners the down side of having the free standing ER in Bradley County. Said it would benefit Polk County more if we had one in our county. NO VOTE

(8) DUCKTOWN COURTHOUSE: COMMISSIONER KEITH BARKER

Commissioner Keith Barker made a motion for the Old Ducktown Courthouse that is to be sold be transferred to the IED board now that all the title issues are cleared up and the money of the sale will go towards the new Ducktown Courthouse. Commissioner Mush Davis seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Yes	Samantha Trantham	Yes

9 Yes Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

(9) SANITATION UPDATE: COUNTY EXECUTIVE HATCHER

County Executive Hatcher gave an update on the sanitation site at South Polk School. NO VOTE

(10) COURTHOUSE UPDATE: COUNTY EXECUTIVE HATCHER

County Executive Hatcher gave an update on the Courthouse in Benton. Stating that the roof is now complete on all repairs. NO VOTE

(11) AG APPOINTMENT: GREG PAXTON

Greg Paxton brought in front of the board the reappointment of board members, Debbie Davis, Rebecca Boyd, Sheena Hair and L W Smith to be reappointed to another 2 year term, and to recommend that Johnny Dunn to replace Sam Hood who has served the maximum a person can serve consecutively.

Commissioner John Pippenger made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Samantha Trantham seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks asked for a roll call vote, with the vote as follows:

Keith Barker	Yes	Mush Davis	Yes
Shane Bowman	(absent)	Christy Hardin	Yes
Greg Brooks	Yes	Kelley Morgan	Yes
Danny Carver	Yes	John Pippenger	Yes
Debbie Davis	Pass	Samantha Trantham	Yes

8 Yes 1 Pass

Chairman Greg Brooks declared the motion approved.

Entering into the minutes, acknowledgement of the Report on Debt Obligation for the lease of buses for the Polk County School System. No vote was required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ADJOURN

Commissioner John Pippenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Commissioner Kelley Morgan seconded the motion. Chairman Greg Brooks announced the meeting adjourned.

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Greg Brooks, Chairman

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Jackie Rogers, County Clerk