POLK COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WORK SESSION

December 2, 2013, 2:00-6:00 P.M.

R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building

Columbus, NC

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chair Gage, Vice-Chair Owens, Commissioner Gasperson, Commissioner Holbert and Commissioner Pack. Also in attendance were Interim County Manager Pittman, Clerk to the Board Fehrmann, and citizens.

1. Call to Order – Chair Gage called the meeting to order.
2. Invocation – Vice-Chair Owens gave the invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Saluda Mayor Fred Baisden led the pledge.
4. Economic Development Work Session – Robert Williamson of Strategic Work Systems, Inc., reviewed the “Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats” analysis completed by the Commissioners prior to the work session, as well as the “Ranked Polk County Economic Development ‘Facts’”, copies of which are hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes. Mr. Williamson then presented the first draft of the proposed Economic Development Policy & Strategic Plan, a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes. Commissioner Gasperson said the equine “industry” should not be classified under the farming category in the proposed plan. Chair Gage recommended adding Agricultural Economic Development Director to Section 6.0 – Organization Structure. Another economic development work session on the proposed Economic Development Policy & Strategic Plan was scheduled for January 13, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. in the Polk County Library meeting room.
5. Adjournment – Commissioner Pack moved to adjourn the work session, seconded by Vice-Chair Owens and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST: POLK COUNTY BOARD

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Beth Fehrmann Ted Owens

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