

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2015

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Pope were present.

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2015.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY** – Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director requested approval to declare a 1978 GMC Bucket Truck, ID #T938 as surplus property. This truck was used by Public Works, then the Fairgrounds, but has been taken out of service. There is no potential for resale; however, it can be sold for scrap at an estimated value of \$816.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DECLARED THE 1978 BUCKET TRUCK, ID #T938 AS SURPLUS PROPERTY.

4. **STAFFING SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer reminded the Board that Hal Cuffe, current Support Enforcement Prosecutor, will be retiring this week. Originally, District Attorney Aaron Felton wanted to staff this position with a 0.5 FTE support Enforcement Prosecutor, who would then work the other 0.5 FTE as a regular prosecutor. However, this arrangement would have been a \$25,000-\$30,000 impact to the General Fund, so DA Felton decided to keep the staffing of this position status quo.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

a. **ASTER STREET** – Todd Whitaker. informed the Board that approximately ten years ago, a developer paved and curbed Aster St. outside West Salem. Because of septic permitting issues, the area was never developed. After problems with illegal dumping on this road, neighboring landowners requested the road be gated, and no further maintenance was done on the road. Recently, a real estate developer contacted Todd to request the county start maintaining the road. Todd explained that the County would do vegetation management, but would not make capitol improvements on the road.

b. **HANNA RD.** – Todd Whitaker explained that Hanna Rd. currently serves two businesses and no homes, and receives heavy truck traffic from these businesses. In March 2011, the road was in need of patch paving, which one of the businesses (Scott's) split the cost for. The road is now in need of additional maintenance, and Todd requested direction from the Board as to how to proceed. The County could downgrade the road, return the road to gravel, or complete a 4" overlay on the 1.2 mile road. The Board directed Todd to contact each of the businesses about cost sharing the overlay option before making a decision.

c. **CLOW CORNER UPDATE** – Todd updated the Board on the Clow Corner/ Hwy 99 interchange. Due to increased environmental regulations, upcoming ODOT road construction projects are expected to be over-budget, which is causing ODOT to pull funding from other projects to make up the difference. The Clow Corner/Hwy 99 project is one of those that is at risk of losing funding (\$1.46 million). However, ODOT is looking into pulling the Greenwood Rd./Hwy 51 project to use on the Clow Corner/99 project. Also, Commissioner Pope and Todd have both had conversations with Tim Potter at ODOT, who is also looking into using leftover Hwy 99 Amity to Monmouth paving funds for this intersection.

- d. **PROPERTY SALE REQUEST** – Greg Hansen informed the Board that the County owns a .34 acre piece of property off Alsip Rd. This property is of no use to the County, and the adjacent property owner has requested to purchase the property.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE SALE OF THE COUNTY OWNED .34 ACRE PROPERTY ON ALSIP RD.

- e. **DRUG COURT UPDATE** – Greg Hansen updated the Board on Drug Court. The Court Administrator and Drug Court Coordinator failed to submit an RFP on time for the Criminal Justice Commission's grant cycle for funding in the next biennium (approximately \$125,000 per year for two years). Behavioral Health staff is now working on a proposal for the CCO Board for funding to maintain the program until the next RFP cycle in 2017, but at a diminished capacity. The Board expressed concern that if the County is able to 'bail out' the Drug Court program, the County still does not have oversight of the program, and no guarantee that this will not happen again in the future.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: June 9, 2015