

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 21, 2015**

1. At 9:03 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 JULY 14, 2015.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **VACATION OF UNNAMED RIGHT OF WAY IN BALLSTON** – Eric Berry, County Surveyor presented a request from the Eola hills Charter School to vacate an unnamed right of way in the unincorporated community of Ballston. This right of way is adjacent to the Ballston school property that burnt down, and Eola Hills Charter School is planning on rebuilding. All adjacent property owners consent to the vacation, and therefore, no public hearing is required. A Board Order for the vacation is on the consent agenda for Wednesday, July 22.

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

a. **STEP 3 HIRE REQUEST** – Aaron Felton, District Attorney, requested permission to hire a new employee for the Support Enforcement position at a Step 3. This person has a Civil & Administrative law background, which should be a good fit for the Support Enforcement position.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE STEP 3 HIRE REQUEST.**

b. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, informed the Board that Deputy Shon Latty is now out of the hospital following a car accident over the weekend. Once the swelling in his shoulder goes down the doctor's can determine if surgery is needed. It is likely that he will not be able to return to work through the remainder of the calendar year. The State Police are conducting the investigation and should have the report done within two days. With Deputy Latty out, the Sheriff will likely pull Deputy Williams from the jail to cover Patrol, leaving the jail even more understaffed. The hiring process is moving forward however, and one new jail position started last week. One applicant is also through background and should be offered employment if physical and psych tests are passed. In the patrol division, interviews are continuing this week. One lateral position is through background and should be offered employment if physical and psych tests are passed. Two other lateral positions are in the background process.

c. **FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE** – Greg Hansen reported that the water main work continues at the fairgrounds. The project is still on schedule to be completed and landscaped prior to the start of the annual fair. The only thing that won't be finished is to install fencing.

d. **PUBLIC WORKS** – Greg Hansen reported that Todd Whitaker is now back. Chip Seals are scheduled to start in 2 weeks on Corvallis Road and moving north.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:20 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill  
Approved: July 28, 2015