

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 31, 2016

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

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE**
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2016.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST**– Sheriff Garton presented a request for Detective John Williams to travel to Hoover Alabama, June 20 & 21 to attend a training on a mobile device forensic tool at a facility run by the United States Secret Service. All costs associated with the training are paid for by the Secret Service.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST.

4. **SOLAR FARM AGREEMENTS** – Doug Schmidt, County Assessor, informed the Board that he has been contacted by TLS Capital Inc., who is looking at two properties in the County for a potential solar farm. HB 3492 gives an option for counties to enter into a 20-year agreement with solar projects to pay a fee per megawatt in lieu of property taxes. The fee in lieu of property taxes is computed at a rate of \$7,000 per megawatt. Based on Doug’s calculations, over the 20 year period, with a 2.2 megawatt capacity, the solar farm would save approximately \$15,000 with the in-lieu of taxes agreement (326,000 vs. 308,000). This agreement is an incentive for companies to develop solar farms in Polk County.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO DRAFT A SOLAR FARM AGREEMENT.

5. **PLANNING COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT** – Bill Farmer, a member of the Polk County Planning Commission, has a position that is up for reappointment. The previous Board of Commissioners appointed Mr. Farmer, and prior to reappointment the Board requested to meet and interview him.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO DRAFT THE MEMO FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

6. **BCN BUDGET** – Scott Tiffany provided a memo of the proposed BCN Budget, which will be decided at the BCN Budget Committee Meeting. The projected revenue is less than the current fiscal year, with expenses expected to be \$4.04 million more than expected revenue. Scott Tiffany is proposing using the contingency fund (approximately \$8 million) to offset the shortfall. The Board of Commissioners will attend the BCN Budget Committee meeting next Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 2pm at the BCN Office, 965 Ryan Dr. SE, Suite 150, Salem, OR 97301.

7. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.) None.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: June 7, 2016