

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2016

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Wheeler declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Pope were present.
2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2016.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **INDEPENDENCE TOURISM** – Shawn Irvine with the City of Independence, reported that the legislature is increasing their focus on tourism, and the City is interested in working together to leverage these funds. The Scenic Willamette Bikeway is currently being promoted by bicycle tourism groups as running from West Salem, along Hwy 22 to the sky bridge at Oak Knoll, down Rickreall Road to Hwy 99, to Monmouth/Independence, then across the Salem-Independence bridge to River Rd. in Marion County. The route from Salem to Monmouth is in the Polk County Transportation Systems Plan as the preferred commuter route for bicycles (recreational biking routes not included in TSP). Shawn would like to add “Share the Road” signage on Rickreall Road (2-4 signs). That could be installed by Public Works by September.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE REQUEST TO ADD SIGNAGE TO RICKREALL ROAD.

For Phase 2, the City of Independence would like to identify what improvements are needed on Corvallis Road from Independence to the Buena Vista Ferry for bicycles (instead of using River Road), and seek funding to make these improvements.

Shawn Irvine also reported that the old gravel pit site in Independence (now called Independence Landing) has a developer that is interested in building an 80 unit hotel and 150+ apartment complex (should have signed development agreement within 2 months). There is additional infrastructure improvements that the City would need to make for the property shovel ready, that the City would like to use Urban Renewal funding for these improvements. Projects of this size require notice to taxing districts (including Polk County). Shawn will keep the Board informed as the project progresses.

4. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **TREASURER POSITION:** Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, reported that in January, the Board passed a resolution to change the Treasurer’s position, with the intent of hiring a Fiscal Officer. The resolution states the job duties of a treasurer, but a job description for the Fiscal Officer needs to be created over the next few months.
 - b. **DALLAS ECO DEVO SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented some supplemental information from Ron Foggin, Dallas City Manager, on the Business Development Grant Application submitted by the City of Dallas. The economic development funding is placed in a trust. The City of Dallas had budgeted \$17,000 in FY 15-16, but were notified in April that they would need to apply for the funds. At that time, \$5,500 of the anticipated funding had already been spent for economic development purposes.

At 09:40 a.m., County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with your attorney regarding your legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed, and ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including

written advice from your attorney. Although the public is excluded, no vote may be taken in executive session. Written minutes from the meeting are on file in the Board of Commissioners' office, but are confidential under ORS 192.660.

Commissioner Wheeler called the meeting back into regular session.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO PROCEED AS DISCUSSED.

Commissioner Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: July 19, 2016