

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 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 AUGUST 30, 2016.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **SHERIFF UPDATE** – Sheriff Mark Garton reported that today is the first day for the Sheriff’s Mobile Crisis team. The City of Salem team is not yet up and running, so the County team will be covering West Salem for the next couple of weeks until they are active. This team will be working out of an office in the Jail. The normal shift is 2pm to midnight. The Sheriff has a hiring pool for corrections officers, and is expected to fill two vacancies in the jail: one deputy has resigned, and one is being transferred to Patrol. The Patrol division will have a new liaison to the Schools position starting next week. A second deputy has also been assigned to the POINT team.

4. **MERIT GRANT** – Forrest Peck, with the MERIT Program, presented a CDBG application that the City of Independence will be submitting to the Infrastructure Finance Authority for a MERIT Grant expansion. Mr. Peck requested the Board sign an MOU and letter of support for the grant to allow persons living outside the City of Independence to be eligible to participate in the program. The grant anticipates assisting with the development of 26 businesses: 12 in Polk County and 14 in Marion County. This program, on average has 20-30 businesses per year that are still open after 2 years.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED SIGNING THE MERIT GRANT MOU.

5. **DOAKS FERRY ROAD** – Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, reported that the preliminary design on the Doaks Ferry Road realignment is complete and the right of way acquisition has begun. This design does eliminate the existing alignment and access at Doaks Ferry Road. The estimated cost has increased by approximately \$600,000 due to the addition of the right of way acquisition cost that was not in the original budget. This budget shortfall has caused a delay in the project schedule; Todd anticipates the construction will not be until 2018 unless the shortfall can be resolved. The Board requested a meeting be set up with ODOT to discuss the project budget and timeline.

6. **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, reviewed the two Business Development Grant Applications received so far. The first from the Dallas Youth Garden and the second from the City of Monmouth. The Board requested additional time to review the City of Monmouth’s application, but think that the Dallas Youth Garden is a great program for job training for local youth. The garden has utilized over 40 interns in the program this year, and produces about 5,000 pounds of produce for the Dallas Food bank annually.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED FUNDING THE CITY OF MONMOUTH’S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT REQUEST.

7. **SURPLUS PROPERTY UPDATE** – Greg Hansen, reminded the Board that last week, he reported that the surplus property on Brown Road had one sealed bid from a surplus property buyer, and an offer via email from an elderly adjoining property owner. After reviewing the records, Greg recommends that the Board reject the sealed bid, and work with the adjoining landowner to purchase the property.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SURPLUS PROPERTY.

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

Commissioner Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: September 13, 2016