

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES September 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

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

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
 Morgan Smith, County Counsel
 Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The meetings are held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda.

Department Head/staff meetings with the Board of Commissioners are held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room and are conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The principal subjects anticipated to be considered are on-going, upcoming, and new matters bearing on County operations. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects not listed within this announcement.

The Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 10 am to consider a road hazard pursuant to ORS 368.266 to consider a road hazard in the Courthouse conference room.

The Board of Commissioners will attend a Mid-Willamette Jobs Council meeting on Friday, September 16 at 1pm at 626 High St NE Suite 305.

The Grand Ronde Sanitary District Board of Trustees will hold their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:15 am in the Courthouse Conference Room.

3. COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

The following employee was recognized for their length of service to the County:
Noelle Carroll –10 years

Commissioner Wheeler recessed the meeting. At 10 am, Commissioner Wheeler called the meeting back into regular session.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Wheeler opened the public hearing regarding County Road Hazards at 9100 Harmony Rd., Sheridan. Todd Whitaker presented a power point presentation. The violations of this road hazard documented by Public Works' staff include, illegal driveway access (violation of PCO § 31.120), road signs visible from the County Road (violation of ORS §368.256), and the roadside concrete block planter (violation of ORS §368.256).

Mr. Whitaker gave an overview of the timeline of events leading to these violations: Public Works sent a letter to the property owner(s), John & Donna Hornsby on June 28, 2016 notifying them of the violations and ordered the hazards abated by July 24, 2016. A response letter was received by the property owner on July 11, 2016 refuting the road hazards. The Hornsby's did not abate the road hazards, and on August 8, 2016, Polk County notices the public hearing due to the continued violations.

Staff explained that Mr. Hornsby attended a court hearing on Monday regarding a code enforcement citation for the operation of an illegal business on the property. The Judge declared the business as illegal and Mr. Hornsby was given two weeks to remove the business. Mr. Hornsby was not in attendance at this hearing. Staff explained that if the Board orders the abatement of the hazards, and Mr. Hornsby does not comply, the Public Works department can then enter the property to abate the hazards at the cost to the landowner.

Mike Moritz, 7305 Emerson Rd., farms property on Harmony Road, and testified that this summer, he had to re-route all of his trucks to Hwy. 18 to avoid the dangerous conditions caused by the brick planter Mr. Hornsby constructed on the corner of Moritz Road and Harmony Road.

Hans Koennecke, 9095 Harmony Rd., testified that Mr. Hornsby's fence sits 5 feet inside the right-of-way, he then parks trailers along the fence, which greatly impedes the view at the intersection.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT AN ORDER FOR BOARD SIGNATURE THAT MANDATE THE THREE ROAD HAZARDS BE ABATED BY THE HORNSBY'S BY OCTOBER 5, 2016.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Order 16-14 will be on the agenda for the following Wednesday Board Meeting, September 21, 2016.

At 10:20 a.m., Commissioner Wheeler asked if there was a need for executive session. Staff answered that there was not and the meeting was adjourned.

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- (a) **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – CONTRACT NO. 16-166**
Approve Contract No. 16-166 with Oregon Social Learning Center for participation in a transitional housing study of supervised offenders.

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Jennifer Wheeler, Chair

Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

Craig Pope, Commissioner