

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES February 15, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

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

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
 Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services 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.

There will be no Board of Commissioners' meetings on Tuesday, February 28 and Wednesday, March 1 due to lack of a quorum.

3. COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Pope opened the public hearing. Greg Hansen reviewed the proposed general obligation bond, which is proposed at 10-years, \$10 million dollars, for the May 2017 ballot. Mr. Hansen explained that the county has historically passed a bond every ten years, alternating between a road bond and a facility bond (last facility bond was for construction of a new jail). The current road bond is expiring this year, which is at a rate of \$0.52/\$1,000. Mr. Hansen

explained that the proposed facility bond would equate to approximately \$0.22/\$1,000 the first year, and will average \$0.20/\$1,000 over the life of the bond.

This bond would finance improvements to the courthouse complex (roof replacement, exterior upgrades, windows, elevator replacement, HVAC), jail (roof replacement), Public Works (interior remodel, roof replacement, exterior upgrades), Academy Building (parking lot, landscape, walkway upgrades), and the Fairgrounds (main building exterior upgrades, flooring, HVAC, kitchen upgrades, ADA bathroom upgrades, parking lot, walkway upgrades).

E.M. Easterly of 775 Fir Gardens NW, Salem, testified in favor of the bond. Mr. Easterly pointed out that the breakdown of facility improvement estimates provided by Mr. Hansen totals nearly \$11 million, and requested the Board consider increasing the amount of the bond to \$15 million, to allow enough cushion to address all the capital improvement needs within the county, and also to keep property taxes at a level that is manageable for the County to pass another road bond in 10 years. Mr. Hansen explained that although there are more upgrades needed at the fairgrounds beyond what is proposed in the levy, \$10 million is an adequate amount to get most of the facilities up to a level of maintenance that can be maintained for the next 10-20 years.

Steve Milligan, 266 Clay St., Monmouth, and Mayor of Monmouth, testified in favor of the bond. Mr. Milligan explained that the City of Monmouth recently completed a capital improvement project on a police facility, and found that the estimated costs were lower than reality. Mr. Milligan expressed concern that the County's facility upgrades budgeted for \$10 million, would end up costing closer to \$12-13 million, with no way of paying for it so some projects would not get done. Mr. Milligan recommended increasing the amount of the bond to allow more contingency/reserves. Mr. Milligan also offered his services as a mayor with the campaign for the bond.

Jean Sherbeck, reminded the board that approximately six years ago, the Fair Board and Fair Foundation completed architectural renderings of the fairgrounds with a new building. Commissioner Pope explained that those plans were not endorsed by the Board of Commissioners, and at this point, the maintenance and management of a new building at the fairgrounds is not feasible. The location creates a challenge with regard to water/sprinkler needs.

At 09:25 a.m., Commissioner Pope recessed the meeting and the public hearing was continued until 7 p.m.

At 7 p.m. Commissioner Pope called the meeting back into session and re-opened the public hearing. Mr. Hansen gave an overview of the proposed bond measure and reviewed the testimony provided at the morning's public hearing session.

No members of the public testified.

Commissioner Pope closed the public hearing

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED, TO PLACE 10-YEAR, \$10 MILLION GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ON THE MAY 2017 BALLOT.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Hansen will prepare a resolution and notice of bond election for the February 22 agenda.

At 07:10 p.m., Commissioner Pope 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) **SHERIFF'S OFFICE – CONTRACT NO. 17-16**
Approve Contract No. 17-16 with the City of Monmouth for Cupid's Knoll communications tower lease.
- (b) **PUBLIC HEALTH – CONTRACT NO. 17-17**
Approve Contract No. 17-17 with Marti Baird for nursing services.
- (c) **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – CONTRACT NO. 17-18**
Approve Contract No. 17-18 with Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network for Rental Assistance Services.
- (d) **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – CONTRACT NO. 17-19**
Approve Contract No. 17-19 (Amendment 13 to Contract No. 15-84) with Oregon Health Authority for Behavioral Health Services.
- (e) **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – CONTRACT NO. 17-20**
Approve Contract No. 17-20 with Marion County to form the Mid Valley Behavioral Care Network.

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Craig Pope, Chair

Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

Jennifer Wheeler, Commissioner