

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES March 29, 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 Ainsworth and Commissioner Wheeler were present.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
 Morgan Smith, County Counsel

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 joint public hearing with the Dallas City Council on April 3, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas, Oregon concerning amendment of the Dallas Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) to include the Dallas Golf Club property located at 11875 Orrs Corner Rd.

There will be no Board of Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday, April 4 & Wednesday, April 5 due to budget hearings.

Polk County Budget Hearings will be held on Monday, April 3 through Thursday, April 6, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Courthouse conference room, 850 Main St., Dallas, OR 97338.

3. COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Morgan Smith added item 7. Solar Farm Discussion, to the agenda.

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

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 MARCH 22, 2017

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2017.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. SOLAR FARM DISCUSSION

Morgan Smith reminded the Board that representatives of Cyprus Creek Renewables attended the BOC meeting on March 8, 2017 to request the County enter into a 20-year payment in lieu or property tax agreement for a new solar farm being developed in the Sheridan area. Doug Schmidt, Assessor, reviewed the financials with the Department of Revenue, and believes the estimates provided are accurate. Morgan reviewed a similar contract between Cyprus Creek and Deschutes County for a similar project, and though it does not contain wording to prevent a company from backing out of the agreement after year 10 (when amount paid in taxes would be less than the annual fee), Morgan is not concerned with a company doing that after the entire industry fought to have a payment in lieu option passed by the legislature.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED MORGAN TO DRAFT A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT WITH CYPRUS CREEK RENEWABLES.

At 09:11 a.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) BOC - CONTRACT NO. 17-44

Approve Contract No. 17-44 with Oregon State University for the Polk Extension Service District.

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Craig Pope, Chair

Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

Jennifer Wheeler, Commissioner