

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2017

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

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2017.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **ODOT SINGLE TRIP PERMIT FEE CHANGE** – Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, informed the Board that the Legislature recently passed HB 2017 that allows Counties to increase the single-trip oversize/overweight permits to \$8.50 (currently \$8.00), and allow \$0.50 incremental increases every 2 years until 2024. The current rate increase would be effective January 1, 2018.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE SINGLE TRIP PERMIT FEE INCREASE.

4. **FACILITIES BOND** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, informed the Board that the Courthouse facilities study should be complete by the end of November. Once received, Greg will draft his recommendation for the amount and length of the bond (by Christmas). The Board has already agreed to go out on the May 2018 ballot, and estimates that there will also be measures on the ballot for the City of Dallas, Salem School District, and possibly the City of Salem Library and City of Falls City. The election is May 15, Greg recommends scheduling the public hearings starting in February.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

- a. **PECAN LETTER REQUEST** – Jim Clawson, 360 W. Ellendale Ave. #30, member of PECAN, reminded the Board that approximately two years ago, the Board of Commissioners sent a letter to OSU in support of filling the Family Community Health position in the Polk County Extension office. This position has still not been filled, and PECAN is requesting the Board send another letter to emphasize the need for this position.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AGREED TO SEND A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE FAMILY
COMMUNITY HEALTH EXTENSION POSITION.**

- b. **SIDEWALK/PARKING UPDATE** – Greg Hansen reminded the Board that the City of Dallas sidewalk project is scheduled to begin on November 1, starting with the Jefferson St. side of the block. IS has vacated the Courthouse building, so some parking spots are being moved to provide three additional visitor parking spots.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 09:25 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase

Approved: October 31, 2017