

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 21, 2017**

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

2. **MINUTES**                      **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2017.**

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

3. **FAIRGROUNDS TRAIN PROPOSAL** – Linda Lambert, 650 Pioneer Rd., Dallas, a representative of a miniature railroad hobby group (applying to be 501(c)3) presented an idea to locate a 1:8 scale replica railroad at the fairgrounds. This idea has been presented to the Fair Board, who did not have any objection to the idea. The trains are built and maintained by group members, volunteers will build the railroad, and the ride-on trains will be operated by each individual train owner. Train season would be approximately May – October, rides are by donation. The group is only requesting use of the property (Fairgrounds and Nesmith Park). These trains use electric power, and go approximately 7 miles per hour. The Board requested a full proposal, once the group is more organized with a non-profit designation.
4. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
  - a. **LIFE JACKET KIOSK** – Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, informed the Board that he has been contacted by a young man who would like to build and install a life jacket kiosk at a Polk County park as his Eagle Scout project. The Board discussed possible locations, and concerns with keeping the kiosk stocked and maintained. Buena Vista was ruled out as a potential location because the Board does not want to encourage swimming at that location, due to the swift current and sharp drop offs. Mill Creek, Nesmith, and Social Security Hole were discussed, as was Helmick (State park), which has experienced drowning events in the past. Matt will get discuss these options with the Eagle Scout.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 09:31 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase

Approved: November 28, 2017