

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2017

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

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2017.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **DRAFT BROADBAND PROPOSAL** – Shawn Irvine, Economic Development Director for the City of Independence, informed the Board that the Governor's office has allocated \$500,000 for grants for the support of broadband planning, engineering, and/or infrastructure projects targeting rural and underserved populations. The City of Independence responded to the Rural Broadband Capacity Pilot Projects RFI, but would like to partner with the County for the actual application to fund a broadband feasibility study since most of the rural/underserved populations reside outside of city limits. The City of Independence has already engaged a consulting firm and obtained a bid for \$50,000 to complete a broadband feasibility study. The RFA will be released in January. The Board would like to review the RFI and response prior to deciding on partnering on the application.
4. **BUDGET CALENDAR** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented the proposed Budget Calendar for the 2018-2019 budget cycle. The Compensation Committee will meet on January 24, and Budget Hearings will be April 3-5, with public comment on the 4th. Vern Wells will attend the Compensation Committee meeting, but a new member of the Budget Committee will need to be appointed for the April hearings. Greg informed the Board that SRS funding has not been passed by the legislature, so he will not be including any revenue from SRS in the upcoming budget.
5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **PERS REPORT** – Greg Hansen presented the PERS Actuarial Report. Polk County's unfunded actuarial liability is approximately \$30 million. Greg expects that number to decrease over the next year due to good market conditions. Polk County's PERS rates will be increasing 4.5% on 7/1/19.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase

Approved: December 26, 2017