

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
December 26, 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 DECEMBER 19, 2017.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES REQUEST** – Commissioner Pope reviewed a request by Catholic Community Services (CCS) for the County to adopt a local option that allows non-profit organizations to apply for property tax exemptions on properties built after 2012. There is one CCS property located in West Salem that would qualify, and has a fiscal impact to the County of approximate \$1,436. In order to qualify for the exemption, CCS will need approval from taxing districts receiving 51% of property tax revenue to agree. They are in the process of requesting the same from the City of Salem and the Salem-Keizer School District. If they get approval from these two taxing districts, they will be over the 51% threshold. The Board requested a copy of a similar agreement used by Marion County to review prior to making a decision.
4. **VIDEO LOTTERY BILL** – Commissioner Pope requested the County support a bill currently being drafted on behalf of AOC and member counties to assure that the legislature allocates all of the 2.5% video lottery money they are due each biennium.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AGREED TO LEND SUPPORT TO THE HOUSE BILL TO ENSURE THAT
2.5% OF DEDICATED VIDEO LOTTERY PROCEEDS REACH ALL COUNTIES.**

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT** – Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director and Sidney Mulder, Senior Planner, updated the Board briefly on the Legislative Amendment item on Wednesday's agenda. If approved, this will initiate a legislative amendment to update sections of the Polk County Zoning Ordinance and the Polk County Subdivision and Partition Ordinance to be consistent with State law.
 - b. **FORECLOSED PROPERTIES** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, informed the Board that the County received four occupied homes from this year's property tax foreclosures. Greg has calculated 36 month payment plans for each, and will be reaching out to the occupants to discuss payment arrangements. The drive-in property is in the process of being purchased by Fowler construction.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: January 2, 2018