

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 5, 2018**

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Pope were present.
2. **MINUTES**           The Board made one correction to the minutes as presented.

**COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 29, 2018 AS AMENDED.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **SOLAR ENERGY REQUEST** – The Board of Commissioners reviewed a letter from the Polk County Farm Bureau voicing concern against prime agricultural land being allowed to be used for solar farming.
4. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
  - a. **COMCAST TAX DEFERRAL** – Doug Schmidt, County Assessor, updated the Board on the Comcast Tax Deferral. The County has had Comcast on a deferred billing credit for the last few years, which means the County is billing them on a lower value than what is assessed, due to the ongoing appeal to the Supreme Court. This was in case the County lost the appeal, we would not have to pay a refund and delinquent interest. However, Comcast is in the process of settling the case, but the amount that Polk County will receive for these deferred taxes is unknown at this time.
  - b. **CLOW CORNER / HWY 99 INTERSECTION** - Commissioner Pope reported that he and Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, met with ODOT Director Matthew Garrett and staff about plans for a roundabout at the intersection of Hwy 99 and Clow Corner. This meeting was held on site so Director Garrett could see the County's traffic concerns first hand. He directed his staff to immediately remove the intersection signage that County staff expressed concern with. Director Garrett agreed it is a very dangerous intersection, and confirmed his decision that a roundabout is the safest action to be taken due to the speed of traffic and the risk of high-speed rear-collision accidents that may occur with a traffic signal. While on-site, Director Garrett also witnessed the dangerous conditions at the Orrs Corner/Hwy 99, and agreed to include modifications to this intersection in the roundabout project.
  - c. **TUESDAY WORKSESSION CANCELLED** – Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director announced that the Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 has been cancelled.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 09:32 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha  
Approved: June 19, 2018