

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES September 19, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

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

Staff present:           Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer  
                              Matt Hawkins, Personnel  
                              Morgan Smith, County Counsel

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The meetings are held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda.

Department Head/staff meetings with the Board of Commissioners are held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room and are conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The principal subjects anticipated to be considered are on-going, upcoming, and new matters bearing on County operations. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects not listed within this announcement.

**3. COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA)**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. SEDCOR - Chad Freeman & Alex Paraskevas**

Chad Freeman, SEDCOR President, informed the Board that Friday will be his last day with SEDCOR. He stated that he feels that SEDCOR is in a healthy place and have people doing business retention in the counties. He informed the Board that there are currently 2 candidates to replace him and he is confident that both choices would be a good option, and they should know within the next week who will be replacing him. Mr. Freeman also thanked the Board for their support over the years and their help in making Polk County great.

Alex Paraskevas, Polk County with SEDCOR, informed the Board that his work is primarily focused on Ag tech innovation. He helps counties get events together, and to bring people together that are interested in Ag tech. Mr. Paraskevas stated that he has worked with George Fox University to connect them with an Ag tech student for their Senior Engineer Program, and that student is now building an broccoli harvester. He stated that he is working to help rural counties and rural cities move forward with Ag tech that you would normally see more of in bigger cities.

Commissioner Pope wants to know how much time is left on the Grant that is funding his position. He tells them he believes this grant ends December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, Mr. Freeman says they do plan to apply again when that time comes available, and he believes they should know when that will be in the next 30-60 days. He also stated that he feels the position and progress that has been made has been a key piece of moving forward and is confident they will receive the Grant at least for another year.

At 9:18 a.m., County Counsel announced that the meeting recessed to Executive Session pursuant to 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection. Although the public is excluded, no vote may be taken in executive session. Written minutes from the meeting are on file in the Board of Commissioners office, but are confidential under ORS 192.660.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 09:40 a.m.

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- (a) **ORDER NO. 18-08**  
Adopt Order No. 18-08 in the matter of establishing costs to be paid to abate a road hazard per ORS 368.660.

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Mike Ainsworth, Chair

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Craig Pope, Commissioner

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Jennifer Wheeler, Commissioner