

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
October 30, 2018

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

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2018.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **RIDEABLE RAILROAD AT POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS** – Leo & Linda Lambert would like the Board to consider approving the installation of a railroad track throughout the North side of the Polk County Fairgrounds. They hope to build a structure that would be a souvenir shop as well as a train station where the tracks would be constructed and then installed. Their plans also include a storage facility in which individuals that have built their own trains can rent and store trains when not being used. Mrs. Lambert stated that she has come before the Board in prior years and was given a list of things that would need to be done before this could be considered. She has written the Bylaws, and safety rules, and looked into getting liability insurance for if and when the project moves forward. They feel that this would add value to Polk County by bringing more tourism to the fairgrounds. They have had interest from the historical society and plan to have signs that represent local history. If the Board would support this project they will begin the process of applying for Grants and fundraising. Commissioner Pope asked to see a business model of some other train parks similar to the one they are proposing. Mr. & Mrs. Lambert said they will get the information requested and contact the Board to get further instruction.

4. **POLK COUNTY PERS REPORT** – Greg Hanson, Administrative Officer, informed the Board the UAL is \$27.5 million which is down from last year. PERS rates are being kept low by pushing the UAL to the future. Greg Stated that Polk County has 26 tier 1 employees that are active, 65 tier 2 employees that are active, and 36 employees that are dormant. Commissioner Craig Pope wants to know how many years Greg thinks it would take to get out of debt with PERS. Greg stated that he estimates it would take 3 decades.

4. **REMAND RECONSIDERATION PROCESS DETERMINATION** – Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, provided the Board with a Memorandum regarding a an application requesting an amendment to the Polk County Comprehensive Plan to include the subject site on the Polk County Inventory of Significant Mineral and Aggregate Resources and to apply the Mineral and Aggregate Overlay Zoning Designation to approximately 124-acres of the 704 acre Exclusive Farm Use zoned subject parcel and to an impact area extending approximately 750 feet from the 124 acre extraction area. Austin stated that the Board must set the matter for a public hearing and determine the hearing body. Due to the narrow technical nature of the LUBA remand, he recommends that the Board of Commissioners set the matter for a hearings before the Polk County Hearings Officer, which would constitute the final County decision that would then be ratified by the Board of Commissioners.

BY CONSENSUS THE BOARD AGREED TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO SET THE MATTER FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE POLK COUNTY HEARINGS OFFICER.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.) None.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 09:36 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha

Approved: November 6, 2018