

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2019

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 Mordhorst were present.

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2019.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT** – Ryan Bloedel, of 1687 Gemma St, stated the Chapter 127 in the county code limits his parcels to having no more than three garage doors on the property. He is proposing a legislative amendment to change that. He stated that if there is a garage with 3 doors that means the home owner cannot build a shop that also has a garage door. He is aware that there is a process for getting a variance which requires the home owner to show a need or hardship to get approval. He wonders if the intent to buy and RV and store it in the shop would be a sufficient need. Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, stated that the planning staff has no technical reason to object amending the code. Commissioner Pope informed Mr. Bloedel that he is open to having staff analyze the recommendation because there could be a lot of unintended consequences if they do not look at it from all perspectives before making a decision. Commissioner Ainsworth asked Mr. McGuigan if he has run into the problem before, to which he responded “yes, many times”. His recommendation to Mr. Bloedel was to apply for a legislative amendment, which does have a fee to help the county recover some of the costs involved. This would allow the request to come before the Planning Commission to investigate it and then it would go to the Board after they come to a recommendation. If the amendment is approved then Mr. Bloedel, and other developers on 2 acre parcels, would not have to pay the fee to request a variance for each parcel in order to have more than 3 garage doors on the property. Mr. Bloedel also informed the Board that the Home Owners Association are in support of this change. He will continue communicating with the planning department to find out what he needs to do to apply for the legislative amendment.

4. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: April 30, 2019