

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 2, 2019**

1. At 9:01 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 JUNE 18, 2019.**  
  
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**
3. **ORCHARD HEIGHTS WATER ASSOCIATION** – David Simmons, Water Operator at Orchard Heights Water Association, is there on behalf of his organization requesting to purchase a strip of land that Polk County acquired through a tax foreclosure. His organizations original wells are located on that strip of land and since updating their master plan they have been trying to secure all of their water sources. He previously provided the Board with a letter that contained the information the Board had previously requested. It included rates and population served, among other details about the organization. Currently Orchard Heights Water Association only has an easement for the wells. Commissioner Pope wants to know what the organization is proposing. Mr. Simmons said they want to buy it outright and wasn't sure what price that would be. Commissioner Pope stated that he knows there are still back taxes owed and they would need to look at a lot of other things before they could move forward with selling it. They would need to talk to any other people that it would affect or that currently use the road that accesses the property. Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, stated that he will work with Morgan Smith, County Counsel, Mr. Simmons, and any other parties affected and then they will bring it before the Board again with more specific information.
6. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.) – None.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha  
Approved: July 9, 2019