

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 3, 2019**

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Ainsworth were present.
2. **MINUTES** : **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF August 13, 2019.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE UPDATE** – Aaron Felton, DA, will need to reschedule his department update due to a trial he is currently working on.
4. **ECOPNOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION** – Eric Milburn, Perrydale school District Superintendent, stated that the application they have submitted is to support a course at the school that will give students the opportunity to have hands on experience with skills that would be necessary in hands trades such as but not limited to, hanging sheetrock, taking small engines apart and rebuilding them, changing tires, and changing oil. This will be focused towards the middle school age kids but there will also be some high school age kids taking the course in order to serve as mentors to the younger kids. Being a K-12 school they have a rare opportunity for the high school and middle school kids to work together. They will also be developing projects that will help the kids learn some business skills. They plan to build storage sheds and sell them for profit, and then reinvest that money into the program. They will use this money to purchase materials as well as a fund that will give the kids an opportunity to visit other jobs sites at various companies to see what a job in that field would look like. He informed the Board that the students are really excited about this course and he also said they have discussed the possibility of building some storage sheds for Gale's Lodge if this Grant request is approved. Commissioner Pope said that he is supportive of getting this program start because this grant would be funding the purchase of materials and tools to make it successful which can be used for multiple semesters or possibly years for some of the equipment. He suggested they reach out to organizations like SEDCOR for their Construction Alliance partners and have the construction alliance watch what is happening with the program and become more involved. Commissioner Pope also pointed out that on the budget sheet there is no in kind indicators about the cost of a program or what they will be paying the teacher. The cost for the program, the space, and the educator is much more than the investment they are asking for. Mr. Milburn said that was an oversight but based on the time spent on the program and the salary of the educator it would be about 1/6 of his salary will go toward the program as well as the in kind of the other equipment that will be used from the school. Commissioner Pope asks that moving forward they amend the budget page and update them.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE APPROVED THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR PERRYDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
  - a. **ORCHARD HEIGHTS WATER ASSOCIATION** – David Simmons, Orchard Water Heights Association, 4350 Orchard Heights Rd N.W., Salem, OR 97304, stated that he is at the meeting to update them on a recent

development regarding their request to purchase a strip of land that the County owns. Mr. Simmons stated that they wanted to purchase a parcel that is adjacent to the strip of land the county owns that has a couple of their wells on it and would also offer an opportunity for them to drill some new wells. After talking to the owner of that property at length and developing an agreement that would benefit the owner as well as the water association he learned that yesterday the owner's realtor showed up with an offer and his attorney told him he needed to accept the offer because the bank was going to take his property away. The owner signed an earnest money agreement so they will not have the opportunity to purchase the property they wanted. He stated that they are still interested in purchasing the land from the county. Commissioner Pope stated that they won't be able to come to a conclusion at the meeting and he will have to continue working with Community Development and County Counsel and if there is a pathway to helping you get this purchase made they will support it but at this time there are so access issues that need to be worked out before they can approve a sale. Morgan Smith, County Counsel, suggested he work with the land owners to secure access to the lot that will be landlocked if they make this sale.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha  
Approved: September 10, 2019