

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES August 7, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

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

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

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.

The Polk County Fair will be taking place at the Polk County Fairgrounds on August 8, 2019 through August 10, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Rickreall, Oregon.

The Board meeting schedule August 27, 2019 is canceled due to a lack of quorum.

3. COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA)

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
 SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH
 SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF JULY 31, 2019

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO
 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 31, 2019.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. SEDCOR

Erik Anderson and Alex Paraskevas came to check to update the county with what Alex is doing in his job and what is new with SEDCOR. Erik explained that they work with members as well as businesses to provide opportunities for investment job growth. There are six of them, they recently hired a new Director of Operations. Jenny Kessler, who is a Polk County residence. They just finished interviews for their new Marketing Communications Manager. He said that recruitment is about 10% of their work but gets about 80% of their attention. Mid-Valley paper is a successful recruitment project here, and they have four projects they are currently looking at having represented in Polk County. They meet weekly for updates with the Paper Company and now they are waiting for funding to come through.

Alex said that the focus on the Ford Family Foundation Grant was the rural innovation catalyst position. It is looking at innovation and getting schools to be more connected. Part of the deliverables of the grant start as meet up, such as the Ag Tech meet ups that happen in the City of Independence. They have had a good turnout to these meetings, he said at the last meeting 12 people RSVP'd and 43 people showed up. It is mostly about getting people in a room that wouldn't normally be in a room together and having a conversation that otherwise would not be happening. People stay after the speaker and that is when they really start to build a network of people. They held the first Polk County Ag Breakfast and had almost 100 people attend. They had a great presentation on water re-allocation. He feels people really learned a lot. They will be looking at doing more of those industry related presentations. Alex is on the budget Committee for OSU Extension, PECAN, and also involved in the steering committee. They held a startup weekend in Independence and Tech Stars, which is an international organization, they help attract money for businesses that are in their programs. These start up weekends are a 54 hour "build a business in a weekend" workshop. You go from 60 second pitches on Friday night, to full business plan throughout the weekend, and then a pitch competition between whatever teams are formed on Sunday night. These meetings are new for this region and they had 20 participants from all over. Alex stated it turned out to be a great event. They had a couple CEO's come in to provide mentoring and local business owners also providing mentoring as well as validation. It has giving an opportunity for the tech community to have an avenue to give back by participating in this. They are planning to do an event in February that would be another Ag tech challenge. Erik discussed SEDCOR and that he would like to get somebody on the Board to represent Polk County in the future.

At 9:59 a.m., County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. Written minutes from the meeting are on file in the Board of Commissioners' office, but are confidential under ORS 192.660.

Commissioner Pope called the meeting back into regular session and adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m. and direct staff to proceed as discussed.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- (a) **CONTRACT NO. 19-125 – PUBLIC WORKS**
Approve Contract No. 19-125 accepting the dedication of right of way and establishment of temporary construction easements as described in the right of way dedication and temporary construction easements documents for the Dutch and Waymire Creek bridge projects.
(Todd Whitaker, Director of Public Works)
- (b) **RATIFY VALID VOUCHERS, LICENSES, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PAYROLL, ETC., FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2019.**

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Craig Pope, Chair



Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner



Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: August 14, 2019