

MINUTES September 18, 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 Ainsworth and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

Staff present: 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 Board of Commissioners will be attending the AOC District 6 meeting on September 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Local Government Center located at 1201 Center St. NE, Salem, Oregon.

3. COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA)

Morgan Smith, County Counsel, and Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, would like to add an agenda item. The Board approved adding a property discussion to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. **POLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Rolfe Sterns, Treasurer for the Polk County Historical Society, informed the Board that pursuant to the lease agreement they have with the county they are required to get approval for any outdoor improvement to the property. They would like to have an outdoor exhibit area for

agriculture equipment fenced in with gates. As well as some sort of overhang to protect the artifacts from the weather. He is also requesting approval to put an 8ft X 10ft pre-fabricated shed up against one of the buildings. They have some donations lined up that will help get the fencing started. Commissioner Pope stated he is concerned with this creating long term planning issues. He pointed out that according to the hand out they was given to the Board the fence would be rendering a good portion of that property useless. He feels that if you are going to put up a fence that it should go all the way to the property line but the Master Gardeners shed is restricting use of the full property. Rolfe suggested extending the fence to the property line and giving the Master Gardeners a key so they can access it when they need to. Commissioner Pope stated that he would like Public Works and County Surveyor Eric Berry to survey the property so determine exactly where the property lines are.

BY CONSENSUS THE BOARD APPROVES THE IMPROVEMENTS PENDING THE PROPERTY SURVEY AND PLANNING BE INVOLVED.

8. PROPERTY IN WEST SALEM

Matt Hawkins, Administrative Director, and Morgan Smith, County Counsel, informed the Board that there is a house in West Salem that was foreclosed on last fall and has several code enforcement issues. It is a 6 acre lot that has been abandoned and has a significant amount of garbage and decay, and the city of Salem has deemed it condemned. The city of Salem would like Polk County to accelerate the redemption period so we can take possession of it sooner. Morgan informed the Board that in order to do this they would have to declare that waste is occurring, and it could take approximately three months for that process to be completed.

BY CONSENSUS THE BOARD AGREED AND DIRECTED STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ACCELERATING THE REDEMPTION PERIOD.

At 09:52 a.m., Commissioner Pope asked if there was a need for executive session. Staff answered that there was not and the meeting was adjourned

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- (a) **ASSESSORS OFFICE – CONTRACT NO. 19-137**
Approve Contract No. 19-137 with Willamina Mill Solar, LLC for a payment in lieu of taxes agreement.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Craig Pope, Chair



Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

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Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner