

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2020

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Mordhorst was present. Commissioner Ainsworth was excused.

2. **MINUTES** : **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2020**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **POLK COUNTY SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK PROCLAMATION** – Commissioner Pope stated that he requested this item be on the agenda. Proclamation No. 20-01 in the matter of commemorating Polk County School Choice Week. If this is passed it would recognize January 26th through February 1st as Polk County School Choice Week. Commissioner Mordhorst is in agreement.

COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO PASS PROCLAMATION NO. 20-01

MOTION BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

4. **RECLASSIFICATION**– Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, is requesting a reclassification of an Appraiser I. This person was hired on with some experience and has proven to do a very good job and the Assessor requested this reclassification. If this is approved he would be moving to an Appraiser 2 and it would be effective February 1st and for a twelve month period it would be an increase of approximately \$4,500 including PERS contributions.

BY CONSENSUS THE BOARD APPROVED THE RECLASSIFICATION AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

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

- a) **ODOT UPDATE** – Commissioner Mordhorst stated that he had a meeting with ODOT yesterday. Perrydale Rd/Hwy 22 intersection and 99 W/Bethel Rd are both intersections that are being worked on or wanting to have work done in the future. At 99W and Bethel Rd they are putting in a box culvert but are not addressing the safety needs as part of the project. They have plans to do so in the future but the residents would like to see something done now. There was a recent fatality at Perrydale Rd/Hwy 22 and following that there was a community meeting held in Perrydale. This meeting was discussed with ODOT's John Husted at the meeting yesterday and just above that intersection is Smithfield Road/Kings Valley Hwy intersection, which is schedule to have a roundabout put in. There has been discussion of asking ODOT to eliminate the North Perrydale/Hwy 22 intersection completely and reroute Perrydale Rd over to Smithfield Rd. The idea was that since that would be saving ODOT \$8.2 million on the roundabout at Perrydale Rd they could use some of that money to pay for the connection of Perrydale Rd to Smithfield Rd. Another idea that was mentioned to help fund this project would be to use some of the money that is currently allocated to the Doaks Ferry and Hwy 22 intersection for the Perrydale Rd fix instead.

Considering the Doaks Ferry intersection is on hold and has no foreseeable resolution. It was also said that if we do not use that money we will lose it. There was a five year window for that money to be spent.

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, said he spoke to Public Works Director about this extensively. He reiterated that the Smithfield Rd intersection is currently in the 21-24 plan at \$10.8 million to build a roundabout. He believes Perrydale was supposed to be a roundabout for \$8.2 million and their hope is to push that forward for the 24-27 plan. He also discussed the Bethel Heights safety improvements, which are not currently in the project that occurred this last summer and is finishing up this summer. They talked about the option of applying for some new leverage funding for those safety improvement and then asking ODOT to add it in to the 21-24 plan. Routing Perrydale to Smithfield Rd would basically close the North section of Perrydale intersection. The road coming from Dallas would still be there. It would have to wait until the roundabout was complete because right now the extra traffic at the intersection would not be acceptable. The cost of that road should be covered by ODOT because it is their responsibility.

Commissioner Pope does agree that the Doaks Ferry and 22 intersection project is out of the question and it will not happen. He would be willing to see some of that money transferred over to a Perrydale Rd project but he would need to see plans/conditions with that and he worries that it would be difficult to condition that account and that ODOT would not agree. According to the Public Works Director ODOT has said they would give the county the money to build the road. Commissioner expressed that he still believes it would have to be planned by ODOT and done how they say it needs to be done, which could cause problems.

Commissioner Mordhorst reiterates that his main concern is not letting that money go when we could try and get something out of it for Polk County.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:57 am.