

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 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 FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **EOLA DRIVE SPEED STUDY** – Todd Whitaker, Director of Public Works, informed the Board that at the request of some property owners on Eola Drive they looked into the speeds on that road and due to its higher average daily traffic (ADT) Oregon Department of Transportation has to do the speed investigation. After completing their investigation ODOT recommended 35 MPH from Andrea Drive to Doaks Ferry Road. If the Board approves that it will be a legally established speed zone. Mr. Whitaker recommends that we concur with their recommendation.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD ACCEPTS STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE SPEED ZONE ON EOLA DRIVE FROM ANDREA DRIVE TO DOAKS FERRY.

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

a) **CONTRACT WITH PACIFIC POWER** – Todd Whitaker has had some problems communicating with Pacific Power to discuss his concerns with the contract in regards to bringing power to the Public Works facility that is currently being constructed. The wording in the contract limits the contracted demand of power they will give us. One concern Mr. Whitaker had was that we might be limited to a lower amount of power than we want. His electrical engineer is satisfied with the amount of power in the contract though so he is not concerned with that anymore. His other concern is that the legal description in the easement describes a parcel of land that is not on our property, it is somewhere on Washington Street. He has expressed this to Pacific Power and they still have not addressed it. He requested the Board allow him to approve the contract as soon as those corrections are made. Commissioner Pope stated that it would also have to be under review of the County Counsel and the approval of the County Administrator.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED STAFF RECOMMENDATION.

b) **SAFETY CORRIDOR** – Mr. Whitaker stated that they have a group that represents a stakeholder group for a safety corridor on Hwy 22. They met with ODOT regarding safety at Perrydale road and the intersection at Hwy 22. ODOT stated that long term improvements are going to be on the next statewide Transportation Improvement Plan in 2024-27. ODOT has recommended a safety corridor from mile post 5 to mile post 15, which is Buell to Rickreall. That would cover all of the dangerous intersections in that section of Highway. They will require Polk County puts together a stakeholder group that has a charter. Mr. Whitaker worked with Morgan Smith, County Counsel, to draft a charter and work on the membership and the only other person they need to bring in will be the ODOT representative. Commissioner Pope pointed out that this is not a Traffic Safety Council, this is a stakeholder group specific to this safety corridor.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE CREATION OF A SAFETY CORRIDOR STAKEHOLDER GROUP.

- c) **CITIZEN COMMENT** - John Golly addressed the Board after the recording had stopped to thank them for submitting their letter in opposition to the recent cap and trade bill.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:11 am.

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: March 17, 2020