

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES June 10, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

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

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

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 Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing regarding the adoption of the county budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021, Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Polk County Courthouse conference room.

A public meeting of the Polk County Extension District will be held on June 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Polk County Courthouse conference room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 as approved by the Extension District Budget Committee.

3. COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA)

None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2020

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2020.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. LENGTH OF SERVICE

The following employees were recognized for their length of service to the County:

- Erik Heikila – 20 years
- Amber Stacy – 15 years
- Greg Caudill – 15 years

8. HIGHWAY 22 & 51 UPDATE

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, informed the Board that he and Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, met with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) yesterday. The realignment of Doaks Ferry Road was placed on hold back in 2017 by ODOT at the time their phase 2 project would have taken the alignment of Doaks Ferry and extended it to 50th, that was placed on hold due to geotechnical concerns. After moving on from our Doaks Ferry project they then wanted to move the money allocated to the Doaks Ferry realignment to something else which we were able to stop because we have an agreement with them and they are the ones who put the project on hold. Polk County then provided them with all of the design information and geotechnical reports. ODOT did not think the geotechnical investigations were up to their standards. Austin McGuigan said ODOT believed it would take a significant amount of money and time to mitigate the landslide hazard there because they don't know anything other than the fact that there is some movement 70 feet. Down.

ODOT is interested in relocating Doaks Ferry to Riggs and think's they may be able to put in a deceleration lane for cars turning right into Doaks Ferry. ODOT would like to do more analysis around the Doaks Ferry realignment to Riggs to collect more geotechnical data and also do more analysis around the current Doaks Ferry intersection with highway 22. If there is too much risk in the Doaks Ferry realignment to Riggs that we may have enough data to model different scenarios of construction on that slide. If the potential mitigation is too costly to do the Riggs realignment we would still be able to analyze if a deceleration lane is feasible at the intersection as it is now. This additional analysis would help determine which project would be the most benefit for the cost. John Husted, with ODOT recommended the County obtain our own consultant instead of having ODOT do that study because ODOT tends to be much more conservative and would also prefer to use the money allocated to Doaks Ferry already to fund these studies. Mr. Whitaker told Mr. Husted that it would only be possible if ODOT agreed, in writing, to backfill that money.

Mr. Whitaker asked the Board if they agree with the concept of moving forward with additional geotechnical studies that could cost upwards of \$1 million dollars to determine whether we can proceed with the alignment. The Board agrees so long as they get the caveat that ODOT will backfill the money that is spent on the study and that Region 2 agrees to finish the project. Commissioner Pope asked when the last time ODOT reported on the instruments that they have in the ground and Mr. Whitaker said that was 2018. When he asked ODOT why they have not continued monitoring those they told him it was because their right of access to the private properties those are ended in December 2018.

At 9:42 a.m., County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Commissioner Ainsworth called the meeting back into regular session and adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

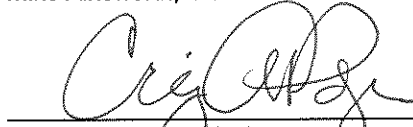
The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

(a) CONTRACT NO. 20-79 – COUNTY COUNSEL

Approve Contract No. 20-79, Employment Agreement with Morgan Smith, County Counsel.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Mike Ainsworth, Chair

Craig Pope, Commissioner

Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: June 17, 2020