

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES APRIL 21, 2021

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
 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. Each meeting is held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principle 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. The Board also holds a department staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on every Monday in the Commissioners Conference Room at 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners will be attending the Polk County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting on May 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m., at the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon.

3. COMMENTS

Kristen Larson, Executive Director at the Luckiamute Watershed Council, presented a request for a letter of support from the Board. Last week Ms. Larsen learned of a possible funding opportunity for a much needed project that would take place in the South Creek Peedee Creek. She is on a short timeline because of the late notice she had when notified of the opportunity. There are two culverts that are clocking fish from three miles of habitat. The Watershed Enhancement Grant requires the applicant to have "shovel ready" projects in mind. The culverts that are causing blockage at 40 years old and also undersized. If the road gets washed out due to the culverts not being updated there would be a large amount of timber that logging companies would not be able to reach, which would decrease the timber tax revenue that the county receives from the sale of the timber.

Several entities have partnered to maintain this road including BLM, Starker, Hancock, and Forever Forest. The project would cost \$250,000 including BLM design, supplies, materials and construction. Hancock and Starker have already invested money to replace the lower bridge. The letter of support being requested would go to Congressman Schrader to support the necessity of this project.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AGREED TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2021

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH
SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2021.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 9:17 a.m. County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (d) to conduct deliberation with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations and (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 Pope called the meeting back into regular session and adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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

- (a) CONTRACT NO. 21-46 – PUBLIC WORKS**
Approve Contract No. 21-46 with Albina Asphalt for the 2021 Chip Seal Oil.
- (b) RESOLUTION NO. 21-05 – TAX/FINANCE**
Approve Resolution No. 21-05 in the matter of quality and uniformity in a system of property taxation.

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Craig Pope, Chair



Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner



Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner