

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2023

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Gordon declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session and led the Board and attending audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):

None.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF January 10, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION:

Brent "Mac" McConaghy, Central High School Principle, and Lynn Thomas, Career and Technical Project Chair and Project Manager, presented to the Board of Commissioners a slideshow that show cased some programs they are offering students. Some of these include: Career & Technical Education, Plant Science, and Greenhouse Production and Management. They shared with the Board what updates the Greenhouse needs, a timeline of past and projected projects for the greenhouse, and the funding needed to finish this project. Central School District is requesting \$30,000.00 in Economic Development Funds from Polk County. Commissioner Pope asked what the amount they need in total is. Ms. Thomas stated it's a little bit under the amount of \$42,003.10 which is what the slideshow shows. Commissioner Gordon asked if Ms. Thomas was the primary grant writer for these projects. Ms. Thomas stated that yes she is as well as Abby Chase. Commissioner Pope asked more questions about the Electrical Fees and about the equipment and wanted to know if once this project is finished, they will have everything they need. Commissioner Pope asked if the Board was able to fund more than the amount they are requesting, what would happen with those extra funds. Mr. McConaghy stated those funds would be used to fund other programs at Central School District that would help create more pathways to get kids engaged. Commissioner Mordhorst stated he can see this being a huge step in getting kids involved into the FFA program. Commissioner Pope stated that he has known Ms. Thomas for a long time and that she is so dedicated to the kids and to this project and he moves that Polk County fund the amount of \$42,000.00. Commissioner Gordon agrees and asked if they are anticipating any other unsuspecting costs. Mr. McConaghy stated that they have been talking about security and want to be able to fence off the new facility. Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, asked when this project will be completed. Ms. Thomas stated it should be done June 30, 2023.

**COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO FUND \$42,000.00 TO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

5. UPDATES TO THE POLK COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH CHANGES IN STATE LAW:

Michael Burns, Community Development Assistant Planner, and Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, provided a memorandum to the Board for a Legislative Amendment regarding updates to the Polk County Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with changes in State Law. The zones that are being impacted are the Farm Forest and Farm Forest Overlay, Exclusive Farm Use, and Timber Conservation Zone. Commissioner Pope asked if there was any flexibility in regards to what the Commissioners choose to adopt. Mr. Burns stated there would not be any due to the fact that they are following statute. Commissioner Gordon wanted to ask Mr. McGuigan about the cross out of the Wildlife Conservation Management plan. Mr. McGuigan provided some background information and explained why that is being updated now. Commissioner Gordon asked what the timeline would be for us to see this on the consent calendar. Sidney Mulder, Community Development Planning Manager, stated it would be about 5 weeks. By consensus of the Board staff was direct to move forward.

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

None.

Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: January 24, 2023