

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING – APRIL 19, 2011
MINUTES

1. At 9:01 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Wheeler were present. A CD of the proceedings is on file in the Board of Commissioners' Office.

2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2011.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **US CENSUS**

Commissioner Pope announced that the US Census will be conducting the 2010 Census Count Question Resolution (CQR) between June 1, 2011 and June 1, 2013. This program provides state, local, and tribal officials or their designated representatives an opportunity to challenge the 2010 Census counts of housing units and group quarters. He asked if the board had any interest at this time. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Wheeler indicated no interest at this time.

4. **REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR ACCOUNTING TECH I**

Matt Hawkins, Human Resources Director recommended the Board approve the reclassification of an Account Clerk II in the Treasurers office to an Account Technician I effective May 1, 2011. There is an employee retiring and, with that retirement, they would like to move Kay Bartholomew into the Accounting Technician I position. We are currently advertising for the Account Clerk II position. We are looking at a savings to the County with this organizational change.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS NOTICE OF NEW APPLICATION**

Greg said that this item and item #6 concern letters that we receive periodically from the Department of the Interior in reference to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and their desire to put land that they own into Tribal Trust Land. The first letter is an application to put land into Tribal Trust and the second letter is a final appeal of a decision to put land into Tribal Trust Land. In the past the Commissioners have discussed this and then written a letter stating the County would not appeal or protest but that there are concerns about this land being removed from the tax rolls. The Assessor has provided information showing that the loss to the County on this property is very little, but it is a continuation of removing land from county tax rolls to Tribal Trust Land. The Board agreed to send a letter to the Interior Department stating our intent not to appeal or protest but voicing concerns about removing this property from the tax rolls.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED, TO APPROVE SENDING THE TRADITIONAL LETTER TO THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

MOTION PASSED 2-0 WITH COMMISSIONER POPE ABSTAINING

6. **BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS DECISION**

See Item #5.

7. **ROAD SIGNS**

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, said that there are several Scenic Loop road signs throughout the county that are in need of repair. He said he can't find any agreements on file about whether we have an obligation to replace or maintain these signs. It would take approximately \$1,500 to replace all the signs and around \$150 per year to maintain them. He is

looking for direction from the Board as to whether we want to keep the signs or pull them. Pope said that without an organized group that is passionate about the signs, he doesn't understand why we would continue to put money into something that nobody seems to care about. Wheeler asked about the cost to remove the signs. Whitaker said around \$500 to remove them all.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF THE SCENIC LOOP SIGNS.

MOTION PASSED 2-1 WITH COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH DISSENTING

Whitaker said that Oregon Parks has requested authorization to place signs in the Polk County right-of-way advertising the Oregon State Park on Buena Vista Road near the Benton County line. He recommends the County approve that request.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO ALLOW OREGON STATE PARKS TO PLACE SIGNS IN THE POLK COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **EXTENSION DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS**

The candidates for the Extension District Budget Committee were interviewed. The candidates included Mike Calef, Barbara Nichols, Jane Greg, Darrell Ward and E.M. Easterly.

The Commissioners asked the candidates a series of questions, the candidates responded to those questions. A CD of the proceedings is on file in the Board of Commissioners' office.

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

(a) **SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY**

Marty Silbernagel, Community Corrections Director, said that he has received a request from an inmate at the Polk County Jail to be granted a furlough to attend a relative's funeral. He recommends the Board deny the request.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED, TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR A FURLOUGH

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Chairman Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Minutes: Rick Davisson

Approved: