

## **POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

### **MINUTES April 13, 2011**

At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Pope declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Ainsworth was present. A CD of the proceedings in on file in the Board of Commissioners' Office.

Staff present:                Matt Hawkins, Human Resources Director  
                                      Dave Doyle, County Counsel

### **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Pope announced that regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The Tuesday meeting is held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. The Wednesday 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 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.

Chairman Pope announced that 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. 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.

Chairman Pope announced that the Commissioners will conduct a public hearing regarding proposed text amendments to Polk County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 111, Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courthouse conference room.

### **3. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda)**

### **4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION: THERE WAS NO MOTION AS THERE WERE NO ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2011**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, CHAIRMAN POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2011.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. BOARD DECISION: APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER / POSITION 1**

Chairman Pope stated that he appreciated the interest and concern of all involved persons, especially the candidates for office. He acknowledged that the decision facing the board was most difficult.

Commissioner Ainsworth stated that he was appreciative that the three candidates were willing to step forward and serve during these difficult times. He expressed that the decision that was made would not make everyone happy but that tough decisions have to be made.

Pope asked Ainsworth if he was prepared to make a nomination. Ainsworth then nominated Phil Walker.

Pope stated that he would not accept Phil Walker and was not able to second the nomination. Pope noted that Phil Walker has done much in the past but that it was time for moderate change and a new face.

Pope then nominated Jennifer Wheeler. Pope stated that Jennifer Wheeler was equally as accomplished as Phil Walker and that she can hit the ground running. He praised her knowledge of county operations and stated that it was time for Polk County to welcome its first woman Commissioner. Pope urged Ainsworth to re-consider.

Ainsworth noted that the Central Committee selected Phil Walker on the first ballot and noted that Phil Walker resides in the West Salem area.

Pope noted that the Central Committee process was unique and should not be a factor in the board's selection.

**RECESS** was taken from 9:40 a.m., to 9:55 a.m.

Following continued silent consideration, at 10:20 a.m., Ainsworth stated that he would second the nomination of Jennifer Wheeler.

**MOTION: CHAIRMAN POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED, TO APPOINT JENNIFER WHEELER TO POSITION 1.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

County Counsel David Doyle presented Order No. 11-09, formally appointing Jennifer Wheeler to Position 1. The Board signed Order No. 11-09. He noted that the Clerk was present and could give the oath at this point.

**RECESS** was taken from 10:21 a.m., to 10:45 a.m. During the recess, the County Clerk administered the oath of office to Jennifer Wheeler.

**8. DISCUSSION – QUESTIONS FOR POLK COUNTY 4-H, MASTER GARDENER, AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, EXTENSION DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS TO BE HELD APRIL 19, 2011**

Chairman Pope said that this is the time for the Board to discuss questions for the Polk County 4-H, Master Gardener, Agriculture, Forestry, Extension Interviews. He said that the Board has a list of three questions that were prepared in advance by staff for consideration.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED, TO ACCEPT THE PREPARED LIST OF QUESTIONS.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

At 10:46 a.m., Chairman Pope asked if there was any need for Executive Session. Staff responded that there was not and the meeting was adjourned.

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Craig Pope, Chair

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Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

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Jennifer Wheeler, Commissioner

Minutes: Matt Hawkins  
Approved: April 20, 2011