

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING – MAY 24, 2011
MINUTES

1. At 9:02 a.m., Chairman Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth was present, Commissioner Wheeler was excused. A CD of the proceedings is on file in the Board of Commissioners' Office.
2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2011.**

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **INFORMATION SERVICES MBO**

Dean Anderson, Information Services Director, provided a handout. High priority objectives for the spring include transition from GroupWise to outsourcing, which must be completed by July 1; transition from Novell servers to Microsoft servers; transition to the new web system by fall of 2011; clarify the relationship with the cities of Dallas, Monmouth and the Polk Fire District by July 1; Select a Mental Health Information System by Summer of 2011; implement policies and processes to support social networking by summer 2011; upgrade GIS software (10X) by fall of 2011 and continue to meet standard IT goals.

Lower priority objectives include implement tracking of user requests and web hits; evaluate and review of internal County Web Site; continue transition to new web mapping tool and continue to upgrade County IS plan to better address disaster recovery, records retention, etc.

Chairman Pope asked how the social network aspect was working. Anderson said it is being tested at Mental Health and by the Fair Manager and they are providing feedback on items that need to be fixed. Anderson would like to test it for one more month.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, said that due to favorable bids they are thinking about adding additional roads to the overlay list in order to fully utilize the proposed budget. This would finish the list for south County and would include the Buena Vista roads; also Hawthorne Ave, Orchard View Ln, Foundation Dr, Laura Ln; Pleasant Dr; Fishback Rd and Liberty Rd. When the County gets back into a chip seal contract McBee Rd, Richardson Rd and part of Wigrich Rd would be sealed.

Hansen said that the only road without complete clarification is Hanna Rd but the County is working with a business on that road to share the maintenance costs.

Whitaker said the Robb Mill Bridge Project was extremely competitive and, when you take out the asphalt costs, the County got a new bridge for about \$200,000.

Whitaker said they have also done bid solicitations for patch paving and H & H Paving was the low bidder. This means that when there is a patch to be done we just call them and they come right out and do it.

Whitaker said there are a number of road approaches that need to be fixed. These include Smithfield Rd, Whiteaker Rd off Riddell Rd, all of the connections to Clow Corner Rd, Poplar Rd off Highway 51, Hoffman Rd off Highway 99W, Gardner Road off Highway 223, Yampo Rd off Highway 99W and Van Well Rd off Highway 22.

Whitaker updated the Board on meetings he has attended. One was concerning the intersection of Clow Corner Rd with Highway 99W. ODOT wanted another five or six months to study the problem. There is \$4,000,000 allocated for the safety improvement at this intersection but if there is not a project bid by September 30, 2012 the money is gone. He does not see ODOT getting the

project bid by that date. He made it clear to ODOT the County's impatience with how long it is taking. ODOT said that they would take thirty days to work on the corridor study that is happening concurrently with the safety improvement study. If there were no solution in thirty days, then ODOT Traffic Safety would start on a traffic safety improvement separate from the corridor study.

The following day Whitaker attended a meeting with ODOT for Doaks Ferry Rd short-term improvements. Short-term alternatives were discussed. We were insistent that if they were going to expand the short-term alternative, then expand it into a medium term alternative rather than going in a new direction.

Pope said that ODOT should acknowledge there is an Expressway Management Plan and adhere to it rather than trying to change all the plans that have been made and all the money that has been spent.

Whitaker spoke about the proposed park and ride at the Polk County Fairgrounds. We have just received a draft MOU for the maintenance but need to develop some kind of agreement for the construction part of the project.

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

(a) Norbert Hartmann reported that the Fair Board has decided to change the name of the fairgrounds to "Polk County Fairgrounds and Event Center."

Chairman Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes: Rick Davisson
Approved: May 31, 2011