

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 29, 2011

1. At 9:02 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler was present, Commissioner Ainsworth was excused.

2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 22, 2011.**

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **REIMBURSEMENT FOR APPRAISERS**

Doug Schmidt, Assessor, explained that the Appraisers currently get paid 55.5 cents per mile traveled. However, much of their time in the field is spent parked, with their cars left idling to allow for power to their laptops. Doug is proposing a stipend of \$25/month to compensate for the gasoline used while the cars are idling. The stipend would come out of the Assessor's transportation budget, which has funds available. This stipend would cover FY 2011-2012, and will be considered for continuation in the coming fiscal years if the budget allows.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE \$25 MONTHLY STIPEND FOR APPRAISERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012.

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

4. **MUSEUM ACCESS ENTRY POINT**

Mr. Stevens, President of the Polk County Museum expressed his concerns over the recent changes to the Fairgrounds access points due to the addition of a bus stop along Hwy 99. The access point at the south end, which has historically been used as the entrance to the Museum, is now an exit only and anyone wishing to visit the museum has to go in the Fairgrounds entrance to the north. Mr. Stevens informed the Board that attendance has dropped since the beginning of the year, and attributed this decline to the change of access.

Dave Doyle, County Counsel informed Mr. Stevens that there is an easement in the Museum's lease with Polk County, which the County admits was overlooked in the design of the new bus stop. Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director also informed Mr. Stevens that ODOT requested that the access points to the fairgrounds change to have one entrance and one exit only for safety reasons, due to lack of a turn lane on Hwy 99 at the south access point.

As a mediation measure to this issue, the County offered, and the Museum agreed to add the Polk County Museum name to the new sign that will be going up at the Fairgrounds. Mr. Stevens said he was not involved in that mediation. Todd Whitaker will provide documentation of the request from ODOT regarding the access points and inform Mr. Stevens of who negotiated on the Museum's behalf for the name on the sign.

As a representative of the Museum, Mr. Stevens wanted it on the record that the Museum's position is to request the continued use of the south access as an entrance and exit for the Museum. The County will further discuss this issue and make a determination on this issue at a later date.

5. **SAFETY AWARD**

Craig Pope presented a Gold Safety award to Human Resources for having zero injuries last year. Craig received this award on behalf of Polk County at the AOC Annual Conference from City County Insurance.

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

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: December 6, 2011