

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2011

1. At 9:01 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Ainsworth were present.
2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2011.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **DALLAS MAIN STREET CONCEPT**

Jason Locke, City of Dallas Community Development Director, submitted the proposed design of the Urban Renewal District plan for the 800 block of Main Street. The proposed plan will increase the width of the sidewalk to 17 feet, which would decrease the width of the street by 8 feet. Pervious concrete, decorative pavers and green spaces would be added along the sidewalk. The City had looked into replacing the parallel parking with head-in parking, but the Department of Transportation did not approve because Main St. is also a State Highway.

Urban renewal projects have already been completed on Mill Street and Court Street. Those projects were funded with Urban Renewal money. This Main Street Project would be funded by a loan taken out against the future anticipated Urban Renewal funds. This project is expected to cost \$600,000-\$800,000.

In addition to the cost, the Board was concerned with the impact on traffic if the streets are narrower, especially since delivery trucks routinely stop in the street to load/unload supplies for downtown businesses. A member of the public, Dennis Brown, commented that as a former business owner, he believes that people driving by do not notice the streets and sidewalks as much as they notice the façade of the buildings, and the City's focus should be on the restoration of the downtown buildings. Mr. Brown and the Board also expressed concern that in these economic times, a project such as this may not be the most responsible use of these funds.

4. **NEW HIRE SALARY REQUEST**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer explained that this request is no longer needed. The new employee was hired at a Step 2.

5. **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2012**

Greg Hansen, explained that each year the list of the County and State Committee's that the Board serves on has to be updated with assignments and posted for public perusal. The Board updated the list.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS LIST AS AMENDED.

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

a. **MOU WITH FALLS CITY**

Greg Hansen informed the Board that every year the County enters into an agreement with the City of Falls City for gravel road services.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MOU WITH THE CITY OF FALLS
CITY.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. ROAD DOWNGRADES

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, informed the Board that there are four roads in the northwest region of the County that Public Works would like to downgrade to Public Use roads. The names of the roads are Jahn Rd., The Old Fort Rd, Fern School Rd., and Steel Bridge Rd (south of Hwy 18). The Board will tour these roads with Public Works staff at a later date, and a public hearing will be scheduled for early 2012.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: December 27, 2011