

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2012

1. At 9:01 a.m., Chairman Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Pope were present.

2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2012.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **LONG BOARD EVENT UPDATE**

Brent DeMoe and Nicole Walker-Sundby with the Polk County Commission for Children & Families introduced Mari Meador, intern, and Robert Spivey with the City of Dallas, and gave an update on the four long board events planned for August 3, 4, and 5. August 3 will be a kick-off party starting at Fox Theater, where they will be showing 'Lords of Dog Town', then there will be a food available at the Aquatic Center. On August 4 will be the Push Race. There will be a six-mile course for the participants 12 and up and a 1.5-mile race for those under 12. There will be volunteers set up along the course to direct traffic and encourage the racers. August 5 will be slalom and slidejam competitions on the upper part of Bridlewood Ave. Registration cost is \$5 per event, and the fee goes toward prizes and snacks. A \$1,000 ODOT grant was also received to help offset the cost of the event. Staff have confirmed with County Counsel that the liability and waivers were approved.

4. **HHS FISCAL RESTRUCTURE**

Matt Hawkins, Human Resources Director and Stacie Chance, Health and Human Services Director presented a restructure in the Health & Human Services fiscal department which will better capture what duties staff are already doing and what needs to be done. Staff recommend reclassifying eight employees into higher positions, and one employee be transferred to a lower position. Commissioner Wheeler disclosed that this employee is a relative.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FISCAL DEPARTMENT RESTRUCTURE AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **COASTAL PARKWAY BYPASS**

Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director introduced Bob Youngman and Phil Martinson from Coastal Parkway LLC and Senator Brian Boquist to discuss a proposed toll road from I-5 to Hwy 18. ODOT is proposing a Newberg-Dundee Bypass, which would cost taxpayers approximately \$1 billion. The proposed toll road would be a private/public partnership which is completely funded by the private sector and later paid back through tolls, so that only those that use the road would pay the fee. The estimated cost of the development of the toll road is \$350-\$400 million. Toll fees are estimated to be \$3-\$6 per trip, depending on the number of axels, and would be billed electronically. The modeling and usage data was calculated using vehicles per day estimates from I-5, Hwy 18, and Hwy 99, and by the population in Portland, which is expected to grow by 1 million people in the next 18 years.

Mr. Martinson and Mr. Youngman explained that the environmental advantages of the proposed toll road would use the same amount of acreage as the proposed Newberg-Dundee Bypass, with less environmental impact and fewer residences having to be removed. Also, along with the development of the new road, the Coastal Parkway LLC

would expand Hwy 18 an additional two lanes. Coastal Parkway LLC would prefer to work with the landowners to purchase the property needed to build the toll road, but a secondary option is to condemn land.

The toll road would take 2 years to build, and would be a 30-year contract, and at the end of the contract, the toll would be removed and the road would be turned over to the State. Mr. Martinson and Mr. Youngman anticipate the revenue collected over the 30-year period to be approximately \$800 million. Any additional revenue over the payback amount plus interest would be used for community projects (bike paths, riverfront improvements, etc.).

Staff expressed concerns about developing an additional highway when there are fewer deputies to patrol the area. The Board expressed concerns about the impact to Fort Hill, located in Polk County, which already has traffic congestion issues without adding additional traffic into the area.

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

a. **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE LUNCH CLOSING**

Doug Schmidt, Assessor informed the Board that one of his employees has accepted a position with Marion County. The Assessor's office also just had an employee retire. Due to these vacancies, the Assessor's office will have to start closing during lunch until a new employee is hired.

b. **SPECIAL EVENT CONFLICT**

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director informed the Board that he has had two organizations apply to have special events on the same day, same time. Both are bike events that will be traveling the same direction. The Board directed Todd to work together with the two organizations so that both events can occur simultaneously.

Todd also explained that the Public works fee schedule will be updated before it is approved on July 11 to better clarify that sweeping for special events is an additional charge.

Chairman Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez
Approved: July 17, 2012