

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
September 4, 2012

1. At 9:07 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 AUGUST 28, 2012.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **HUMANE SOCIETY KENNEL AGREEMENT**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer presented a two-year agreement for dog kennel services with the Humane Society, since the previous agreement expired on June 30, 2012. The boarding fee for the first year will be \$100/dog, for year two it will be \$102/dog. The previous boarding fee was \$96/dog. This agreement will cost the County approximately \$25,000-\$28,000 per year.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE KENNEL AGREEMENT.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **CITY OF INDEPENDENCE SURPLUS PROPERTY REQUEST**

Greg Hansen informed the Board that he was contacted by the City of Independence Recorder, regarding a parcel of land that the County has possessed due to tax foreclosure. The Property is surrounded on three sides by a City Park, and is not buildable.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AGREED TO OFFER THE PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE PAST DUE TAX AMOUNT AND ALL RECORDING FEES.

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

- a. **ZENA ROAD**

Todd Whittaker, Public Works Director informed the Board that the approach to Wallace Road on Zena Road is significantly cracked from wet sub-grade. Todd recommended the Board consider not only repairing the approach but also addressing the larger safety problem of the angle of the corner.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO REPAIR THE ZENA ROAD APPROACH AND EXTEND THE CULVERT IN ORDER TO BACKFILL THE DITCH AND IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF THE INTERSECTION.

- b. **ROWELL CREEK ROAD**

Todd Whittaker informed the Board that he had received responses back from eight of the fourteen residents of Rowell Creek Road regarding the proposal to cost share road paving. Though the residents would like to keep a paved road, most would not be willing to cost share with the County for the paving. Todd would like to either repave the road or return it to gravel (approx \$5,000-\$10,000) and then downgrade the road. The Board commented that this road and Jahn Road were paved at the same time, with grindings, and are now facing the same maintenance issues, so whatever the Board decides to do on one of these roads, the same would have to be done on the other.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO PATCH ROWELL CREEK ROAD.

c. **SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Commissioner Pope informed the Board that he had been approached by the owner of the business adjacent to the dog pound site on Rickreall Road. The business owner may be interested in acquiring the property. The Board discussed that prior to declaring the property surplus in order to sell it, the County would need to have a long-term plan in place for a contracted dog impound facility, either with the Humane Society or another private kennel.

Chairman Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: September 11, 2012