

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2012

1. At 9:04 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 WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2012.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **DOAKS FERRY ROAD**

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director responded to an email that had been received by the Board about the hill/corner at Doaks Ferry Road, and if there was anything the Board could do to enhance the safety for drivers. Todd recommended that the Public Works Department install chevrons on the corner to better alert drivers of the curb. Todd will also check with ODOT to see if the 'Stop Ahead' sign that is currently posted could be moved further up the hill.

4. **HUMAN RESOURCES/GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Matt Hawkins, Human Resources Director reported that the HR department is still posting recruitments as they open, with Mental Health still doing a majority of the hiring in the County. Matt is preparing for negotiations with the unions for FY 2013-2014, and has a meeting this afternoon regarding health insurance.

In the General Services department, one office staff position was cut, but Melanie is still able to manage the workload on her own. The new lighting is being installed in the corridors and should be completed next week. Once the lights are in and an inspection is done, the ceiling tiles will be installed. Substantial completion for the sprinkler system is scheduled for December 20, but fire doors will not be replaced until January.

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

a. **CITY OF INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE ZONE**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer informed the Board that he received a letter from the City of Independence requesting an expansion to the Enterprise zone to attract more industrial business. This would create a tax abatement for three to five years. The proposed zone would be on the west side of the Independence airport. The City of Independence will be scheduling a public hearing to discuss this with the Board of Commissioners sometime in February.

b. **PATROL REPORT**

Greg Hansen reported that there was a fatal accident last night on Hwy 18. A pedestrian was trying to cross the highway on foot, and was struck by a car. The driver is cooperating with the investigation

Chairman Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: December 19, 2012