

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2013

1. At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Pope was present. Commissioner Wheeler was excused.
2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2013.**

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **PLANNING COMMISSION & COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT**

Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director reported that there are three Planning Commission members that are up for reappointment, Bill Farmer, Jim Morrison, and Wayne Simmons, all have agreed to serve for an additional four-year term. Austin also requested the Board Designate Jim Morrison as Chair of the Planning Commission. Both Bill Farmer and Michael Schilling have agreed to serve as Vice-Chair, so Austin requested the Board delegate one of these members or delegate the Planning Commission to select a Vice-Chair.

Austin explained that the Committee for Citizen Involvement and the Planning Commission in the past were the same people, but when the land use development increased, the Committees became separate to better divide the workload. Now that development has decreased, Austin is recommending that the Board appoint the Planning Commission members to the Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI). All of the members of the CCI and Planning Commission have agreed to this and all of the terms of the members of the CCI are expired. There is one vacancy currently on the Planning Commission, and Austin would like to interview Linda Agen, who is on the CCI, to fill that position.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED BILL FARMER, JIM MORRISON, AND WAYNE SIMMONS BE RE-APPOINTED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, TERMS TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2015.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DESIGNATED JIM MORRISON AS CHAIR OF THE POLK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DESIGNATED MICHAEL SCHILLING AS VICE-CHAIR OF THE POLK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPOINTED THE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH INTERVIEWING LYNDA AGEN FOR THE VACANCY ON THE POLK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION.

4. **TRIBAL LAND ACQUISITION**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer presented two requests by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to put two parcels of land into tribal trust. The Tribe also submitted a list to Doug Schmidt, Assessor showing what other properties they are considering putting into tribal trust. Most of the properties have back taxes owed, which in the past the Tribe has paid before putting them into the trust. The Board directed staff to respond to these requests with a letter stating that we do not object to these requests, the County is concerned with the financial impact of taxes being removed from the tax rolls.

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

a. **OPERATING LEVY COMMITTEE**

Greg Hansen reported that the Operating Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Conference Room. The Committee members are Jean Sherbeck, Gene Henshaw, Anna Scharf, Charles Luukinen, Bill Kluting, John Schoon, Ray Steele, Kim Marr and Tom Ritchey. The issues to be discussed at the meeting will be if the County should go out for a levy before the voters. If so, when should the timing of the election be, how many years should the levy be, and for what amount?

Greg presented some initial calculations regarding the upcoming budget. The latest fiscal outlook shows a \$200,000 revenue decrease from the current fiscal year, and a \$600,000-\$800,000 increase in expenses to maintain the existing personnel (majority of increase caused by PERS and health insurance increases). To balance the budget, there will need to be an 8-10 FTE reduction from the general fund. Greg anticipates that at least five of these will come from the Sheriff Patrol division. If the grant with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde is not funded, there will be an additional \$450,000 in lost revenue.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez
Approved: January 29, 2013