

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2013

1. At 9:05 a.m., Chair Wheeler declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Pope were present.

2. **MINUTES**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2013.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **LAND USE DECISION APPEAL** - Jerry Sorte, Planning Manager and Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director informed the Board that on June 27, 2013, the Hearings Officer approved farm dwelling application (FD 13-01) by Douglas and Nahmjee Skarada. The Skaradas applied for the dwelling under the income standards requiring a demonstrated \$40,000 in annual income from the sale of farm products (in this case, Christmas trees). The decision for approval has been appealed by Peter Dinsdale. Mr. Dinsdale claims that he leased the applicant's property and cut, piled, and burned the Christmas trees, and that the applicants did not comply with the \$40,000 income standard required with this approval.

The issue at hand is whether the Board should conduct the appeal or refer to the Hearings Officer.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD REFERRED THE APPEAL TO THE HEARINGS OFFICER.

4. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **FAIR UPDATE** - Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer updated the Board that the Fairgrounds has raised all of the \$120,000 needed for the Villwock property purchase. The landowner would like a culvert replacement be completed prior to the finalization of the deal, but the culvert replacement cannot occur until the crop has been harvested, in another two weeks. The deal should be finalized by the end of July.
 - b. **HHS UPDATE** - Greg reported that the most recent budget revenue forecast for Health and Human Services is about \$10-\$15k below what is budgeted. For Public Health, it is approximately \$20-\$30k higher. The projected ending fund balance for Mental Health is between a \$900,000-\$1 million shortfall, which Greg hopes to backfill by the end of the current fiscal year.
 - c. **SLIDE REPAIR** - Greg reported that the slide repair project on Mill Creek will start this week. The Board will need to assess whether a guardrail along the road should be installed.
 - d. **PUBLIC HEARING** - The Board announced that there will be a public hearing to receive testimony on the submission of a Polk County Public Safety Local Option Tax Authorization, on Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and 7p.m. in the Courthouse Conference Room.

- e. **CCO SETTLEMENT** - Commissioner Pope presented an article in the Statesman Journal and informed the Board that the case against the CCO by Salem Hospital was dismissed.
- f. **STATE LEGISLATURE** - Commissioner Pope announced that the legislature adjourned yesterday, and updated the Board on the results of some of the bills.
- g. **MAYOR'S BREAKFAST** - Commissioner Pope requested that the Board consider requesting to the Council of Governments that the mayor's breakfast be changed from monthly to quarterly. Currently there isn't enough substantial issues to warrant monthly meetings.

Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:29 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: July 16, 2013