

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES August 14, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

At 9:09 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Ainsworth was present, Commissioner Wheeler was excused. A CD of the proceedings is on file in the Board of Commissioners' Office.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
 Dave Doyle, County Counsel

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The Tuesday meeting is held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. The Wednesday meeting is held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda.

Department Head/staff meetings with the Board of Commissioners are held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room and are conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The principal subjects anticipated to be considered are on-going, upcoming, and new matters bearing on County operations. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects not listed within this announcement.

3. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item H was added to the consent calendar, Public Works contract with WH Pacific for consulting and fish salvage services on the erosion control project on Rock Creek.

Item I was added to the consent calendar, Community Corrections IGA with the Department of Corrections for 2013-2014 Grant-in-Aid funding.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS AMENDED.

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 7, 2013

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2013.

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

7. RESOLUTION 13-13 - PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL OPTION TAX

Greg Hansen presented Resolution 13-13 in the matter of calling a Measure Election to submit a local option tax (public safety operating levy) measure to the voters of the County to fund public safety needs within Polk County.

Polk County has been discussing over the last nine months the possibility of going out for an operating levy as a means of addressing the County's Public Safety needs. A Citizen's Committee was formed and met three times. The Committee recommended the County place a 3-year Operating Levy on the ballot for the November 2013 election at a rate not to exceed \$0.60/\$1,000. Mr. Hansen is recommending the Board consider a 4-year levy instead for the same amount so it will not conflict with the Road Bond expiring in 2016.

Staff reported that the unofficial surveys conducted at the Summerfest and Fair events show that out of the 48 surveys returned, 35 expressed support for the levy.

Commissioner Wheeler was not able to be at the meeting today, but staff reported that she did express support for the levy. District Attorney Aaron Felton also submitted a letter of support that was read into the record.

Sheriff Wolfe explained that this situation was not created by Polk County, but was caused by the Federal Government's reduction and ultimate elimination of federal timber monies. The Sheriff supports the proposed operating levy and thinks that voters should have the chance to decide what level of service they want from the County.

Commissioner Ainsworth wants the community to be safe, and doesn't think the County can afford to not go out for the operating levy. The Jail is at minimum staffing and there are already 4 hours per day when there is no Sheriff patrol. The County simply cannot cut anymore.

Commissioner Pope explained that it is up to the Commissioners to educate the County stakeholders about the need, who is responsible for the situation, and ask them how they want the County to operate going forward.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #13-13 IN THE MATTER OF CALLING A MEASURE ELECTION TO SUBMIT A LOCAL OPTION TAX (PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATING LEVY) MEASURE TO THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS WITHIN POLK COUNTY.

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

At 9:25 a.m., Commissioner Pope asked if there was need for an Executive Session. Staff answered that there was not and the meeting was adjourned.

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

(a) JAIL INSPECTION FACILITY ANNUAL REPORT

Accept report of the Board of Commissioners' biannual inspection tour of the jail facility conducted August 7, 2013 as required by ORS 169.040.

(b) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BIENNIAL PLAN

Approve the Community Corrections Plan for 2013-2015.

(c) MENTAL HEALTH - CONTRACT 13-162

Approve Contract #13-162 with Martha Ann Bowersox for after hours on-call crisis services.

(d) PUBLIC HEALTH - CONTRACT 13-163

Approve Contract #13-163 (Amendment 1 to Cont 13-99) with the Department of Human Services for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program and WIC Program.

(e) CORRECTIONS - CONTRACT 13-164

Approve Contract #13-164 with TMI Test Services for polygraph services.

(f) MENTAL HEALTH - CONTRACT #13-165

Approve contract #13-165 (amendment 2 to Cont 12-36) with Marion County Health Department for occupational therapy services.

(g) SHERIFF'S OFFICE - CONTRACT #13-166

Approve contract #13-166 (amendment 1 to Cont 10-190) with ODOT for the Eagle Crest Tower.

(h) PUBLIC WORKS - CONTRACT 13-168

Approve Contract #13-168 with WH Pacific for consulting and fish salvage services for erosion protection of Rock Creek at Fire Hall Rd. Bridge in Grand Ronde.

(i) COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS - CONTRACT 13-169

Approve Contract #13-169 with the Department of Corrections for 2013-2014 Grant-in-Aid funding.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jennifer Wheeler, Chair

Craig Pope, Commissioner

Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

Minutes: Heather Alvarez
Approved: August 21, 2013