

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

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

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2013.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **RECLASSIFICATION OF LABORER** - Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director requested a reclassification of a Laborer at Public Works to a Road Maintenance Worker. Matt explained that the current classification does not allow the County to utilize all of this employee's skills.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST.

4. **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON** - Matt Hawkins announced that the Holiday luncheon for Polk County staff will be on December 19. Last year the County had tacos for the meal. The Board directed Matt to get bids from a couple different local caterers before making a decision on the food choices. Matt also requested the Board start thinking about the BOC award. Commissioner Wheeler also requested Matt look into having a separate volunteer recognition reception at a later date.

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

- a. **ODOT GRANT AWARD UPDATE** - Commissioner Pope explained that the two ODOT Grant Applications for Highway 22 were both successful. The 22/51 interchange was awarded \$5.2 million which will be used to determine a preferred alternative, begin engineering plans and begin acquiring property for the needed right-of-way. The 22/18 interchange was awarded \$3 million which will be used to complete the engineering work and continue to acquire property needed for right-of-way. These grants should be used next year, and once completed, both of these projects should be eligible for Tiger grants.

The Tiger V grant that Polk County had applied for to repave Hwy 99 was not successful. However, the application has prompted increased maintenance and repairs from ODOT on the highway.

- b. **HR RECRUITMENT CHANGES** - Matt Hawkins announced that in an effort to boost recruitment and attract more qualified applicants, Polk County Human Resources will be creating a Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn accounts.

Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: October 1, 2013