

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2013

1. At 9:01 a.m., Commissioner Wheeler declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Pope were present.

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2013.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **SALEM RIVER CROSSING**

Dave Simmons with CH2M Hill attended the Board meeting to review the planning process for the Salem Third Bridge. The Regional Advisory Committee recommended option 4D, which was brought before the Salem City Council a couple months ago. The Salem City Council did not support this option, but instead requested an option that would reduce the cost and impact, in exchange for a little more congestion at the intersections impacted by this bridge. This option has been investigated and is called the Salem Alternative. Dave Simmons then showed a presentation of the impacts of the Salem Alternative compared to option 4D.

Scott Bassett, who lives on the 2000 block of Wallace Road submitted written testimony for the record, and asked the County to reconsider option 2A, which would add 3 lanes of traffic to the current bridges for \$150 million, compared to building a new bridge for \$400 million for the Salem Alternative, or \$690 million for option 4D.

Polk County's interest in this issue is focused on getting freight to I-5 to help increase and support economic growth. Commissioner Pope requested and received permission from the rest of the Board to continue to move forward with the oversight team in order to remain involved and ensure that Polk County's interests are opinions are heard.

4. **SRS ELECTIONS**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer informed the Board that because the County will be receiving Secure Rural Schools funding, the Board has to delegate the percentage of funds that will be allocated for Title II and Title III projects. As in the past, Greg is proposing 15%, with 8% for Title II and 7% for Title III.

5. **RECLASSIFICATION OF DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY I**

Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Manager informed the Board that one of the Deputy District Attorney II's will be leaving in January, and Keir Boettcher, Deputy District Attorney I has proved to be very competent, so District Attorney Felton would like to promote him to Deputy District Attorney II, giving him the ability to try Measure 11 crimes.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE RECLASSIFICATION OF A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY I TO A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY II.

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

- a. **PROXY** - Commissioner Pope will be attending the Association of O&C Counties this Friday, and since Commissioner's Ainsworth and Wheeler will not be attending, Commissioner Pope requested the Board give him their proxy votes via letter. The Board agreed.

- b. **WEATHER UPDATE** - Greg Hansen updated the Board on the damage to County Buildings from the cold weather. Public Works is up and running except for the shops, which are still without water. There was also a burst water pipe in the attic of the Arts and Crafts building at the Fairgrounds, but was confined to the kitchen area.

Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: December 17, 2013