

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2014

1. At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler was present. Commissioner Ainsworth was excused.
2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2014.**
MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.
3. **PROPERTY TAX LIEN TRANSFERS**
Doug Schmidt, Assessor, informed the Board of a proposed House Bill that would allow companies to enter into loan agreements with property owners who are delinquent in their property taxes. The companies would pay off the delinquent tax bills, and the property owners would then pay back this company over 3-5 years at 13% interest rate, as opposed to the Counties charge at a 16% interest rate. The company would then be in the same lien holder position as the County would be, in front of any mortgage liens, and could foreclose on the property if the loan was not paid back. Doug will continue to keep the Board informed as this bill continues through the legislative work sessions.
4. **DOAKS FERRY ROAD/ODOT IGA**
Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director reported on the status of the Doaks Ferry Road IGA with ODOT. He has been working on this agreement for over a year, and there are still some issues that are coming up that the State and the County haven't been able to agree on. Todd is concerned that the project expenses would be on a reimbursement basis, instead of up front funding from ODOT, exposing the County to increased financial risk. Also, what will be considered 'reimburse-able expenses' have not been agreed upon. Todd is also trying to change the agreement to allow the County to use a consultant for Right of Way procurement, instead of having to use the State. Todd will keep the Board informed as discussions about the agreement continue.
5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **RONCO ROAD** - Todd has been in discussions with Hancock Timber Resource Group about rebuilding the second bridge on Ronco Road. The bridge is weight-limited and is not able to be used by log trucks. Ronco Road does not have any residences remaining above the first bridge, and is now only a logging road. The Public Works department is considering downgrading/vacating the road, which the Board requested additional information on.
 - b. **BUTLER HILL ROAD VACATION**- Todd informed the Board that there is a Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2013 to hear testimony about the Butler Hill Road Vacation. Todd is expecting quite a few members of the public to testify, both in support and against the vacation.
 - c. **JUVENILE FUNDING LETTER** - Greg asked the Commissioners if they would like to submit a letter in support or against the proposed JCP funding. Craig and Jennifer both attended the AOC meetings yesterday and AOC voted not to support the funding. The Board directed staff to draft a letter for their consideration at the Wednesday Board meeting.

Chairman Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: January 21, 2014