

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
JULY 1, 2014

1. At 9:02 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Ainsworth were present.
2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 17 AND JUNE 24, 2014.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CITIZEN INPUT** - Beverly Birr, citizen attended the meeting. Ms. Birr owns a 60-acre century farm. She had received approval from the prior Board of Commissioners on a Measure 37 appeal to divide 20.1 acres of hayfield into partitions, but the appeal was denied by the previous Judge Avera. Ms. Birr then applied for a Measure 49 appeal, but did not realize at the time her attorney had applied to put the property into one-acre parcels, which is not her intention. She is now coming before this Board to request approval to divide part of the property into 5-acre parcels. Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director explained that the County does not have legal authority to go over Measure 49, and informed her that she would need to contact the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development to receive a Measure 49 waiver in order to proceed through the County land use requirements.
4. **NEW JOB SPECS AND RECLASSIFICATION** - Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director requested approval to move Tim Hilker from a Maintenance Grounds Worker II to a Maintenance Grounds Worker III. Tim has been with the County for over 20 years, and maintains all the County parks with help from the inmate work crew.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE NEW JOB SPECIFICATION AND RECLASSIFICATION.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **PUBLIC FORUM** - Greg Hansen, Administrative Services Officer informed the Board that notice for the Doaks Ferry Road Realignment public forum will be in the IO tomorrow, and has been listed on the Statesman events online. Notices are also being mailed out to affected landowners.
 - b. **HWY 99 IMPROVEMENTS** - Greg Hansen informed the Board that Todd Whitaker will be attending a meeting later today to discuss the Amity to Monmouth paving project and to request additional information about the proposed paving in Monmouth. Approximately \$5.1 million has been allocated for a one-mile stretch of road through Monmouth for ADA accessibility, with \$750,000 allocated for Right-of-Way acquisition.
 - c. **CONFEDERATED TRIBES CONTRACT COMPLETION** - Greg Hansen informed the Board that the County's contract with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for law enforcement services ended last night.
 - d. **EARLY LEARNING APPLICATION APPEAL** - Commissioner Pope updated the Board on yesterday's meeting with Ella Taylor, Western Oregon University, who was the lead applicant for the application. A letter was drafted and sent to the Department of Administrative Services to appeal the denial of Polk County's application and subsequent pairing with Early Learning Hub, Inc. The letter emphasized the scoring failures and requested documentation on the decision making criteria. The Board does expect the appeal to also be denied.

- e. **SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER UPDATE** - Greg Hansen informed the Board that the County has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente for the continued development of a School Based Health Center. Brent will be attending next week's meeting to give an update on the progress of the project.
- f. **REGIONAL SOLUTIONS GRANT REQUEST** - Commissioner Pope informed the Board that at the last Regional Solutions Advisory Council meeting, MINET presented a request before the Council for funding to develop a countywide fiber optic network for the cities, households and local governments of Polk County, beginning with Dallas. This is the first that Commissioner Pope or Mayor Dalton had heard of the proposed project. Commissioner Pope expressed opposition to the project, but wanted to make sure that the other two Commissioners are aware of MINET's proposed expansion.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:33 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: July 8, 2014