

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
JULY 29, 2014

1. At 9:03 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 JULY 22, 2014.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **MICROENTERPRISE PROGRAM** - Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director informed the Board that Forrest Peck with the Microenterprise Program came before the Board in December to request an endorsement from the Board of Commissioners for a CDBG application sponsored by the City of Independence for entrepreneur training. At that time the Board Chair signed the letter of support, but the CDBG program was subsequently put on hold at the federal level. It is now been reinstated, but Forrest Peck is now required to submit a new application, and Austin is again requesting Board endorsement for the CDBG application on behalf of Forrest Peck.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO ENDORSE THE CDBG APPLICATION BY THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE MERIT PROGRAM.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **TRIBAL APPLICATION FOR LAND TRUST** - Greg Hansen presented a letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs notifying the County that the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde has applied to have 34 acres put into tribal trust. This application would remove approximately \$175 per year from the tax rolls. The Board directed Staff to send the standard letter response voicing the County's continued concern of properties being removed from the tax rolls.

Doug Schmidt updated the Board on the recent Bureau of Indian Affairs rule that was passed last year. This is a federal rule that states that any improvement built on tribal owned land is exempt from taxation. Tribes in Oregon are now working to submit legislation at the state level that will align statutes to the federal rule.

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

- a. **DOAKS FERRY UPDATE** - Greg e-mailed the compilation of the Doaks Ferry Road comments and the Staff's recommendation for the plan of action to the Board last week. The Board would like to address some of the concerns expressed about bussing children to school. Greg will schedule a meeting with Buzz Brazeau, Central School District Superintendent, to discuss the possibility of changing the district boundary in that area to the Salem-Keizer School District.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:22 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: August 5, 2014