

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES September 10, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Ainsworth were present. A CD of the proceedings is on file in the Board of Commissioners' Office.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
 Morgan Smith, County Counsel

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The Tuesday meeting is held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. The Wednesday meeting is held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda.

Department Head/staff meetings with the Board of Commissioners are held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room and are conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The principal subjects anticipated to be considered are on-going, upcoming, and new matters bearing on County operations. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects not listed within this announcement.

The Board of Commissioners will attend the Association of Oregon Counties Governance Forum on September 12, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Local Government Center, 1201 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

The Grand Ronde Sanitary District Board of Trustees will meet on September 17, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. in the Polk County Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main St., Dallas, OR 97338.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shawn Robinson of 29790 Joe Day Way, Grand Ronde, presented a notebook of photos and correspondence with various agencies detailing her concerns, and read a prepared statement. Ms. Robinson complained of the lack of code enforcement in the Rock Creek Hideout area of Grand Ronde. She claims that some property owners are violating Polk County Ordinances, and the Code Enforcement officer does not respond to these violations. Ms. Robinson feels these properties are an environmental health and safety problem. The residents of these properties also annoy and cause discomfort to other neighbors. Ms. Robinson has property for sale, but potential buyers are scared off by the appearance of the neighborhood. Ms. Robinson has had conversations with the Code Enforcement officer, but he is now refusing to talk to her and referred her to speak to County Counsel. Ms. Robinson requested assistance from the Board to resolve these code enforcement issues.

Michelle Fink of 8340 A R Ford Rd, Grand Ronde, presented photos of neighboring properties displaying the assumed violations, and read a prepared statement detailing her concerns with the alleged code enforcement issues. Mrs. Fink and her husband built a home in Grand Ronde in 2013. The building codes were stringent to complete her home, while other homes in her neighborhood have inadequate sewage, non-permitted structures, and questionable electrical systems. Mrs. Fink has had neighbors throw/detonate homemade bombs on her property, and the Polk County Sheriff does not have resources to investigate these complaints. Mrs. Fink shared a

story of recently walking on her property and finding human feces near a creek, caused by the inadequate sanitation of her neighbors. Mrs. Fink claims the living conditions are comparable to third-world countries and she is concerned with the health and safety problems that go along with these issues.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

At 9:11 a.m., Commissioner Pope asked if there was need for an Executive Session. Staff answered that there was not and the meeting was adjourned.

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- (a) **RATIFY VALID VOUCHERS, LICENSES, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PAYROLL, ETC. FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2014.**

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Craig Pope, Chair

Jennifer Wheeler, Commissioner

Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: September 17, 2014