

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

1. At 9:04 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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2014.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **DOAKS FERRY DISCUSSION** – Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director and Tim Potter with ODOT reminded the Board that staff held an open house in July to discuss the proposed project. Approximately 75 people attended the meeting. Todd and Tim presented the comments that were collected at the open house, and the responses drafted by staff. The Central School District is not interested in changing the district boundaries at this time, and believes the proposed improvements will be beneficial for school bus safety. When asked about lowering the speed limit, Tim explained that in recent speed studies there is no indication that the corridor needs a lower speed limit. ODOT is also still looking into the changes that will need to be made to the truck scales merging lanes. The Board discussed reapplying for a safety corridor, since the area from Oak Grove to Rosemont now is at approximately 118% of crash deaths and serious injuries compared to other highways in the state. In order to be designated as a safety corridor there also needs to be a commitment from Law Enforcement that the safety corridor will become a priority area. The Board asked Tim to initiate the application process on behalf of the County.

Due to staffing changes, Tim announced that he is now the manager over both the valley region and Astoria, so he will be traveling more but will still be overseeing this project.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATION FROM PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR FINAL DESIGN BY LATE OCTOBER.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY** – Todd Whitaker requested permission to declare a 1997 Ford Ranger, ID#P9705, a 1998 Chevrolet Malibu, ID#C9912, and a 1998 Ford E-350 Van, ID#P9811 as surplus so these vehicles can be disposed of. Estimated value of the vehicles is approximately \$3,000.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DECLARED THE 1997 FORD RANGER, ID#P9705, A 1998 CHEVROLET MALIBU, ID#C9912, AND A 1998 FORD E-350 VAN, ID#P9811 AS SURPLUS.

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

- a. **BEHAVIORAL CARE NETWORK MOU** – Greg Hansen presented a new MOU for the Mid Valley Behavioral Care Network with just Polk County and Marion County, effective January 1, 2015. The Board continues to have concerns about the equity of payments, and would like the BCN to continue to look at becoming an entity separate from Marion County. This MOU will be put on the consent calendar for final approval in two weeks.

- b. **DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA** – Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director informed the Board that after researching designated smoking areas, he discovered that the Oregon Revised Statutes requires any addictions facility that is providing

treatment to be smoke free. Matt and staff will immediately begin moving towards this at the Academy Building and the West Salem Clinic by posting signs.

- c. **KNOTWEED SPRAYING** - Greg Hansen informed the Board that the County was contacted by the Luckiamute Watershed Council, who is performing knotweed spraying along the Little Luckiamute River. The County owns a piece of property along this watershed and the Council needs to have landowner approval to perform the spraying.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED KNOTWEED CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH THE LUCKIAMUTE WATERSHED COUNCIL.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: September 23, 2014