

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES September 24, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Ainsworth was present, Commissioner Wheeler was excused. 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 Job Growers meeting on Friday, September 26, 2014 at 7:30am in the Chemeketa Center for Business and Industry, 626 High St NE, Room 203, Salem, OR 97301.

The Board of Commissioners will attend the Association of Oregon Counties District 6 meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 11am in the Local Government Center, 1201 Court St. NE, Salem, OR, 97301.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Craig Pope added item #7: Hwy 22/Hwy 51 discussion with ODOT to the agenda.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
 SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

7. HWY 22/HWY 51 REPAIR PROJECT

Jeff Shambaugh, the ODOT project engineer for the Hwy 22/Hwy 51 repair project attended the meeting to discuss the upcoming emergency closure of the intersection to repair a sink hole. This project is proposed to last three days (Fri, Sat, Sun, October 10-12) and will require a 20 foot trench to be dug to repair a failed culvert. In order to do this, ODOT is proposing merging eastbound traffic on Hwy 22 to one lane and closing the intersection. Traffic moving northbound on Hwy 51 will still be allowed to turn eastbound onto Hwy 22. ODOT is proposing to detour traffic turning south onto Hwy 51 to Oak Grove Road. The County disagrees, and feels it is safer to have car traffic detour to Greenwood, and truck traffic detour to Hwy 99. The Board feels that merging eastbound traffic at the Oak Grove intersection will cause less gaps between traffic for those trying to turn southbound onto Oak Grove. Also, the intersection at Oak Grove is unlit, while the intersection at Greenwood is illuminated. Mr. Shambaugh explained that ODOT has completed an analysis and decided that both intersections are equally safe, but detouring traffic to Oak Grove is the cheaper option. The Board vehemently disagreed that the Oak Grove Road detour is as safe as Greenwood. Both Sheriff Robert Wolfe and Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, voiced their safety concerns with the Oak Grove detour option and encouraged ODOT to consider Greenwood Road as the left turn option for Westbound traffic on Hwy 22. The Board also noted that the safety plan does not include any speed reduction through the construction zone, which the Board would recommend ODOT implement. Mr. Shambaugh noted the County's concerns and will discuss them with ODOT's Traffic Engineers. He will also pursue contacting Motor Carrier to notify trucks of the intersection closure, and trucks should detour to Hwy 99. Mr. Shambaugh will stay in contact with Public Works Director Todd Whitaker to update the Board on any changes to ODOT's plan for the closure of this intersection.

At 9:34 a.m., County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h). Although the public is excluded, no vote may be taken in executive session. Written minutes from the meeting are on file in the Board's office, but are confidential under ORS 192.660.

Commissioner Pope called the meeting back into regular session.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO PROCEED AS DISCUSSED.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am

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

(a) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – CONTRACT NO. 14-158

Approve Contract 14-158 with Ingenuity Health for drug analysis services.

(b) HUMAN RESOURCES – CONTRACT NO. 14-160

Approve Contract 14-160, Employment Agreement with Dean Anderson.

(c) SHERIFF'S OFFICE – CONTRACT NO. 14-161

Approve Contract 14-161 with Oregon Emergency Management for the FY 14 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

(d) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – CONTRACT NO. 14-162

Approve Contract 14-162 with the Mid Valley Behavioral Care Network to modify the existing MVBCN agreement.

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Craig Pope, Chair

Jennifer Wheeler, Commissioner

Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: October 1, 2014