

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

1. At 9:08 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler was present, Commissioner Pope was excused.

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2014.**

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **NACO DUES** – Greg Hansen presented the invoice from the National Association of Counties for the calendar year 2015 dues. The total amounts to \$1,395. Greg explained that NACo provides many benefits for the County, including the prescription drug discount card, and Commissioner Pope sits on at least one NACo committee. Greg requested approval to pay the dues.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE PAYMENT OF NACO DUES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015.

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

- a. **RONCO ROAD** – Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, informed the Board that there have been requests by landowners to put a gate on Ronco Road. There are no residences served by this road, it is only a timber resource road. Todd feels that if the County agrees to the gate, then the road should be vacated or downgraded. However, the issue is that the bridge on this road is in need of repairs. One of the timber landowners that utilize this road has offered to rebuild the bridge, if the County purchases the materials (approximately \$60,000). The Board feels that the public will not benefit from this bridge being rebuilt, it will only benefit the private property owner(s), and should therefore be the ones paying for it.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO RESPOND TO THE PROPERTY OWNER THAT THE COUNTY WILL NOT BE PURCHASING THE MATERIALS FOR THE BRIDGE REBUILD AND IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE COUNTY TO VACATE THE ROAD.

- b. **DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING** – Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director reminded the Board that in the most recent AFSCME negotiations, union employees were awarded the day after Thanksgiving off. Matt requested clarification about giving this day to non-reps also, which would mean the Courthouse would be closed.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED STAFF TO CLOSE THE COURTHOUSE ON THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:25 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: October 7, 2014