

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES November 26, 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 was present, Commissioner Ainsworth was excused.

Staff present:           Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer  
                                  Morgan Smith, County Counsel  
                                  Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director  
                                  Robert Wolfe, Sheriff  
                                  Aaron Felton, District Attorney

**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 & Mid-Willamette Jobs Council Quarterly Board meeting on Friday, December 5, 2014 at the Job Growers Offices, 626 High Street NE, Suite 305 Salem, Oregon 97301.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014**

**MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

**7. RESOLUTION 14-11 – PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL OPTION TAX (OPERATING LEVY)**

Greg Hansen presented a memo and Resolution 14-11 in the matter of calling for a public hearing on the decision to submit to the voters the question of approving a public safety operating levy in an amount not to exceed \$0.45/\$1,000 of assessed value. Greg explained due to reduced timber revenues in the General Fund, public safety programs have been severely reduced. In order to combat the eroding services, Greg is recommending the Board pursue an operating levy focused on Public Safety programs. Greg proposes a levy in the amount of \$0.45/\$1,000, which would generate approximately \$2.3 million annually and allow for the County to hire approximately 22 public safety FTE, and rent an additional two juvenile detention beds.

Sheriff Wolfe and District Attorney Aaron Felton both expressed their appreciation for the Board to move forward with starting the public input process, and feel it is the rights step for the County, but both also expressed concern with the timeline, once the public hearing process is over, to develop an effective campaign before the May 19, 2015 elections.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 14-11 IN THE MATTER OF CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DECISION TO SUBMIT TO THE VOTERS THE QUESTION OF APPROVING A PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATING LEVY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$0.45/\$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE.**

**MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

At 9:14 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) PUBLIC WORKS – LEASE PURCHASE**  
Approve the lease purchase of one 320 F Wheel Excavator from Peterson Caterpillar.
- (b) PUBLIC WORKS – CONTRACT NO. 14-187**  
Approve Contract 14-187 with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the 2014 Fund Exchange Agreement.
- (c) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – CONTRACT NO. 14-188**  
Approve Contract 14-188 (Amendment 1 to Contract 14-59) with Project ABLE for expanded peer support services for populations related to Polk County's Rental Assistance Program.
- (d) GENERAL SERVICES – CONTRACT NO. 14-189**  
Ratify Contract 14-189 with the Oregon Judicial Department for the purchase and installation of a new air unit.
- (e) RATIFY VALID VOUCHERS, LICENSES, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, PAYROLL, ETC. FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2014.**

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Craig Pope, Chair

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Jennifer Wheeler, Commissioner

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Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

Minutes: Heather Merrill  
Approved: December 3, 2014