

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 2, 2014**

1. At 9:00 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 WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2014.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **EXTENSION SERVICE REQUEST FOR AN ELEVATION SURVEY** – Darrell Ward and Bill Leedy with Polk County Master Gardeners explained that the Master Gardeners have been creating an inspiration demo garden at a park in Independence. To supplement the gardens, they would like to build a workshop/education center/storage facility, which they have already been fundraising for. As part of the permit process for the City of Independence, the group is required to complete an elevation survey. Because of limited resources, the Master Gardeners are requesting the Board allow the County Surveyor to complete the elevation survey as an in-kind contribution. Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, explained that in the past, Public Works staff has provided survey work to County partners. The estimated cost for this survey is \$300-\$500 and will take approximately half a work day to complete.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE REQUEST FOR POLK COUNTY TO PROVIDE AN ELEVATION SURVEY.**

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

a. **TARTER ROAD BRIDGE** – Todd Whitaker explained that there is a 90-degree corner with a bridge on Tarter Road that is in need of repair. Todd presented two options: replace the deck of the bridge at a cost of \$20,000 for an expected life-span of 20 years, or realign the road and install a culvert at a cost of \$50,000 for an expected life-span of 50 years. Some right-of-way acquisition will be required with the latter option. Commissioner Pope declared a conflict of interest because of relation to the owners of the property that would need to be acquired. The Board would like to visit the site prior to making a decision.

b. **GRICE HILL SLIDE** – Todd Whitaker updated the Board on the Grice Hill slide. French drains were installed this year in an attempt to prevent future slides, however, approximately three weeks ago the ground slid again, causing an approximate 3-inch crack in the road. Public Works staff will monitor the slide and consider how to repair once the construction season starts.

c. **FEDERAL LAND ACCESS GRANT** – Todd Whitaker informed the Board that a second round of Federal Land Access Grants has opened. After reviewing the grant information, Todd feels that there is a strong possibility of using this grant to do some bridge replacements and road improvements on Black Rock Rd. The Bureau of Land Management is interested in partnering on this project. The grant applications are due by the end of January.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:25 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill

Approved: December 9, 2014