

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2015

1. At 9:04 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Wheeler were present.

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2015.**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUSLY

3. **BOUNTY MARKET** – Chelsea Pope and Bonnie Drier with the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting to request permission to use the Academy Building lawn to host the sixth year of Polk County Bounty Market. Bounty Market will run May – September on Thursday afternoons. There will be no major changes to this year's market. The chamber is working with a contractor to build an ADA ramp to access the market. The Board also suggested the Market use temporary signage to label some handicap spaces near the ramp. Chelsea also presented an ad that was developed by the Polk County tourism group that will be put in Travel Salem and Travel Oregon brochures to promote tourism in Polk County.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE USE OF THE ACADEMY BUILDING LAWN FOR THE POLK COUNTY BOUNTY MARKET.

4. **HWY 99/CLOW CORNER** – Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director received a letter last Monday from the Oregon Department of Transportation informing the County that the safety project scheduled for the Hwy 99/Clow Corner Rd. intersection was being cancelled due to inadequate funds. On Tuesday, there was a near-fatal accident that occurred at this intersection, which once again highlighted the need for such improvements. Todd feels that there is still a window of opportunity to reclaim the \$1.46 million of funding previously allocated for this project. He sent a response letter back to ODOT, and is now waiting to hear back from them.
5. **AOC DUES** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented the dues invoice for AOC, last year, the County paid for the General Fund Dues, Public Land Fund Dues, CTFLAC Dues, Voluntary Assessment Dues, and Forest Management Sub Committee Dues, but did not pay for PERS Alliance Dues, Veterans Fund Dues (because Polk County is exempt), or Video Lottery Defense Fund Dues. To remain status quo with what was paid last year, the amount would be approximately \$350 more. The Board agreed to pay the same dues programs as last year after the May election.
6. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **PROPERTY ADDRESSING** – Todd Whitaker informed the Board that over the next two months, the property addressing responsibility will be transitioned back from Community Development to Public Works.
 - b. **SUMMER BBQ** – Matt Hawkins discussed options for Summer BBQ dates. The luncheon will be held at the Dallas City Park on a Thursday or Friday so Public Works staff can attend. Matt will check availability of August 6/7 and report back.
 - c. **ACADEMY GYM USE** – Matt Hawkins is looking at developing a policy for charging for use of the academy building gym for activities that are not related to county programs or employees. There is a cost associated with maintaining the facility and outside entities using the facility should be expected to contribute to that. Matt will proceed with drafting a policy for Board consideration.

- d. **WATER RESOURCES BUDGET SUPPORT** – Commissioner Pope presented a letter that he had drafted in support of the Joint Ways and Means Natural Resource Sub Committee water resources budget and requested Board signature.
- e. **COUNTY COUNSEL EVALUATION** – Morgan Smith, County Counsel is due for his evaluation, which according to his contract needs to be completed by May 1. The Board requested the Personnel Department create an evaluation form based on the County Counsel job description that can be circulated to the Board for completion.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:35 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: April 14, 2015