

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
JULY 5, 2016

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Wheeler declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Pope were present.

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2016.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **SHERIFF UPDATE** – Sheriff Mark Garton reported every position that was committed from the levy has now been hired, five patrol deputies and one correction deputy are currently attending the academy. The Patrol Division returned to 24-hour patrols last week, and the POINT Team is officially up and running again this week. Each local agency has committed to the team, but the Oregon State Police representative is still in training. The Crisis Intervention teams are on track to be up and running by mid – late July. The department is working to get all the necessary MOU's and IGA's with participating agencies in place.
4. **GRANT SIGNATURE AUTHORITY** – Aaron Felton, District Attorney, presented a request for the Board to grant him signing authority on a VOCA Grant for crime victim services that his department is applying for.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DELEGATED SIGNING AUTHORITY TO AARON FELTON FOR THE VOCA GRANT.

5. **HARMONY ROAD** – Virginia Veach and other residents of Harmony Road attended the meeting to discuss a property located at the intersection of Moritz Rd. and Harmony Rd. There is an ongoing court case regarding a business operating on this property without a permit (hearing is on Thursday). However, the Harmony Road residents also voiced their concerns about road hazards created by this property that are not being addressed in the court case. The property owner has built a brick wall with sculptures in the right-of-way on the corner that is creating a road hazard, especially for semi-trucks trying to turn. In addition, another road hazard exists from reflective signs attached to the fence. Todd Whitaker, Public Works Directors explained that these two road hazards, in addition to an illegal placement of the driveway for this residence, are being addressed by the Public Works department. The property owner was given notice last week to immediately remove the road hazards, and was given 30 days to mitigate the illegal driveway access. If the property owner does not respond, Public Works can then correct the issues and bill property owner for their time.
6. **BRIDGEPORT ROAD** – Bob Lamb, resident of Bridgeport Road explained that over the last 20 years, he has met with five different Commissioners in an effort to get the approximate one-mile stretch of Bridgeport road that is currently gravel, paved. There is pavement on either end of the gravel portion. In addition, Mr. Lamb would also like to see the county develop a plan for paving priorities for other county roads. Todd Whitaker explained that the County already has a list of road paving priorities based on traffic and usage, and this section of Bridgeport Rd. is not in the top five of the list. The County does not have adequate funding for many paving projects, which cost between \$350,000 and \$500,000 per mile.
7. **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT** – Commissioner Pope presented a draft copy of the newly created Business Development Grant RFA. This allows for local businesses and organizations to apply for economic development funds from video lottery dollars. The grant awards are at the discretion of the Board. The RFA for fiscal year 2016-2017 is proposed to open on July 15, and remain open until all funds are expended. Once approved, the RFA, application and supplemental

documents will be published on the Polk County website and a press release will be sent to the paper.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT RFA.

8. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **DEJONG ROAD:** Morgan Smith, County Counsel, presented a letter from Paul Kuening, property owner on DeJong Road who was cited by Public Works for filling in a drainage ditch. The letter requests another extension of time to for the architect to prepare and submit plans to correct the illegal work in the right of way. The Board directed staff to send a final warning to Mr. Keuning stating that the ditch needs to be returned to its original condition by August 1, or the Public Works department will do the work, and bill the property owner for the work. The final warning letter will include a cost estimate.
 - b. **JAIL ACCOUNT SIGNATURES:** Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, request the Board remove Barb Shipley from the Jail Account.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE CHANGE TO THE JAIL ACCOUNT SIGNERS.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: July 12, 2016