

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
August 9, 2016

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Wheeler declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth was present, Commissioner Pope was excused.
2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2016.**
MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM
3. **DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Aaron Felton, District Attorney gave an update on his department. The District Attorney's office is fully staffed with seven Deputy District Attorney's: two misdemeanor prosecutors, one drug prosecutor, two felony prosecutors, one property crimes prosecutor, and one child support prosecutor. The prosecutors are holding consistent conviction rates, which hold offenders accountable. Mr. Felton reported that his office is 80% paperless now, which is increasing efficiencies and saving money on supplies.
4. **TRAVEL SALEM UPDATE** – Angie Morris, President of Travel Salem presented a PowerPoint of the recent media campaigns and upcoming tourism events. Tourism provides approximately 6,500 direct jobs in Marion and Polk Counties, and brings in over \$53 million into the local economy. Ms. Morris thanked the Board for their continued support.
5. **HARMONY ROAD** – Hans & Barbara Koennecke, York & Joanna Rentsch, Mark Millikan, Al & Joann Ashcroft, and Virginia Veach, residents of Harmony Road, attended the meeting to get an update on the ongoing road hazard abatement issue. Morgan Smith, County Counsel, explained the process for the County to remove the road hazard. Step 1 is issue an order notifying the landowner of the road hazard and requesting immediate remedy. This has been done, however the landowner did not comply with the order, so the County has proceeded to Step 2: Scheduling a hearing before the Board of Commissioners. The landowner was served with paperwork notifying him of the hearing scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 10 am. At that hearing the Board can consider whether the items at issue pose a road hazard and what must be done to abate it. The code enforcement issue of operating an illegal business is currently pending in circuit court, with a hearing date of September 12.
6. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.) None.

Commissioner Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: August 16, 2016