

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2015

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

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2015.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **COUNTY WEBSITE UPGRADE** – Dean Anderson, IS Director, informed the board that the current County website format was developed prior to the development of smart phones and tablets, and so is not compatible with these devices. A large majority of the Health Services and Behavioral Health clients access the website through this technology, so Health Services departments are funding the approximate \$8,000 needed to upgrade the website to support this updated technology. The website will also have a more modern look and feel, though the color schemes and site content will not change. The upgrade should be completed in July.

4. **BLOOD DRIVE REQUEST** – Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director presented a request for the Red Cross to hold an employee blood drive in the Academy Building gym. The Board requested the event also be open to the public.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE RED CROSS REQUEST TO HOLD A BLOOD DRIVE IN THE ACADEMY BUILDING FOR EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC.

5. **RELAY FOR LIFE REQUEST** – Matt Hawkins presented a request from the local Relay for Life organizers to place signs on the courthouse lawn for their upcoming event May 30-31. The Board deliberated on the repercussions of allowing an organization not affiliated with the County advertise on County property.

BY SPLIT DECISION, THE BOARD DENIED THE RELAY FOR LIFE'S REQUEST TO ADVERTISE ON THE COURTHOUSE LAWN, WITH COMMISSIONER WHEELER AND COMMISSIONER POPE IN OPPOSITION, AND COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH IN FAVOR.

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

a. **HEALTH INSURANCE RATES** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer met with the insurance representative last week, and informed the Board that the rates for Kaiser are expected to increase less than 5%, while the rates for Blue Cross/Blue Shield are expected to increase 10-12%. Greg has built in a 5-7% increase into the budget. Greg explained that self-insuring is an option, but staffing levels within Polk County are at the minimum required to be eligible for this option, and one insurance carrier would have to be eliminated. Greg will continue exploring this possibility.

b. **EMERGENCY GENERATOR SURPLUS** – Greg Hansen explained that the County currently has a 30KW emergency generator that was acquired through military surplus, that the county has no use for. Greg requested that the Board declare this item as surplus so that it can then be donated to the Joint Regional Operations Center currently in Phase I development in Forest Grove.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DECLARED THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR AS SURPLUS PROPERTY.

- c. **TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST** – Morgan Smith, County Counsel presented a request from an adult foster home for a tax exemption. Morgan explained that there is a provision in the law for an organization to receive a tax exemption if each taxing district approves the request. The City of Monmouth has already declined this request and Morgan recommended the County decline the request as well.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DECLINED THE TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST.

- d. **LPSCC** – Greg Hansen reminded the Board that the next Local Public Safety Coordinating Council will be held next Monday at noon. Marty will be discussing the 3194 RFP that is due in mid-August, which requires LPSCC approval.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:36 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill

Approved: May 5, 2015