

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 30, 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 JUNE 23, 2015.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **ALCOHOL AT THE FAIR** – Tina Andersen, Fairgrounds Manager and Anna Scharf, Fair Board Chair, explained that the Annual Polk County Fair is becoming one of the few county fairs that does not serve alcohol. For this reason, the Board is considering allowing a beer garden at the fair this year in the old 4-H building. The 3-day beer garden would be hosted by a local brewery and winery, which would operate like any other food vendor, where the fairgrounds would receive a percentage of sales, and the vendor would cover the liability coverage. The fairgrounds would also be hiring security to staff the gardens. In an attempt to draw even more attendance, Anna is also looking into having a second beer garden Thursday night next to the arena during the Rough Stock Rodeo event. This beer garden the fairgrounds would host in order to generate more revenue, but the County would then need to purchase liquor liability insurance, at a cost of \$1,000. The Board discussed the pros and cons of this venture, and recommended that since this is the first year alcohol will be served, it is better to keep the County liability to a minimum by only allowing the licensed vendors to serve it in the 3-day beer garden. The Board also suggested a closed circuit TV be set up so the rodeo can still be seen from within the beer garden.

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

a. **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE STAFFING** – Aaron Felton, District Attorney, informed the Board that he has already filled the five positions that were created with the passage of the operating levy. Three Deputy District Attorneys will be starting July 1. One other position left vacant by the retirement of Hal Cuffe is still in recruitment. In order to accommodate the increased employees, the office is undergoing minor remodeling. Aaron is also restructuring the case load for each prosecutor.

b. **SIGN IN RIGHT OF WAY** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer presented an email from Eola Winery to place an advertising sign in the right-of-way. They are applying for a grant for a 5x10 sign that they need to secure a location for. The Board acknowledged that the county does not currently have a policy in place to guide Board decisions on these types of requests, so that all requests are handled the same and the Board does not set a precedence. For this reason, the Board decided to deny this request.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill  
Approved: July 7, 2015