

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2016

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

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2016.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **AUDIT RECAP** – Brad Bingenheimer, Auditor with Boldt, Carlisle & Smith, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

4. **SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANT** – Brent DeMoe, Family & Community Outreach Manager and Doug Gouge, Program Supervisor, informed the Board of two grant awards the Family & Community Outreach Program have recently received. After reviewing the results of the State Wellness Survey, the Polk County statistics showed that the percentage of Polk County 11th graders who have attempted suicide doubled from 2011-2012 (5%) to 2013-2014 (10.5%). To combat the above average statistics, staff applied for and have been awarded two grants: \$7,500 from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and \$50,000 from the Salem Health Community Partnership Fund. Both of these grants will be used to cover the cost for staff to attend Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) training and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST). Once trained, staff will then train other staff and community members in suicide prevention.

5. **O&C SPECIAL ASSESSMENT** – Commissioner Pope explained that the BLM record of decision is due to be released in June. The Association of O&C Counties is expecting this decision to lean toward recreational use of federal land and not sustainable harvest. The Association of O&C Counties plan to litigate this decision at the federal level once it is released. Association of O&C Counties anticipates this litigation to cost \$530,000, with an assessment being charged to each O&C County based on their percentage of revenue disbursement. Polk County's assessment is \$11,766. Commissioner Pope recommended the Board authorize payment of this assessment contingent on the other counties also paying their portion.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE EXPENSE OF \$11,766 FOR THE O&C LITIGATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

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 9:47 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: February 9, 2016