

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 29, 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 MARCH 22, 2016.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **ASSISTANT WATERMASTER BUDGET REQUEST** – Joel Plahn, District 16 Watermaster, presented a request for \$5,000 annually to fund a temporary Assistant Watermaster for District 16. District 16 has one Watermaster that covers a majority of Polk, Benton, Yamhill, Marion, Clackamas and Linn Counties. In Polk County alone, there are 2,363 water rights and 55 dams requiring inspection. Marion and Clackamas counties already contribute funding for a temporary Assistant Watermaster, but that position only works in those contributing counties. If Polk County contributed to this position, this employee could then be utilized to assist Joel in Polk County as well.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AUTHORIZED \$5,000 ANNUALLY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND BE USED FOR SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT 16 WATERMASTER OFFICE.

4. **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** – Brent Demoe, Family & Community Outreach Manager and Heather Smith, Early Learning & Family Coordinator, informed the Board that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. There will be a 'Pinwheels for Prevention' walk on Monday, April 4 in front of the courthouse. Heather also requested the Board officially declare the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DECLARED THE MONTH OF APRIL 2016 AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH.

5. **OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST** – Noelle Carroll and Sheriff Mark Garton informed the Board that the County was awarded a \$750,000 grant to fund two crisis teams, made up of one law enforcement officer (one from West Salem – City of Salem employee, and one Sheriff's deputy), and one mental health employee (both County employees). This grant also includes costs associated with the International Conference for Crisis Intervention training for County staff (Sara Dotson, Sheriff Garton, Sgt. Jenkins, and one TBD Behavioral Health employee), which will be held April 24-27 in Chicago.

Noelle also informed the Board that Sara Dotson was one of 25 candidates selected nationwide to attend the Behavioral Health & Justice Leadership Academy May 2-4 in Bethesda, Maryland.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUESTS.

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

a. **CFTLC WITHDRAWAL LETTER** – Morgan Smith, County Counsel presented a draft letter requesting withdrawal from the Council of Forest Trust Land Counties.

b. **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented a request for the Board to declare a 1994 Ford F250 as surplus property. This truck was used in the public works fleet as a reader board truck.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE 1994 FORD F250, P947 AS SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Commissioner Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: April 12, 2016