

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2016

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Wheeler declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Pope were present.
2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE**
 SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2016.

 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Tina Andersen, Fair Manager and Anna Scharf, Fair Board Chair, presented a written and verbal department update.
4. **HALO PROGRAM** – Steve Milligan, Executive Director and Jordan Blake, Board President of OregonHALO (formerly HALO), updated the Board on recent program changes. The program no longer receives work source investment funding, but is still moving forward and focused on working with youth on education and work readiness. OregonHALO is in the process of developing after school programs with the Central and Falls City School Districts to teach middle and high school students computer coding. The Board expressed concern that this program received Economic Development funding last year to purchase chrome books to be used to develop an application to schedule and track volunteers. While the chrome books were purchased and are accounted for, the code that was written for this application has gone missing. Mr. Milligan continues to work with former staff to find this application work and will report back to the Board when it has been found and completed.
5. **COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSESSMENT FOR WILDFIRE PROGRAM** – Jeff Classen with the Department of Forestry and Todd Brumfield, City of Dallas Deputy Chief of Operations, presented an opportunity for a service grant that the County is eligible to apply for, for wildfire risk reduction through improved land use planning. The deadline for this grant is September 23, 2016. The Board expressed concern with the amount of work already expected of the Emergency Manager and Community Development staff that the amount of additional work it would take to develop a competitive application in the 10-day timeline. In addition, there are no current objectives defined for what Polk County would request assistance with in the grant. Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director will start the planning process for the Hazard Mitigation Plan update in October, and believes this process can be used to identify objectives that will help prepare the county for this grant application for next year.
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 10:06 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: September 20, 2016