

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

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

2. **MINUTES**           **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2017.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Noelle Carroll, Health Services Director, presented an overview of the department. Overall, the behavioral health programs are in compliance with access requirements, with the average wait time for an appointment at 7.6 days (requirement less than 14 days). Polk County continues to serve residents from Marion County, and even Yamhill and Linn, for which Polk County receives funding from the resident counties. The addictions program has seen a decrease in referrals for addictions services for children, which Noelle attributes to law enforcement not making the referrals to Sanction Court. Noelle explained that the current capitation is 91% (requirement above 85%), but expects that number to go up. The Department has recently went through a redesign of the mission, vision and values, which Noelle provided to the Board. Noelle also reviewed the Behavioral Health department's strategic plan and outlined the department's objectives for the current fiscal year.

4. **ESG FUNDING** – John Reeves, Carmen Hilkey, and Linda Strike with the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA) explained the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and request approval for allocating these funds in Marion and Polk Counties. ESG provides financial assistance and supportive services to eligible individuals and families facing homelessness or at an imminent risk of becoming homeless. Last year this program assisted 41 families. Mr. Reeves also reviewed the different areas of partnership between the County and the Community Action Agency.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE USE OF THE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT.**

5. **FACES ECO DEVO APPLICATION** – Amy Houghtaling and Lynn Bailey with the Falls City FACES After School Program presented a Business Development Grant Application for an expansion of their current student employment program. They are requesting \$28,100 for a FACES Workforce Readiness Project expansion to offer landscaping training for student employees. This project will be for two trimesters (April – June 2017 and August – November 2017) and will employ five student workers for each of the trimesters. These work groups will receive training in landscaping from local master gardener volunteers and local landscaping businesses, and will use skills gained from this training to provide lawn care on school grounds and other public spaces.

**MOTION:**           **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH  
SECONDED TO FUND THE FACES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT  
APPLICATION.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

a. **SURPLUS PROPERTY** – Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, requested the Board declare a 1991 Dodge W250, P913, as surplus property. Estimated value is \$4,800 - \$6,200. The City of Falls City has expressed an interest in purchasing the vehicle.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DECLARED THE 1991 DODGE W250 AS SURPLUS PROPERTY.**

- b. **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE** – Todd Whitaker reported that due to recent flooding, there has been a partial culvert failure/erosion issue on Orchard Knob Rd. and there is ongoing overflowing water issues on Farmer Rd. Todd will be working with legal counsel and the Natural Resources Conservation Service on drainage improvement options for this road.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:25 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase  
Approved: February 21, 2017