

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2017

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth was present. Commissioner Wheeler was excused.
2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE**
 SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2017.

 MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM
3. **DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Marty Silbernagel, Community Corrections & Juvenile Director, reported that the Corrections department is currently supervising about 640 offenders, 180 are misdemeanors. Marty is waiting on a legislative decision regarding potential decriminalization of possession cases, which could impact criminal justice funding. The department currently has two POs at DPSST, graduation is on April 7. The Drug Court grant has been submitted by the courts, and we should hear back in May. Mental Health Court will be having their first graduation on May 19, Judge Hill is working to get the Governor or Secretary of State to be the guest speaker. Community Services is averaging \$14,000 in buy out per month. The firewood program sold 50 cord last year @ \$175 per cord. The City of Dallas has been generous to the program and allowed the Community Service crews to collect the trees that have fallen in the parks to sell for firewood. Marty has been in discussion with ODOT about the possibility of using Community Service crews for culvert cleanings, which would bring in an extra \$10,000-\$15,000 in revenue.

In Juvenile, Marty currently contracts for five detention beds in Yamhill County, and one in Marion County. Marty has already renewed the Yamhill County contract for the upcoming year, but does not plan on renewing the Marion County contract because it is not being utilized enough to be cost effective. Marty will be submitting the Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) next week for approval before submission to the State. ACT just celebrated the one-year anniversary, and over the last year, thirteen youth have successfully completed the program. Sanction Court referrals are on the rise, which is good for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan since funding revolves around sanction court.

4. **ROAD VACATION** – Eric Berry, County Surveyor, presented a road vacation on for an unused right of way near Zena Road. All adjacent landowners support this vacation, so no public hearing is required. Staff is recommending the Board proceed with the vacation, and place an Order on the Wednesday Consent Calendar to officially vacate this right of way.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AGREED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE VACATION OF AN UNUSED RIGHT OF WAY NEAR ZENA ROAD.

5. **OREGON WATER RESOURCES GRANT** – Bogdan Caceu, owner of La Creole Orchards, explained that he purchased a 45-acre parcel of land just outside Dallas in 2009. Since that time, he has developed the parcel into an olive grove for EVOO and oak grove for truffles. However, the well on the property offers limited water supply, only produces approximately 1-2 gallons per minute. With help from the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Department of Agriculture, Mr. Caceu was able to construct a 35,000-gallon storage tank for collecting rain and ground water. Through SBA39, the State offers a grant funding opportunity for water storage. Last year, applying on his own, Mr. Caceu's application ranked 17 out of 37. He is reapplying for this year's grant cycle, and has asked the County to be a co-applicant. The proposed tank would hold 500,000-gallons, and the grant request is for approximately \$59,000, about 75% of the cost of the tank construction. Mr. Caceu explained that many landowners and farmers are interested in alternative water storage solutions, and this facility is pre-engineered, would use 1/3 the footprint of a pond, and eliminates 95% of water loss from evaporation.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AGREED TO BE A CO-APPLICANT ON THE OREGON WATER RESOURCES GRANT APPLICATION.

6. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT** – Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, informed the Board that the Community Corrections recruitment will be opening this week. He recommends keeping it open until April 14, interviewing the end of April, making a decision by the beginning of May, and having the person working in June so they have the opportunity to shadow Marty before he retires.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: March 21, 2017