

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
April 11, 2017

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

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER**
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2017.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST** – Doug Gouge, FCO Program Supervisor, reported that as part of the School Based Mental Health program, he sits on the Mid-Valley Student Threat Assessment Team. This team received funding and selected Doug to attend a training in Anaheim, California August 15-19. The travel and conference registration costs are covered, the County would just be paying for Doug's time to attend the conference.

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

4. **HOUSING AUTHORITY CONSOLIDATION** – Christian Edelblute, West Valley Housing Authority Director, informed the Board that the Marion County Housing Authority is closing, and the City of Salem is looking into merging with them. Christian feels that the West Valley Housing Authority should step in to see if merging Marion and Polk County would be a better fit instead of the City of Salem. Christian requested approval to contact the Marion County Housing Authority to discuss and research this option. The Board agreed that the West Valley Housing Authority is more accustomed to serving rural areas, but is concerned about impacting services the residents of Polk County are currently receiving.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTED CHRISTIAN TO RESEARCH THE POSSIBILITY OF MERGING WITH THE MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY.

5. **WILDLIFE SERVICES UPDATE** – Brian Thomas, USDA APHIS NW District Supervisor and Landon Schact, Trapper, gave an update on the Wildlife Services program. The Department works in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and has contracts with individual counties, jurisdictions, airports, businesses, etc. to address wildlife removal. Polk County currently pays \$15,000 annually for trapper services, which equates to 20% of the trappers time spent in Polk County. The department was recently notified that Benton County will no longer be providing funding for this service. For non-cooperative counties, the department still responds to calls, but bills the landowner directly. The Public Works department regularly uses the trapper for beaver removal, and works with the County Sheriff's office and Animal Control Officer for livestock predation. The department tries to use non-lethal interventions first.

6. **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY** – Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director presented a request to declare a 1999 Ford TS100 tractor as surplus property. The equipment will be sold on a public auction site, and the estimated value is \$15,000.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DECLARED THE 1999 FORD TS100 AS SURPLUS PROPERTY.

Todd also gave an update of current road closures and diversions caused by culvert work being done by around the County.

7. **RECLASS OF ADDICTIONS COUNSELOR I** – Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, presented a request for Gary Cochran to be reclassified from an Addictions Counselor I to an Addictions Counselor II. The effective date for the reclassification would be April 1, 2017, and the anticipated 12-month cost is \$2,600.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE RECLASSIFICATION.

8. **RECLASS OF OFFICE SPECIALIST I** – Matt Hawkins presented a request for Kayla Bizon to be reclassified from an Office Specialist I to an Office Specialist II. The effective date for the reclassification would be April 1, 2017, and the anticipated 12-month cost is \$2,000.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE RECLASSIFICATION.

9. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.) None.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase

Approved: April 18, 2017