

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 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 APRIL 11, 2017.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **TUITION REIMBURSEMENT** – Noelle Carroll, Health Services Director, presented a request from Marjie Cassell for tuition reimbursement. The County Policy offers \$1,000 per year tuition reimbursement for employees who pass classes that will benefit them in their current position. There are funds available in the Behavioral Health budget to cover this reimbursement request.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST.

4. **LAPPC APPOINTMENTS** – Marty Silbernagel, Community Corrections Director, reminded the Board that in 2014, the Board appointed him as chair of the Local Addictions Prevention Planning Committee (LAPPC). However, with Marty's impending retirement, the committee has recommended Mark Davis and Jennifer Lief be appointed as Co-Chairs to replace Marty.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPOINTED MARK DAVIS AND JENNIFER LIEF AS CO-CHAIRS OF THE LAPPC.

5. **SEX OFFENDER LEVELING** – Marty Silbernagel and Lisa Settell, Parole & Probation Supervisor, informed the Board that the legislature has changed the community notification process for sex offenders, so each county and the parole board are now changing practices to align with the state laws. The County has one Parole Officer who supervises sex offenders (approximately 67 in Polk County). This PO currently uses a Static 99 assessment tool, which ranks each offender as low, medium, or high risk (State has removed the status of 'predatory'). How the community is notified is based on their ranking. If the offender disagrees with their ranking, they can request a review by a Community Corrections Hearings Officer, and then to the Board of Commissioners for a final decision. Certain groups of offenders (under age 17 males, females, and prostitution/pornography offenses) are not approved to use the Static 99 assessment tool, and have to have an outside evaluator, at an average cost of \$850/assessment. Polk County is responsible for the community notifications for anyone convicted after January 1, 2014, the Parole Board is responsible for community notifications for all offenders convicted prior to that (with a completion date of January 1, 2019).

6. **DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY UPDATE** – Ted Erdmann, Assistant District Forester, Jeff Classen, Protection Unit Forester, and Mark, the Community Wildfire Forester, gave an annual update on their three operational programs: state forests, private forests, and protection. The Governor's recommended budget includes a reduction of one stewardship forester position (currently vacant) and one seasonal firefighter position within the Salem District.

In the State Forests program, Ted explained that the Department of Forestry manages approximately 6,000 State acres in Polk County, 1,700 Common School Land acres, and over 40,000 O&C acres. The Department is anticipating two timber sales next fiscal year, which should provide approximately \$370,000 in revenue to Polk County sometime in the next 5 years.

Ted also updated the Board of ongoing land use issues around the Black Rock Mountain Bike Association (BRMBA) Trails and Camp Tapawingo. The Department meets regularly with BRMBA, who are still exploring the possibility of purchasing access property from Weyerhaeuser.

In the Private Forests program, the Department still has two stewardship forester positions in Dallas. The program continues to use the Ferns e-notification system. There were 550 notifications sent out last year in Polk County, and staff continue to help people sign up throughout the year. New Salmon, Steelhead, and Bull Trout (SSBT) stream rules go into effect July 1. The department is still waiting on a map to show affected streams, and it is not clear yet how these rules will be implemented.

In the Prevention program, Ted reported that last year was a slow fire season. The department is preparing to mitigate issues anticipated during the eclipse event that is occurring during fire season. Mark reported on his continuing work on the Fuels Reduction program. He is also working on updating the County Wildfire Prevention Plan (CWPP), including identifying, ranking and reprioritizing project potential areas. Through the fuel reduction grant program, landowners receive \$600 per acre for fuel reduction work, and they must maintain the area for 5 years. The Pioneer/Polk grant project was completed in December, which resulted in 160 acres being cleared in Polk County. The current grant the department is working on is \$91,700 to do an additional 175 acres (69 already completed in Polk County).

7. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **ASPHALT BIDS** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer informed the Board that the asphalt bid process closed last week. The Public Works department had budgeted \$825,000 for asphalt, winning bid was \$670,000.
 - b. **AOC C3 SUMMIT** – Commissioner Wheeler requested authorization to attend the AOC C3 training on May 9 in Salem, Oregon. Registration cost is \$250.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED COMMISSIONER WHEELER'S REGISTRATION.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: April 25, 2017