

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 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 POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2017.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **SHERIFF UPDATE** – Sheriff Mark Garton reported that May was a busy jail month, with over 300 bookings. Twenty of those were booked two times during the month. The remainder of the monthly stats from May are still being compiled and will be sent to the Commissioners later. The jail is preparing for the annual inspection next month.

Sheriff Garton explained that he has been calculating expenses for animal neglect cases, and since 2013, the Sheriff's Office has spent \$164,000 for 447 seized animals. Most were rehomed. The county has recovered some of those costs, but Mark is looking into animal liens to see if that could provide some additional restitution.

Sheriff Garton explained that during the last two officer involved shootings, the department has relied on the City of Salem for peer support, because there is no peer support structure in Polk County. Sheriff Garton met with the local Police Chiefs, who have agreed to partner to create a peer support group. A grant was received and the training class is in 2 weeks.

Commissioner Wheeler commended Deputy Vorhees for his positive interaction with Mental Health Court Clients and their families.

4. **RECLASS OF THREE DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY I'S** – Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, presented a request to approve the reclassification of Matt Wilson, John Adams, and Brad Weyer from Deputy District Attorney I's to Deputy District Attorney II's. The effective date for these reclassifications will be July 1, 2017, and the 12-month fiscal impact (already incorporated into the approved budget) is approximately \$21,000.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE RECLASSIFICATIONS.

5. **LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH ERADICATION**– Commissioner Pope informed the Board that he was contacted by the Department of Ag, who will be doing eradication spraying for the light brown apple moths. The eradication will require a congested airspace permit, which needs approval by the local governing jurisdiction. Craig presented a letter for the County to submit. The infestation is isolated to a nursery south of Independence, but all surrounding property owners will be notified.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AGREED TO SIGN THE LETTER OF PERMISSION FOR THE
ERADICATION OF THE LIGHT BROWN APPLE MOTH.**

6. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **BOAT STORAGE** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, informed the Board that Willamette University owns a houseboat facility on the Willamette River that previously stored their rowing equipment. Last year, the school discontinued the rowing program, and no longer needs the facility. University staff recently contacted the County to offer the facility for storage of the Marine Patrol equipment. Greg and Dean Bender, Emergency Manager, will be meeting with the University later this week to discuss this opportunity.

- b. **MASTER GARDENER SHED** – Greg Hansen informed the Board that the Fairgrounds has notified the Master Gardeners that their storage shed on the fairgrounds property needs to be relocated. Greg suggested the Board authorize the shed to be moved to the Museum property, the Museum has agreed to this relocation.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE RELOCATION OF THE MASTER GARDENER'S STORAGE SHED FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS TO THE MUSEUM PROPERTY.

- c. **FAIRGROUNDS GENERATOR** – Greg Hansen gave an update on the scheduled installation of the Fairgrounds Generator. Dean Bender, Emergency Manager, is supposed to have it installed by July 15.
- d. **TRANSPORTATION BILL** – Greg Hansen gave a short update on the Oasis Transportation bill. If passed would provide an additional \$4 million in Public Works funding annually after 10 years.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:31 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: June 13, 2017