

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 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 AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 6, 2017.**
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Katrina Rothenberger, Public Health Manager, provided a PowerPoint update on the department. Current staffing level is 17 people in 14.95 FTE. Katrina reviewed four main areas of focus in the department since the last department update. Lead Cleanup, School Nurse, MothersCare and Public Health Modernization. In the lead cleanup efforts in West Salem, the incident management team was demobilized on June 8. In collaboration with the Oregon Health Authority, Multnomah and Marion Counties, 72 individuals were tested, and none had elevated blood lead levels. Businesses in the affected area are now beginning to reopen. In the School Nurse program, the County previously contracted with the Dallas School District to provide a RN for nursing services, however, as employee costs continued to go up, the Dallas School District found they could hire the nurse themselves for less than the contract cost. The nurse has resigned from the County and was hired by the Dallas School District. Oregon MothersCare is a new program that began in January that assists newly pregnant women with OHP, dental care, and prenatal care providers. Funding is received from the state for this program, and costs for visits are reimbursable through Medicaid. Since January, 9 women have been served by the program. IN Public Health Modernization, Katrina gave an overview of the 17-19 biennium timeline and anticipated funding levels. Between \$0 and \$5 million in funding is expected to be awarded based on demonstrations and pilot projects. Katrina is working on how to create a pilot project based on the recently received CJS grant to assess existing services being provided at Marion and Polk Counties and ways to collaborate to save money and improve efficiencies. Katrina feels the Communicable Disease and Emergency Management programs can be improved through collaboration.
4. **HARMONY ROAD** – Hans Koennecke and Virginia Veach, residents on Harmony Road, attended the meeting to follow up on the status of the code violation complaint against Mr. Hornsby at 9100 Harmony Road. Currently, the property owner owes approximately \$10,000 in fines, which have been sent to collections through the courts (garnished through tax returns). By statute, the Business Owner cannot be fined. Community Development explained that there is a hardship on the property, however, the hardship ended on April 17, and the property owner has 3 months to remove the hardship dwelling before there is a violation. Neighbors reiterated the safety issue associated with this property and the location of an illegal driveway, and parking flagging trucks and equipment along the road. Ms. Veach feels the County isn't doing enough, and the empty threats of fines and consequences, are part of the problem of why the situation has not been resolved.
5. **NEW JOB SPECIFICATIONS AND SALARY RANGES** – This item was incorrectly placed on the agenda, it is scheduled for approval on the consent calendar tomorrow.
6. **USE OF CONFERENCE ROOM** – Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, informed the Board that after recent vandalism of the tables in the conference room, Matt is reviewing County policies for use of the conference rooms. There are two resolutions in place that have not been enforced that prevent groups not associated from the County from using the conference room, and fees for use of the conference room. The County Courts have been informed that they can continue to use the conference room, but members of the public are not allowed to sit at the tables. The Board would like to review the resolutions before making a decision.

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

- a. **BOAT STORAGE FACILITY** – Greg Hansen and representatives from the Sheriff's Office met with Willamette University last week to discuss a houseboat facility on the Willamette River that Willamette would like to donate to the County. The Sheriff submitted a letter/proposal for the acquisition, and requested the Board submit a letter in support of the acquisition as well. Greg explained that the facility is in good repair, but will need remodeling to allow accommodation of the marine patrol equipment. Annual maintenance costs after that should be \$1,000 or less. Dean Bender, Emergency Manager, is looking at grants to assist with the remodel costs.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AGREED TO SEND LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY BOATHOUSE ACQUISITION.

- b. **BUDGET UPDATE** – Greg Hansen informed the Board that the next three Wednesdays have budget items on them. Tomorrow there is an item on the agenda for existing budget cleanup. On June 21, the Grand Ronde Sanitary District and Polk Extension Service Districts will be meeting to hold public hearings to adopt their budgets. Finally, on June 28, the County will hold a public hearing on the adoption of the 2017-2018 budget.
- c. **DOAKS FERRY ROAD COMMUNITY FORUM** – ODOT has tentatively scheduled a community forum meeting regarding the Doaks Ferry Road project on June 26, 2017 at 6pm at the NW Viticulture Center. All Commissioners, Greg Hansen, and Todd Whitaker will be in attendance.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: June 20, 2017