

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
August 29, 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 AUGUST 22, 2017.

 MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **COURT CARE UPDATE** – Brent DeMoe, Family & Community Outreach Director and Tonya Hamilton with Family Building Blocks reported that the new Court Care program will be open on September 5th for three days per week. This program is open to jurors and those with court, and also those who have appointments in the Academy Building or community (job interview, housing, etc.) for children from age 6 weeks to 12 years for no charge. The location is in the Academy Building Family Building Blocks classrooms. This program is grant funded. Current funding levels allow for up to 12 kids at this time (2 staff members).
4. **COMMUNITY CONNECT** – Brent DeMoe reviewed stats from the Community Connect over the last few years, the next is scheduled for February 2018. The data shows less people coming every year, and those being served at this event are chronically homeless. At last week's Dallas Family Night Out, over 1200 + people attended, all the same social services providers were there, but served many more people at this event than were served at the Community Connect. Because of the staff time required to organize the connect event, the Board discussed whether to continue the event as it has been in the past, or find other opportunities specifically for the homeless on a smaller scale than the connect event, and focus on a separate event in serving families at risk of homelessness.
5. **FACILITIES UPDATE** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, informed the Board that the Buchanan building is nearing completion. Target move in date is at the end of September/beginning of October. The County will be going out for a bond for the Courthouse facility, and a detailed facility study is being conducted and should have that back by December. Greg anticipates replacing the roof on the jail at the end of next summer. Public Works will have additional funding from the new transportation bill to make improvements to that facility. At the academy building, Greg is working with architects on converting the gym into two levels of office and conference space. In West Salem, Trillium has moved out and the County has expanded into their space, which added six additional offices and classroom space that may be converted into offices as well. On the May ballot, the Salem School district will have a bond measure, Polk Fire 1 will have an operating levy, and there are some rumors of bond measures with the City of Dallas and the City of Falls City.
6. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST** – Greg Hansen requested a letter of support for the Criminal Justice Reinvestment Program for the biennium. The County receives approximately \$520,000, 10% is allocated to non-profits victim's services agencies and 3% goes to the Criminal Justice Commission.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AGREED TO SIGN THE LETTER OF SUPPORT

- b. **VSO HOURS** – Commissioner Wheeler informed the Board that as of next week, the VSO office will be open 5 days a week, 8-5, closed for lunch

- c. **VETERAN HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS MEETING** – Brent DeMoe informed the Board that the County is hosting a Veteran Housing and Homelessness meeting this Thursday to find better ways to house homeless veterans. The Board asked Brent to record the meeting.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 09:56 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: September 12, 2017