

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 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**: Approval of the minutes from August 29, 2017 were postponed until next week's meeting.
3. **SHERIFF UPDATE** – Sheriff Mark Garton provided stats from June and July for the Mental Health Crisis teams. Calls for service remain steady month to month. Of the 160 calls over this period, 13 people were taken to the jail, 57 were taken to a mental health facility, and 39 were referred to mental health services. The County will be hosting another Crisis Intervention Training in October. Sheriff Garton also reviewed the jail stats; the average length of stay has dropped to 15 days. Sheriff Garton informed the Board Deputy John Williams has recently returned from a training course and now can provide forensic phone and computer investigation services to the County that we used to have to contract with the City of Newberg for.
4. **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PLAN** – Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director, presented the 2017-2019 Community Corrections Plan that outlines the programs and funding for the next biennium. Jodi explained that the department currently has 668 caseloads, which have recently been redistributed to parole officers by geographical areas. Jodi is also making arrangements with local Police departments who have agreed to provide space for POs to meet with clients in the cities they live in (for those who have limited transportation options).

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PLAN.

5. **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 09:25 am.

Minutes: Heather Chase
Approved: September 12, 2017