

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2018

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler was present, Commissioner Pope was excused.

2. **MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2018.**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM

3. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE** – Sheriff Mark Garton discussed a “justice reinvestment” grant program he is applying for to reduce jail sentences. This program would provide an alternative to jail sentences for individuals who get arrested but have a good chance of rehabilitation. If the offender meets the criteria (as determined by the District Attorney's office), the case is referred to a panel to determine if the program is a good fit for the offender. The program would include daily alcohol, drug, and mental health counseling. The Sheriff also reported that last month patrol deputies responded to an OD and were able to save the life of a 15 year old girl. Detectives are currently working on a homicide case that occurred last week in Falls City. Falls City has a new City manager who is asking for increased communication/involvement with the Polk County Sheriff's Office, and has offered office space for the Polk County Sheriff's Office to use. The Sheriff's Office Patrol division is fully staffed.
4. **PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT UPDATE/TRIENNIEL REVIEW** – Katrina Rothenberger, Public Health Administrator, presented the Public Health Department's initiatives and updates. The Polk County Health Department has 19 employees, 2 contractors, and partners with OHSU and WOU student interns. Polk County partnered with Marion County, Clackamas County, and the Oregon Health Authority to conduct a large TB case investigation. They tested 350 people with about 50 testing positive for Latent TB. The department is currently in the process of conducting a Community Health Assessment that happens once every 5 years. This assessment lets the department see what health indicators are standing out and helps them know where they need to direct more resources. The expected completion date is January 2019. The CJS Governance Committee oversees PH Modernization and Cross Jurisdictional Sharing Initiatives. They have developed an IGA to align policies, procedures, training and assist during surge or outbreak events. New state funding allowed the Health Department to hire a public health worker to assist in controlling the spread of communicable diseases. The Reproductive Health Equity Act allows greater participation in providing safety net RH services. Local Public Health Agencies (LPHA) have been required to provide service through June 30th, 2018. The LPHA conducted a capacity assessment with three large local providers, to review financial and visit data. 1) Salem Health West Valley – Primary Care Clinics; 2) WVP Health Authority- Flaming Medical Center; 3) Northwest Human Services – Total Health & West Salem Clinic. They found that between these clinics they would be able to provide reproductive health services for the community. Ms. Rothenberger presented data that has been collected from this health assessment and is going to follow up with the Board after the assessment is complete all data is compiled.

Danna Drum spoke to the Board to review the Triennial Review that was recently completed for Polk County Public Health. The review included the appraisal of items in 18 program areas: Administration, Babies First! & Perinatal, Civil rights, Communicable Disease, Drinking Water Services, Fiscal, Food, Pool & Lodging Health & Safety, Health officer, Public Health Emergency Preparedness, HIV Care & Treatment, Immunizations, Reproductive Health, Sexually Transmitted Infections, Tobacco Prevention & Education, Tuberculosis, Vital records, Women Infants & Children (WIC), and WIC Farm Direct Nutrition Program. Ms. Drum states that the results of this triennial review are very good. Ms. Drum reviewed the statutory requirements by the local governing body which were: Collaborating with the LPHA Director, adopting rules & regulations to help, review and make suggestions on how to modernize healthcare, monitor the LPHA. They discussed the demands on staff time when an outbreak such as TB or Latent TB occurs. Commissioner Ainsworth inquired as to what the staff had to do when a positive TB test is found. Ms. Rothenberger explained that when any lab or other facility sees a positive TB test is required by law to report it to the LPHA. Somebody from the LPHA then has to track this patient down and try to make contact. They then have to work with the patient to discover who else they might have exposed to TB and reach them to be tested. A positive TB patient also is required to be quarantined and if the patient refuses the LPHA then has to file with the courts to get the law to enforce an isolation or quarantine. Also, a patient with active TB is required to be seen taking their medication. Ms. Drum reiterates that overall she feels the Polk County Public Health has a committed team of professionals who deliver quality public health services to our community.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.) None

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: June 26, 2018