POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES

# July 3rd, 2018

1. At 9:04 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Pope were present.
2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER**

**SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 26, 2018.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

1. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:**  **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE**

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1. **FAMILY COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE –** Brent Demoe, Family Community Outreach Director, and Stephanie Gilbert, Early Learning Family Coordinator, presented an update on the recent activities in the department.On April 28, 2018 the county held an event titled “Fam Jam 2018,” which provided activities for families included OMSI Science Fair, AC Gilbert House Engineering Projects, Baby Zumba, Home Depot Kid Build, and the Central FFA Petting Zoo. Each Community Partner was asked to have a developmentally appropriate activity at their booth for families to play together. These included STEM, literacy, and art projects. Over 100 kindergarteners were registered on site for Central School District, 83 incoming Kindergarteners registered at Dallas Elementary Schools. Hearing, dental, and vision screenings were also performed on nearly 100 children. This event was intended to help streamline kindergarten registration for all the schools, as well as gauge kindergarten readiness. In previous years, many kids have not been prepared for kindergarten because registration happened so close to the first day of school. With this event, staff were able to see which students need extra help before school starts. Staff have applied for a grant for a program called “Jump Start Camps”, which would offer assistance to those kids in need of kindergarten readiness assistance.

Family Community Outreach also applied and was awarded a grant from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for $4,700 for suicide prevention activities. This will be used to provide training for many organizations that work with Veterans. Additionally, the department received a grant funding to build a warming shelter in Polk County. Cargo trailers will be purchased that will be stocked with cots and pet supplies to provide shelter to the homeless in the area this coming winter. There will be one in Monmouth and in Dallas and other churches have offered to help with transportation. The department has also received $90,000 to put towards parent education and an additional $10,000 as a bonus because they are developing a Trivia Night with Parent Education as the theme.

Brent Demoe was recently recognized for writing a bill that passed, that would fund a program called “Mid-Valley Courtcare”. Mr. Demoe also announced there will be a Polk County Back to School Dash, on Saturday, August 4th at 9 AM. All the proceeds will support backpack and school supply giveaway events for kids in Polk County. There is a new Community Resource Guide available which informs the community members where they can find resources for all of the needs they might have.

1. **CITIZEN COMPLAINT -** Craig Evans, 1345 37th Ave NW, Salem, OR 97304,who is developing a subdivision in West Salem,expressed his concern that Lower Autumn Street was not being maintained by the County. Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, has spoken with Mr. Evans previously on this issue and it was his recommendation to the Board that they do not use tax payer dollars to pave Lower Autumn or maintain it as a County road because it serves no purpose to the tax payers. Mr. Evans stated he feels it is his right to have the County maintain this road because it leads to the properties he purchased. The Board stated that it was their understanding that the lots he refers to are deemed unbuildable, which Mr. Evans responded that he is unaware of and does intend to build on those properties. Mr. Evans stated that he is planning to get a lot line adjustment so he can combine the two lots and sell them as one, to which the Board felt would make Lower Autumn Street like a private driveway, and it would not serve any purpose to use tax payer dollars to create a street that has no public benefit. Commissioner Wheeler asked Mr. Evans if he inquired about the maintenance of the street before he purchased the property in question because it has been barricaded off for about 10 years. He replied that no he did not because at the time it was not an issue and he did not need it to be maintained. Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, was present at the meeting and Mr. Evans asked Mr. McGuigan if there is any reason it would not be the County’s responsibility to maintain the road. Mr. McGuigan says this is a new issue for him, as he has not seen the property but that typically it is the developer’s responsibility to bring the road up to standards. The current road does not meet standards, and if not brought up to standards, then Community Development would not issue the building permits. Commissioner Ainsworth stated that he would like to see the property himself before making any decisions, and Mr. Evans agreed to show the Board the properties/road in question.
2. **NON-LISTED ITEMS –** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
   1. **COMCAST** - Greg Hansen give the Board an update on a meeting he attended regarding the Comcast deferral. He says there was little to no discussion about the Comcast deferral. Mr. Hansen told the Board that it was a very unproductive meeting and they spoke mostly of the PERS UAL issue.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 09:54 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha

Approved: July 10, 2018