

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2018

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

2. **MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2018.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE** – Sheriff Mark Garton updated the Board on the status of the treatment program they are funding with the Justice Reinvestment Grant. He stated that the program is getting close to hiring an individual to lead this and the curriculum is done. They are hoping to transition this employee to the new position as of September 1st. He has a meeting scheduled with the Judge to determine the process of sentencing for this program. Commissioner Ainsworth asked who else is using this program. Sheriff Garton stated that this program was developed in Polk County so no other Counties are using it at this time. Sheriff Stated that on the patrol side of his department they are busier than normal all around but he stated that is because there are more daylight hours and people are out longer.

The Sheriff updated the Board on the status of the Citizens Academy they are going to be holding. He stated they are in the final stages and this will be a 6-8 week program hopefully beginning in October. They will be learning about what the Sheriff Department does, including defensive tactics to simulations of how they respond and how things transpire so quickly in a critical situation. He is hoping to fill about 20 spots.

Sheriff informed the Board that the Sheriff department is partnering with BLM to organize a cleanup event. He said there are 4-5 spots off Gooseneck that people frequently use to shoot firearms or use for the day and do not clean up after themselves. They have been discussing how they can get people interested in showing up to this event. One possibility was to give them buckets and after the cleanup is done they will weigh the bucket filled with empty brass and the winner receive a prize that has been donated. The Sheriff stated that people do not always realize the damage that is done. He informed the Board that there was an area of land that was unable to be logged due to all of the lead in the trees. They would like this event to also serve and an education event to inform the public that this issue exists.

Commissioner Pope reminded the Board that they are approaching the end of the year for the LPSCC Coordinator and he would like the Aaron Felton, Polk County District Attorney and Sheriff Garton to start thinking about how we are going to retain the Coordinator's position once the Grant funding is gone. Commissioner Pope stated that the AOC will not be offering another Grant for this. The Sheriff stated that he believes the Committee has been much improved with Ian Davidson's help as the Coordinator and has been given focus. Mr. Felton expressed his concern that the County needs to have that position in order to keep the new Justice Reinvestment Treatment Program on track. Commissioner Pope suggested they talk with Yamhill County because Polk County cannot afford this as a full time position.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.) –
- a. **REQUEST TO HIRE AT STEP 4** - Matt Hawkins, Admin. Services Director, is requesting permission to hire a Mobile Crisis Counselor at a step 4 with the option of negotiating with a step 5. The candidate has certifications, training, and years of experience. By consensus the Board approved the request to hire at step 4 or 5.
 - b. **DA OFFICE UPDATE** - Aaron Felton, DA, informs the Board that he and some staff will be attending the ODAA conference in Bend next week and there will still be Deputy DA's available if they need anything. He also informed the Board that his department has hired somebody who has significant experience. He said he is coming to them from Salem and is making the transition because he will have more variety in the types of cases he will get to work with.

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

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: August 21, 2018