

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2018**

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Wheeler were present.
2. **MINUTES**           **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2018.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **REPORT ON HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN** – Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, and Dean Bender, Emergency Manager, presented Polk County’s updated Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is the development and implementation of activities designed to reduce or eliminate losses resulting from natural hazards. This plan update included a county wide risk assessment and vulnerability analysis and community based mitigation actions, identified funding sources, and included the incorporated jurisdictions within Polk County. In 2009 the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 09-17 implementing the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazards Mitigation Plan. The most recent review of this was done by the Coordinating Body Steering Committee on September 25, 2018 where they evaluated the progress made and status of action items. Dallas, Falls City, Independence, and Monmouth participated in the process. The Steering Committee found that most of the action items were implemented as part of the 2006 and 2009 plans; but many of these action items were ongoing and were incorporated into the 2017 plan. The Steering Committee reviewed the progress made toward implementing the Polk County jurisdictional mitigation action items contained in the 2017 plan. They evaluated and discussed each action item, then determined the items current status or progress mad. This review focused on the new priority action items developed for the 2017 plan.

The Steering Committee then determined which funding sources are open for application and reviewed the action items to determine appropriateness for funding. They examined which hazards the selected actions are associated with and where these hazards rank in terms of community risk and then determined whether or not the plan’s risk assessment supports the implementation of eligible mitigation activities. Dean Bender evaluated the risk assessment for each hazard and considered whether or not each hazard assessment remained accurate based on existing and new data and determined that it was still accurate. The most recent Steering Committee meeting reviewed the issues surrounding grant applications and shared knowledge and or resources between County departments and the cities of Dallas, Falls City, Independence, and Monmouth.

The Steering Committee determined that MH #2 which is: reduce potential isolation of critical facilities in the event of a natural hazard by creating redundancy. Create a map with alternative transportation routes. Create a plan for multiple communication alternatives, and MH #3, which is: Utilize social media as a communication outlet in the event of a natural hazard, should be prioritized for funding as they have not been implemented. The Grant opportunities open for eligibility would not assist in implementing the prioritized action items. Polk County Public Works and Polk County Emergency Management are the coordinating organizations designated for the prioritized action items and would be responsible for taking further action. The Steering Committee concluded that expending resources from existing

approved budgets would reasonably achieve the goal of the prioritized action items. Commissioner Pope requests that a list of the individuals that participated on the Steering Committee be added to the report.

4. **FAMILY COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE** – Brent DeMoe, FCO Director, informed the Board that United Way reached out to him and offered to sponsor some projects going on. They will be donating \$10,000 dollars for the veteran's housing project, \$9,000 dollars for service integration teams, and \$10,000 dollars for the faith & action lunch. I has been 8 years since Polk County has held one and they are very happy to be hosting one again. He believes that in the future they will have more support from United Way because they will be getting a new CEO who he believes will work well with Polk County.

Brent stated that as of today they are only one bed short of reaching the 100 beds in 100 days goal, and Commissioner Pope stated that he would commit to making a donation so they can get the 100<sup>th</sup> bed and meet their goal.

He is hoping to start training people to be present at the warming shelters when it starts getting cold. He hopes to have as many people trained as possible and also has some money set aside to pay somebody to man the warming stations. Ideally he says he would like to have one man and one women present all night. They have transportation set up for individuals who need a ride to the shelter, and will also be taken back to where they were picked up from the next morning. They hope to have the warming shelters open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and also plan to open if the weather gets below 35 degrees.

Brent stated that he also knows that while he was on vacation they recognized him for his 10 years with Polk County and he thanked the Board as well because he loves his job and loves that they allow him to do the things he is able to do in his department.

5. **ALYRICA** – Commissioner Pope asked somebody from Alyrica to come in to speak to the Board about the lease agreement to use space on the Fishback Radio Towers. Dean Bender, Emergency Manager, introduced Adam Skaer, representative of Alyrica, and stated that the land the tower is on now has changed hands a few times since they put the tower on it and that the new landowner wanted on the tower and Alyrica payed for half of the costs of the study that was done to find out if The County could even use that tower for what it needed. The rates that the County charges Alyrica are based of ODOT and are statewide.

Adam stated that they started in 2002 in Monmouth and now they cover from north of Salem almost to Eugene and are mostly wireless. He believes that if they could put some equipment at the top of the tower they would be able to provide excellent internet for approximately 80 users. Commissioner Pope expresses concern that they might not realize how high the demand is because they didn't hear back from so many people that live in that area and would not want the network to get overwhelmed and be slowed down. Adam assured Commissioner that if they found that the demand was higher than anticipated they can always add a 3<sup>rd</sup> panel or remove the 2 and put a bigger one panel up. He also said he would talk with the sales representative also to see about getting more feedback. Dean Bender also assured the Board that they will always have room to expand on the tower if the County's need grows. The Board agrees to add this back to the consent calendar.

8. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** – (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

a. **REPAYMENT OF ROAD HAZARD ABATEMENT** – Morgan Smith, County Counsel, informs the Board that he received a request from the Attorney of Creekside farms asking if the County would accept a \$10,000 payment by November 9, 2018 and the remaining balance in January 2019. The Board agreed to accept those terms.

b. **COMMISSIONER WHEELER** – Commissioner Wheeler announced that due to some changes in PERS benefits that it will be best for her and her family for her to retire and the end of this year. Greg Hanson tells the Board that the 2 remaining Commissioner will need to appoint a new commissioner. Normally they would accept applications and try to narrow it down to a few people they want to interview. He Explains that it does not mean that they have to select somebody from that pool but it gives them the opportunity to if they so choose. Whoever they choose will finish Commissioner Wheeler's term, which is 2 years. The appointed person will then have the option to run when the Commissioner Wheeler's term expires. .

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:52 AM.

Minutes: Ciera Atha  
Approved: October 9, 2018