

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2018

1. At 9:00 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 WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2018.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT UPDATE**– Doug Schmidt, County Assessor, informed the Board that the Comcast appeal was settled between the Department of Revenue and Comcast, but it did not resolve an underlying issue in how some properties are valued. We did collect approximately \$1.9 million dollars in deferred taxes from Comcast, of which the County received 14%. Across the County, the real market value of properties increased by 6.9% and the assessed value increased by 3.9%.

In January of this year, the Assessor's office switched to a new program called Property Appraisal that runs all the calculations for assessing properties. The transition to this new software went smoothly and staff appreciates the preciseness and features available with this software. The department is working on converting all cartography maps to a different platform, and should be done with this project by the end of the year. Doug has hired a second cartographer that should allow the department to be able to complete the map conversion project and also work on some other mapping projects that need to be addressed.

4. **SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE** – Captain Jeff Isham updated the Board on the Buckets of Brass Event held on September 22, 2018. Over 100 volunteers collected 430lbs of brass casings as well as over 1,000 lbs. of garbage from Gooseneck Rd. Many local businesses donated items to give to the volunteers at the event. It was a big success. This month the Sheriff's Office will host the first Citizen's Academy. On October 23rd. The program will last approximately 5 weeks. Classes will cover topics including jail and patrol operations, defensive tactics and use of force, and search and rescue operations. Captain Isham stated that the total bookings for the jail were 301, the average daily population is around 155. The Sheriff's Office is working with the Judges to hopefully increase the number of inmates being released at arraignments.

Sergeant Westfall is retiring on October 31st. They have promoted Jared Voorhees to take her place. They have also hired a new deputy in the jail who speaks Spanish, The Jail Division is fully staffed. On Patrol, the day shift has been very busy. In the month of September the division responded to 48 traffic crashes. John Williams recently attended a training in Alabama on iPhone forensics. Trying to access locked iPhones has been an increasing challenge in criminal investigations. He also brought back \$12,000 of equipment from the training that will be used to develop a small forensics room at the Courthouse. The County is currently providing forensic services to local agencies, as part of the Public Safety Levy.

Marine Patrol finished in September for the year. There was a call over the weekend and they called Polk County but the season is over so they called Marion County and they refused to respond because the location was under Oregon State Police jurisdiction. Polk County chose to respond at that point. Captain Isham has stressed to the Emergency Manager that the County needs to develop an IGA with Marion County for Marine Patrol services because they are active year round. If the Counties can't work this issue out it will be escalated to the Marine Board. They have hired two new female deputies in the Patrol Division, bringing them to full staffing. The Mobile Crisis Team is staying very busy and has been very successful. The Sheriff's Office has been providing a lot of back-up for OSP on Hwy 22 traffic stops. Captain Isham plans to ask Salem Police to designate an officer to Polk County when they complete their hiring process.

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 09:35 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha

Approved: October 16, 2018