

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 2018

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Pope was present. Commissioner Wheeler was excused.
2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2018.**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY**– Sheriff Mark Garton, Aaron Felton, DA & citizens showed up to the Board meeting to discuss the Public Safety Levy. In order to provide continuity and security for the people they have hired they are urging the Board to put the Levy on the ballot in May 2019 which would be a year early. Approximately 40 people showed up to the Levy meeting. Aaron Felton stated he was very happy to see so many citizens willing to show up and support the Levy and the impact it has had on public safety. They do not want to change anything but are formally asking the Board of Commissioners to begin the process of putting it on the ballot for 2019.

Commissioner Ainsworth stated that he supports the idea and believes it is the top priority for the county and citizens also. He stated that he has seen a huge improvement in regards to public safety and the people he has spoken to also appreciate the improvements. Commissioner Pope agrees with Commissioner Ainsworth and wants to acknowledge the Sheriff and DA's effort to provide the Board with the data to know where money is being spent and what it is doing for the county. The increase in patrol and prosecution was important and necessary and it is apparent that it was well spent. Greg Hansen, Administrative officer, explains that no decision can be rendered at this meeting, and there will be a public hearing. Greg will write a staff memo within a week and if the Board accepts his memo they will schedule a public hearing, which could be as early as the week after Thanksgiving. At the end of the public hearing(s) the Board can make their decision to approve or deny the Levy. If approved, Greg will then develop ballot title and it will go back before the Board for approval and then to the Clerk. The public will then have ten days to appeal and if there is no appeal it will be added to the ballot for the May 2019 election.

4. **AIR SERVICE AT MCNARY FIELD** –Brent Dehart serves on the SEDCOR Board among others that are working to bring commercial air service back to Salem. Passenger flights from Salem to a major hub. He has been getting a lot of support and is personally motivated by 2 factors. The first being that he owns the company that fuels the planes at the Salem airport, and secondly, would like to have an alternative to driving to Portland from Salem. The steering committee is applying for grant with the Oregon Department of Aviation called ROAR (Rural Oregon Airport Relief Program) it is funded through aviation fuel taxes and would fund the recruitment efforts and the marketing of the Air Service. The point is to give rural Oregonians more travel options. Over half a million people within 25 miles from Salem that could benefit by having Air Service back in Salem. He also notes that the facility is already ready to be used, and has no infrastructure needs. He believes the 3 mostly likely airlines that could benefit from having flights out of Salem would be United, SkyWest, or Alaskan Airlines. Commissioner Pope expressed his support for this and feels it is important for this to move forward, as it has the potential to have a significant impact on the counties

economic development. He would like a letter drafted by the Boards Executive Assistant that the Board can approve and have back to Brent as soon as they are able to sign it.

4. **RECLASSIFICATION OF SENIOR BILLING SPECIALIST** – Matt Hawkins, Personnel, is requesting a job reclassification of a Senior Billing Specialist to a Health Services Application Support Analyst, specifically for Martha Castle. The reason for this is that she went through coding classes and has taken on a lot more duties. She is doing coding in our electronic health records system. If approved, this would be effective November 1, 2018 and for a 12 month period of time it would be an increase of \$2,500 including PERS contributions and in Health Services the budget is able to take on this impact. The Board agrees to the reclassification.
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 09:42 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha

Approved: October 30, 2018