

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 14 2019**

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Ainsworth were present.
2. **MINUTES**                   **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2019.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **SHERIFF OFFICE UPDATE** – Captain Isham informed the Board that there were 290 bookings in the Month of April and their average daily population remains around 145, and the length of stay is a little shorter, typically they are there for around 17 days and recently it has been closer to 13 days. The Jail program that is funded by JRI is continuing to improve and they have made progress on the curriculum, teachers, and the right inmates for the program. They currently have eight males and two females participating. At the last update the Board received from the Sheriff Office they were fully staffed, and since then there have been several events that has brought staff levels down quite a bit, and they are currently in the process of filling a corrections opening. The mail scanner in the jail is up and running and has already detected four contaminated items, including one book in which the pages had been contaminated with diluted drugs. Commissioner Pope asked Captain Isham if that will prompt an investigation to find the individual who sent the book. Captain Isham said that right now they are working to educate the DA's office on the legitimacy of the mail scanner. It is a presumptive hit and they still have to send it off to the crime lab so they are putting some training together for the DA's office to show them the science behind it and that it is enough for probable cause.

Patrol responded to 1875 calls in April, 590 were 911 calls and of those 47 were crashes. There is one vacancy in patrol, they had two Deputies recently finish training and are covering their own shifts now and another Deputy that is very close. They have one Deputy in the academy now and one who just go out of the academy. Currently they are down about six positions on the road.

The Eagle Crest Tower upgrade project is nearing completion. We were over budget according to bids, but Dean Bender, Emergency Management Services Manager, was able to work with OEM and get the difference awarded. They were hoping to break ground on the Fuel Capacity project at the Fairgrounds. That is a being done with Homeland Security Grant and will install a an external tank that will hold 750 gallons of diesel fuel to keep the back-up generator running. The jail generator was able to be cleaned out. There had been fuel in the tank for a very long time and is now back up and running. They are still waiting to hear back about the SPIRE which was a statewide grant that came up with a list of projects and equipment you could submit for and if you were awarded it then you house the equipment and it eventually becomes yours but if it was needed somewhere else in the state we would allow that agency to use it. Dean is waiting for cabling to show up for the two military generators that the Sheriff procured from the military program.

The Mobile Crisis Team is averaging 50 calls a month, and most of those are people that are in crisis at the time that the call comes in. That program continues to be a big asset to the department because it doesn't tie up the Patrol Officers.

Commissioner Ainsworth what happened to the people that were asked to leave at Wallace Marine Park. Captain Isham stated that the Sheriff Office had urged the property owner to go through the official eviction process and get a blanket eviction notice. They did not feel that they needed to do that because it is their property. He informed the Board that without the eviction notice it is difficult to know who they have contacted and when and with the blanket eviction notice they can post it and it allows the Sheriff to get everybody off the property at one time, and from that day forward if they come back they are trespassing. The property owner called last week after they had some pushback from the people they were trying to get off the property asking the Sheriff Office to send a Deputy to come and provide them with security and they were old that could not be done. After speaking to them again they are more inclined to get the blanket eviction notice and then contract with some of our reserves to act as security during the eviction process.

4. **NEW PARENT ED VIDEO** – Brent DeMoe, Family Community & Outreach Director, and Stephanie Gilbert, Early Learning and Family Engagement Supervisor, came to update the Board on the parenting program they have going in Polk County. They recently received \$75,000 of private money to fund the program next year and also received an additional \$45,000 from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to include parents who have middle school and high school age children. A team of parent educators recently completed training for that age and will start that program as of July 1. They are also now providing parent education for the federal prison in Sheridan. They will have classes starting out there around July 1<sup>st</sup>. Last year they estimated they would do 21 classes and by the time June 30<sup>th</sup> comes they will have done 32 classes with the same amount of money and also saving \$30,000 in the department budget.

Brent and Stephanie are going to a conference to present Polk County's outreach strategies. They will walk them through Parent Trivia, which they developed, along with all of the other really creative way they reach out to families. Brent also informed the Board that right now Polk County has the same number of male parent educators as female educators which nobody else has.

Brent explained that they are going to show the Board the newest Parent Education video that will be used on social media to try and engage parents to get involved in parent education. They had the best Fam Jam they have ever had. It was held April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Fairgrounds. They had about 800 people show up and over half of them were kids. Central School District registered 122 for kindergarten, last year they registered 80. They had a lot of people pack a lunch and make a day of being at Fam Jam. They had over 30 service providers available to provide a variety of screenings, as well as after school programs such a boy scouts.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
  - a. Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, informed that they had meeting with ODOT and the want to proceed with a raised pork chop to restrict left hand turns out of Doaks Ferry. They said it would take 18-24 months to complete that. Todd has requested they put in a painted pork chop in the interim. It is low cost and could save lives in the

meantime. He is also hoping to learn some things about where cars are stopping among other things that may help in the design of the raised pork chop. They will also be putting signage up to direct cars where to go if they are trying to get to Salem. Commissioner Mordhorst has said that some of the delay was because they will be adding lighting to the intersection. The painted pork chop could be scheduled within a couple weeks or possibly 90 days.

- b. Commissioner Pope informed the Board that the Association of O & C Counties was able to get back \$3,000,000 from the federal government that was illegally sequestered from SRS Fund. Thanks to their staff work and the advocacy from their last trip to Washington DC, pushing and going to several different agencies to make their case.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha  
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