

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 28, 2019**

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

2. **MINUTES**            **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2019.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **COURTHOUSE MILITARY SERVICES PLAQUES** – Johnathon Mullins, of 633 NW Bryant Ct, is representing Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3203 and The American Legion. Mr. Mullins explained to the Board that the Military plaques on display in front of the Courthouse are not in the correct order. Derek Levy, of 1801 Bridlewood, stated that there is a precedence of seal and has to do with the age of the branch. The correct order would be Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, & Merchant Marines. He also stated that they have concerns about how the flag is being illuminated, and that it should a spot light not a flood light. Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, informed the Board that he has received calls about the flag and has been working on getting it fixed. He said that when the light was changed out last time it was replaced with a flood light and he believes it will take three lights to properly illuminate the flag, which should not be a problem it will just take some time.

Mr. Hawkins stated that he has looked at the plaques to see what it would take to move them. The plaques appear to be glued and possibly bolted in the concrete and they were placed by crane. Commissioner Pope stated that he would like to find out what would take to get them in the correct order, Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Ainsworth agree. When this memorial was done back in 2000 they worked with other Military groups and getting them in the wrong order was an oversight and they would like to correct it if possible but there is a good chance it will take considerable cost to do that and the plaques may be destroyed in the process of trying to get them moved. Mr. Levy stated that it is very important to Veterans that a memorial is correct displaying these plaques. Commissioner Mordhorst asked the group if they have any funds that they would be willing to put forward towards this project if it ends up being a bigger bill than the Commissioners feel comfortable using tax payers dollars for. Mr. Ferguson, 1555 Ferns Corner Rd, suggested that this could be community project and he believes there are people out there who donate to this cause.

Terry Smith has volunteered to be a liaison for the VFW moving forward in this effort, and Lyle Mordhorst will be the liaison for the Board of Commissioners.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECT STAFF TO GET COST ESIMATES ON MOVING THE PLAQUES.**

4. **UPDATED CELL PHONE POLICY** – Matt Hawkins informed the Board that the County currently has 3 cell phone policies and the updated one if approved will address all three scenarios in one streamlined policy. The stipend for employees using their personal cell phones for work is currently \$70.00, and that will be lowered to \$50.00 to be more in line with current prices. An employee who has a county phone for work and personal use will no longer get a bill for their portion, the new policy will allow that to be taken out through ADP.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED TO UPDATED CELL PHONE POLICY.**

5. **HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIER** – Greg Hansen stated that one of our current health insurance options are no longer a good fit for the county because they are no longer in network with Salem Health. The county received bids from Regence, Kaiser, Moda, and PacificSource. The best choices would be either Moda or PacificSource. These two plans best match the Regence plan we have no. PacificSource is significantly more expensive for out of network services but they have a very large network and most places are in network.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PACIFICSOURCE.**

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

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha  
Approved: June 4, 2019