

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2019

1. At 9:01 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth is present and Commissioner Mordhorst is excused.

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2019.**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **SHERRIFF OFFICE UPDATE** – Sheriff Mark Garton, informed the Board that they have recently filled the vacancy in Patrol, and the Control Technician position in the Jail has also been filled. They have made an offer to fill a Corrections position and are waiting for the background check. Then they will be fully staffed in Corrections as well. They did have an issue in West Salem when a property owner tried to speed up the process of evacuating the homeless by bringing in bull dozers. They are now working with the Sheriff's Office to do property lines and are paying reserves to stand by for security. Morgan Smith, County Counsel, explained that they are now going through the process to get the eviction through the courts that will allow our Deputies to remove them from the property.

Commissioner Pope wants to know what conversation has been has with the City of Salem on what they will do about these homeless people being forced into the city limits because there is nowhere for them to go. Has there been any conversation with the City of Salem about what will happen going forward? Sheriff stated that the City of Salem hasn't always provided information to Polk County when they are doing push outs or evictions, so they push these people out and don't tell anybody, and then we run into the problem where they are on somebody else's property and the owner did not know but now they have been there for a period of time so now they have to go through the eviction process; but if somebody see's somebody setting up camp they can trespass them at that point and don't have to do the eviction process. There needs to be better communication between the cities and counties so they can work together. Commissioner Pope states that he is grateful to the Sheriff and his team for working with property owners and educating them how to get people off their property when discovered.

4. **NON REP COLA'S** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, stated that the following are the different COLA's going to our different unions: DSA's giving 1.5%; Deputy DA & AFSME are getting 2%; and FOPPO is getting 2.5%. The only group that have not had a COLA determined for them is the Non-reps and Mr. Hansen's recommendation is to give them either 2% or 2.5%. He stated that fiscally they could do either or. The cost associated with the .5% is approximately \$17,500 for the total non-rep group. He stated that they try to give non-rep employees a little extra sometimes because they don't have representation and don't really have a say in much. There are about 55 non-rep employees. Commissioner Pope would like to know what has been done in the past years. Mr. Hansen stated that usually it is the same as AFSME but occasionally we give them the extra .5%. Commissioner Pope states he thinks they should be given the same 2% as AFSME, and Commissioner Ainsworth stated that he disagrees and feels they should be given the 2.5% this time because they are our leaders. They only have two Commissioners here so they will wait until Commissioner Mordhorst is here and can make his vote. Mr. Hansen states that it is no problem waiting because it won't affect this next paycheck. Mr. Hansen will bring this to the table for a vote when all three Commissioners are present.
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 **9:24 a.m.**

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: June 18, 2019