

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2019

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

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 2, 2019.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **SHERIFF OFFICE UPDATE** – Sheriff Garton introduced the new Patrol Lieutenant in the Sheriff Office, Dustin Newman. He came from being the Chief of Police in Baker City and has worked at Polk County in the past. He informed the board that numbers have been up in the last month. They recently filled a Corrections Technician position and they have one in academy for patrol. They have also just made an offer to an individual and if accepted they would be fully staffed. This summer's numbers are higher than last summer's but they had a busy winter so there wasn't a large spike.

Commissioner Pope requested that in the future update the Sheriff provide a 5 year comparison for traffic and crash calls, as well as violations. Sheriff Garton stated that the number of crashes are down but there are more serious crashes than before. Nina Markle, Community Relations Specialist, is currently working on some kind of warning to out in regards to Highway 22/Perrydale Road intersection to warn people to be extra careful and aware.

Commissioner Ainsworth asked if all of the officers carry NARCAN. Sheriff said that yes they do. He also wanted to know how the P.O.I.N.T. team is doing. Sheriff answered that they are steady. Commissioner Pope thanked the Sheriff for sharing the information about the broadband survey that Information Services sent out on their Facebook page because they have so many followers and people engage with that page frequently.

4. **POLK COUNTY SOLID WASTE** – Austin McGuigan, Director of Community Development, introduced Nick Dahl and informed the Board that he had a PowerPoint presentation to present to the Board and he would let Mr. Dahl introduce his team that was also present. Mr. Dahl introduced his team that consists of himself, Joe Cook who is consulting, Neil Alongi, from Maul Foster & Alongi, 7 Abby Russel. He explained that in 2008 Polk County identified a need for a transfer station in their comprehensive plan. Joe Cook stated that the current way we are disposing of solid waste is very inefficient. All solid waste currently has to be transported out of the county one way or the other. They would like to simplify this for Polk County residents by providing a transfer station which would be much more convenient. Residents can dispose of their waste at this transfer hub and then larger trucks would haul it to the appropriate place.

Nick Dahl stated that landfills have evolved and now have multiple streams of waste. Half of their facility would be dedicated to recyclables and the other half would be for other wet & dry waste. Also, being indoors eliminates contamination with storm water and the smell. There would also be a wash station so if the vehicle transporting the waster got contaminated while in the hub they could have it washed of before leaving. The building was designed to be expandable so it will be able to address Polk County's current a future needs.

Austin McGuigan stated that what he is looking for today is approval from the Board to continue exploring this transfer station as an option for Polk County. To examine all the details and possibly

hire a specialist to ensure they are looking at every angle to determine if this is the right choice for Polk County or not. It will require a considerable amount of staff time which is why he is asking the Board before moving forward.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD DIRECTS STAFF TO CONTINUE EXPLORING THE PROPOSAL PRESENTED TODAY.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.) - None.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: July 16, 2019