

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 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 OCTOBER 1, 2019.**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN ANNUAL REPORT** – Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, provided the Board with a revised progress report on 2017 Polk County multi-jurisdictional hazards mitigation plan Polk County action items for them to review and provide feedback and suggestions. On September 26, 2019 the Polk County Coordinating Body Steering Committee evaluated the progress made and status of action items adopted as part of the 2017 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazards Mitigation Plan. The City of Dallas, Falls City, Independence and Monmouth participated in the process. They started the meeting by discussing success throughout the year and lessons learned. The cities reported they are making progress by implementing their ongoing action items.

The Polk County Emergency Manager provided an overview of the Federal grants that are open for eligibility. Emergency Management Staff provided a quick overview of the Plans hazard assessment and determined that the existing risk assessment data remained accurate for the purpose of this review. Public Works recommended that the responsibility for action item FL #11 (updating FEMA FIRM maps) should be with Community Development. Community Development agreed and is currently responsible for this task within the County. It was agreed that the Plan should be updated the next update cycle to reflect this fact but no current amendment is necessary. The Steering Committee previously determine in 2018 that MH #2 and MH #3 should be prioritized for funding and progress has been made over the last year in implementing both action items. Public Works has mapped critical facilities and routes have been identified with seismically vulnerable bridges. Public Works will be identifying secondary routes next. The Sheriff Office has begun the use of new software called “Civic Ready” that will allow the public to sign up and receive hazard information via social media. The program should be rolled out this next year.

Mr. McGuigan informed the Board that through the review process, the Steering Committee found that all but two action items have been implemented and significant progress has been made on those two items. The Steering Committee continued to prioritize those two items that need implementation. They did not find a need to develop any recommendations for new projects, revise recommendations or to defer or remove any action items.

The Steering Committee concluded that Polk County has made significant progress implementing the identified action items within the timeframes set forth in the 2017 Plan. They found that the majority of the action items are ongoing and, as resources are available, Polk County has continued to enhance, update and generally improve these implemented action items. The Steering Committee concluded that no additional action is needed at this time.

4. **HOMELESS CONNECT UPDATES** - Duane Hilty and Heather Wright joined Brent DeMoe, Director of Family Community Outreach, to updated the Board and get their feedback on the Homeless Connect event that is held in Polk County each year. They informed the Board that Heather Wright has stepped down for the organization of this event and they have not found a replacement for her yet. They also stated that they have found that the majority of the people they are helping at this event are people that are being shuttled from West Salem and the being returned to West Salem after the event. They are proposing that this year they choose to team up with Marion County and instead of having a connect even tin Polk County they will work with Marion County to make their event successful and they would also be assisting Polk County residents that are not able to make it to that location by providing transportation. The Board has concerns about this because they are worried that more Polk County residents that need these services will fall through the cracks. Brent DeMoe explains that they are usually busing 80% of the participants from West Salem and he feels that if we provide transportation that the Polk County residents in need will also have access to this. Commissioner Pope stated that while he also has concerns he does trust our leaders to make the best choice. Brent suggests that if we do team up with Marion County for this event we can have a winter version of our Family Fun Night which also connects families with services offered in the County in order to continue the outreach in Polk County. The Board directs them to look more into these options and they will return to the Board when they have more information.
5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

- a) **SHERIFF OFFICE UPDATE** – Captain Isham stated that there has been more discussion about the possibility of having an officer dedicated to the forest lands. In the past they had split the cost of the Officers salary and this time they would be splitting all costs. There were 289 bookings in the jail in September and the average population has been around 143, which is fairly low. Captain stated that with the weather getting worse that people are staying home more.

Captain Isham informed the Board that since the Oregon State Police are shorthanded they are having to handle more highway issues than normal. Mark Robertson will be the new Patrol Sergeant.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.