

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 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 OCTOBER 29, 2019 AND NOVEMBER 5, 2019.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **SHERIFF OFFICE UPDATE**– Sheriff Garton informed the Board that the Sheriff Office will be helping CASA with the Toy Drive this year and also West Valley Hospital does their own toy drive they donated that towards the inmate wrapping, where inmates can pick out a gift and wrap it themselves and the volunteers deliver it for them. The hospital also just gave them another 75 doses of the Narcan medicine because they expire, so they have to be replaced regularly. Shop with the Sheriff is coming up at the beginning of December and they currently are participating in “no shave November” and one of the former reserve deputies who left was diagnosed with brain cancer so they are doing that fund raiser for him and his family, as well as Dallas Police and Independence Police. Oregon State Sheriff Association Awards banquet is next month and they have several people getting awards. They will most likely be hiring 3 people in the coming months. Sheriff has said that within the contract they will look at acreage and the pay will be based on acreage and also mentions if there are new owners they will be approached with joining the program.
4. **STUDENT EMPLOYMENT READINESS ECO DEVO GRANT APP** – Brent DeMoe, Family Community Outreach Director came to discuss a Grant Application he and his team are working on. Those team members are Dana Goodale, School based Mental Health Supervisor, who will act as a liaison between the county and schools. Charlotte Vidrio, teacher at Morrison alternative campus and will be a liaison/mentor/teacher for the students involved in the intern process. She will go to the business that they are working for and do evaluations with the supervisors and the students to evaluate their progress. Roxanna Glang, Chemeketa Community College, Internship Specialist and will support and provide any kind of student collaboration she can offer.

Brent said that back in 2017 they surveyed the Polk County youth and almost 2,000 middle and high school kids were surveyed. One of the top things they wanted was to have job or internship opportunities. There has been some small efforts made in schools to try and do this but was never done very completely so they got together with partners and came up with a really good plan that starts with the first batch of students from Morrison High School being placed in internships in Polk County. They have places like Pressed, The Sheriff's Office, Dallas PD, West Valley Hospital, Polk County, Grocery Outlet, Family Building Blocks are a few that will take high school students in to learn the job skills that they are interested in and it will expand into other districts over the course of the next 12-18 months. Next Spring 2020 they will be holding a very unique job fair at Western Oregon University. High School Juniors will come and learn about careers but not in the traditional way, it will be more interactive and have a social media and electronic component that is very new.

If they are granted the funds they are requesting it will be coordinated by his department but it will be a partnership with all of the districts and with Chemeketa. Dana stated that prior to her current role she was a School Based Mental Health Therapist and she noticed a gap in youth being work ready, having the skills, the clothes, documents, having the resume and everything else they need to leave high school and be work ready or to go into whatever the next stage in life is. A large part of this grant is building in some funds to help students rise to that level. There is an extra \$100 per student to help them buy those things like an Oregon ID Card, or a food handler's permit. If the students complete the internship will receive a \$500 stipend at the end of their 80 hours. They have to be on time, call ahead if they not going to be there. If the place of employment has a 3 strikes and you're out type of policy it will be the same for the intern, they would like it to be as close to a real working experience as possible.

Chemeketa has a Ford Foundation Grant that enables them to support the Polk County Students of this grant at anything career related. So they would be contributing a \$500 stipend to the employer as well as three 1 credit courses for students pertaining to career readiness. The majority of the money requested is going directly towards getting as many kids through this program as possible. Brent also explained that he also reached out to Morgan Smith, Polk County Counsel, and aside from a few minor changes they have a really good plan in place regarding liability and training and Memorandums of Understanding with the sites.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT READINESS GRANT APPLICATION.

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 9:36 a.m.