

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2020

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Pope was present. Commissioner Mordhorst was excused.
2. **MINUTES** : **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2020**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. APPEAL: PLANNING FILE LUD 20-06

Miranda Muller, Community Development Assistant Planner, informed the Board that the department received a land use application from Luckimute Domestic Water Cooperative (LUD 20-06). The application is for a utility facility that is necessary for public service. They proposed to construct a water distribution pipeline, a 500,000 gallon potable water storage tank, a treatment building, and associated on site improvements for a new centralized treatment facility within the exclusive farm use zoning district.

On June 17, 2020 the Planning Director approved this application along with four conditions of approval and notified the surrounding area property owners and all other interested parties. A timely appeal was submitted which identified several concerns regarding the location of the proposed development, a failure to analyze alternative locations, water quality for surrounding properties, and the interpretation of the term "agent", as used in the PCZO 111.220(A).

When a land use application is appealed the Board of Commissioners is required to determine the hearing body. The Board can either direct staff to schedule public hearing before the Polk County Hearings Officer and that decision would constitute the final local decision which would be subject to the Boards ratification on consent. Alternatively the Board can direct staff to schedule the hearing before the Board of Commissioners. Due to the technical nature of the application and the appeal, staff recommends that the Board set the matter before the Hearings Officer.

MOTION: **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO ACCEPT STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND SEND THE MATTER TO THE HEARINGS OFFICER.**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

4. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator, reviewed the case situation for Oregon and provided them with the dashboard of metrics for all Oregon counties. Ms. Umstead also reviewed the case situation for Marion and Polk County. The Public Health department is currently monitoring 46 people and that is about 29 households. Commissioner Ainsworth asked if the contact tracing is still an issue because it is the only red marks for Marion and Polk. The tracing is not a reflection of Public Health not being thorough investigation but a reflection of where the disease is in the community. It is sporadic and that is what increases the number of untraceable cases. The 3 inmates that were tested last week all came back negative but will remain isolated until their symptoms subside. The outbreaks in Polk County will be ending next week if there are no more positives. The contract for contact tracers with Western Oregon University was finalized and Public Health will be meetings with the professors and the interns later this morning and hope to have them start this weekend. The job description for the Willamette Workforce partnership was

approved yesterday and should start within 36 hours from yesterday and the recruitment should be open today.

Commissioner Pope stated that he has seen a lot of negativity on social media regarding contact tracing and would like Public Health to do a better job at educating residents on what contact tracing is, in order to correct the misinformation that some people are hearing. While contact tracers are very important to have enough of they also need to have enough case investigators. Case investigators are more qualified and will be dealing with the OHA database and interviewing the cases initially.

Dean Bender, Emergency Manager, informed the Board that Polk County received one shipment from the state last week and gave them an inventory of that. Mr. Bender reviewed the minimum inventory level he has established as a measure to ensure the county always has enough personal protective equipment, based on the burn rate that he has been monitoring.

5. LPSCC MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION

Morgan Smith, County Counsel, informed the Board that back in February he presented to the LPSCC Board letting them know there is a need to have defined roles for the members on the LPSCC Board. The by-laws has a number of individuals that need to be appointed by various agencies such as the Board of Commissioners will need to appoint one Commissioner to be a voting member on the LPSCC Board and if others show up there is still only one vote. There are several other defined roles that need to be appointed by the other agencies involved in LPSCC. Cassy Polen will be taking over coordination of the committee and will be reaching out to the various agencies and letting them know that they need to decide among themselves who they want to designate as the voting member. The hope is to have all of these defined roles filled prior to the next schedule LPSCC meeting in August 2020. There is no language in the by-laws allowing a proxy voter at this time but that can be changed in the future but the defined roles need to be defined before a vote can be made on changing the by-laws. In order to determine how many members it will take for a quorum the number of voting members has to be established.

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

- a) Marilyn Morton asked the Board who the authorized representatives are to receive the PPE from the County. Dean Bender, Emergency Manager, explained that there are several layers for who that is but it is not for the general public. The state will be pushing out an order of KN95 masks that are designated for businesses by the state that will be distributed.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:37 am.