

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2020

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.
2. **MINUTES** : **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2020**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. SHERIFF OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Mark Garton provided the Board with a hand out and informed them it is stock data that the state requires agencies to track on any encounter they have that requires a deputy to make a decision at their own discretion. Deputies have an app on their phones that requires them to answer questions such as the sex, race, age, zip code, and if there was a search or no search for each traffic stop made. The Deputy is not allowed to ask these questions so they are using their best perception. The data for Polk County shows that our stops are in line with the census data based on race. All of this data is stored by the state and when the Sheriff requests this it comes back as raw data in an excel sheet. They are also tracking use of force data, jail and patrol are tracked separately. Patrol has about 24,000 contacts per year and the data shows 30 for the last 3 years. Every time there is a use of force the Deputy is required to do a report, which the supervisor reviews as well as the Lieutenant, Captain, or Sheriff to make sure they are within policy. They will be adding the question of race to the use of force report even though it is not required, it is in the process of being added.

The Sheriff Office is almost ready to deploy the body cams but they are having a technical issue that is being worked out. The body cam they will be using is a cell phone that attaches to the Deputy's shirt or vest. The Sheriff chose this option because there are a lot more analytical options that can be captured with the cell phone versus standalone body cams. It is a real cell phone that works so there is also GPS and it also has livestream capabilities from the office or another cell phone.

4. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Kristy Polanco, Public Health Administrator, was not available to come to the meeting today. Greg Hansen, County Administrator, gave the Board a brief update on the state and county COVID-19 data. There have been 237 deaths in Oregon and Polk County is still at 12 deaths, with no deaths since early May. Geographically the positive cases are spreading more with less concentration in West Salem.

Dean Bender, Emergency Manager, informed the Board that the county received two shipments from the state last week and reviewed the PPE that was included in those shipments. 6,000 of the masks went to the cities to be distributed to businesses that needed them. To date Emergency Management has filled 195 orders and right now is waiting on 11 orders that he has placed for more supplies. Mr. Bender stated that the county inventory is stocked to the minimum levels for all the PE except for gloves. Every order that is filled by the county also receives a resource list and are reminded that they need to be ordering supplies from a sustainable supply chain and only relying on county supplies if they are unable to get the PPE they need.

Two more of the backpack sanitization machines has been order as well as a replacement tank. The handheld device was not operating properly and the vendor is working to remedy that. The other two handheld devices that were on back order are expected to arrive this week.

5. MARKET SHOW AND AUCTION UPDATE

Tina Andersen, Fairgrounds Manager, and Tim Ray, Member of the Fair Board, informed the Board that in place of the Fair they are holding Market Show. The kids who have market animals will bring in their animal Thursday August 13th in the evening and will show them all day Friday and the auction will take place on Saturday. The county is not putting the event on but will be managing the property and all of the county supplies. The livestock association has turned in a place to show that they are meeting guidelines. They have put plans in place to help eliminate cross traffic as well as limiting each family to two visitors. Buyers will be pre-registered as much as possible and there will not be a dinner but relying on food trucks instead.

Fairs have not been cut out of the Governor's budget completely yet but has been reduced to \$34,000 instead of the \$54,000 and today they are voting on an emergency funding and county fairs are named in that. 4-H has gone all virtual which has drastically reduced the number of exhibits because so many kids are not interested in the virtual fair. The Livestock Association has their own judges and are paying them as well. They will be holding a Fair Food Drive-through on Saturday the 8th for people to drive through and get fair food without getting out of their cars.

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

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:32 am.

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: July 21, 2020