

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 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 MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2020**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, provided the Board with an annual report handout and stated that he could provide them with that annually if they would like it. Mr. Whitaker reviewed the list of projects and tasks that Public Works is working on at this time and the County's role in those projects. There are 24 state projects in Polk County that are in some phase of development right now and the Counties role in these vary from no involvement, to monitoring, to being actively involved or managing. Mr. Whitaker reviewed the design projects that Public Works is currently working on such as the Safe Routes to School project that is in the design process right now. He hopes to have a contract to get all three of the counties steel bridges repainted in the near future, in the event that additional funding comes through. There are some right of way at county bridges that Polk County will be acquiring, vacations, legalizations, and the West Salem Control Project that has been postponed because of the pandemic. The Final County Road list is complete and will be brought to the Board soon. Mr. Whitaker gave the Board a brief overview of the Maintenance, GIS, and Administrative projects as well.

Commissioner Ainsworth inquired about the lost revenue due to COVID and lottery funds for this fiscal year. Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, responded that this year they estimate being down \$600,000 and \$600,000 last fiscal year as well. Commissioner Mordhorst asked how many projects were "shovel ready" in the event that Polk County Public Works received any unexpected federal funding. The bridge painting is the quickest to put together and is a high priority and for some unknown reason that project did not make the eligibility list. There is a bridge in Falls City that is expected to be replaced in fiscal year 2021-2022. Mr. Whitaker does have a list of potential projects that could be put together so they are as ready as possible.

5. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator, review the current COVID-19 case data for Oregon. Oregon has 14,085 positive cases, and 262 deaths. Polk County has 206 positive cases, 3 hospitalizations, and 12 deaths. Marion County has 2,171 positive cases, 4 hospitalizations, and 62 deaths. The Board was provided a handout with the current metric data for Oregon counties which is being updated regularly. Marion & Polk combined are currently meeting 4 of the 6 metrics that Oregon Health Authority is monitoring. Polk County specifically is at 88% for cases from July 5th to July 11th that were followed up on within 24 hours of a diagnoses. After reviewing those cases individually Public Health found there was a case that OHA worked on over the weekend that had no phone number attached to the file so case investigators were not able to get in touch within 24 hours. There were others that were in the hospital so the follow up was done but it wasn't indicated because they were in the hospital. Quality assurance measure are being evaluated to ensure all the fields in the new system are being filled out correctly. For July 5th through the 11th Polk County had 18 new cases and 10 of those were sporadic, 4 were outbreak related, 1 was related to a cluster, 3 were household

contacts. During that same time frame Marion County had 212 cases, 48 were sporadic, 52 related to an outbreak, 25 related to clusters, and 87 linked to household contact.

The Contact Tracers from Western Oregon are working 7 days a week. There is a new software program that all of the contact tracers will work out of and it will keep track of all the data as well as offer an option for automated emails or texts which will remove some burden of having to initiate that contact. The West Salem outbreak is closed and the Truitt Bros. has had no new cases in a little over a week. There is a new outbreak at Capitol Manor with 3 employees who tested positive and 1 resident. Public Health is working with OHA to coordinate testing and are hoping to get started Friday.

Willamette Workforce has sent the County some applications to review for contact tracers and some case investigation as well. A temporary Public Health worker position is open for recruitment as well as an on-call temporary Public Health worker. They also have a contract with Kristty Polanco, Polk County's previous Public Health administrator, to help manage the contact tracers, help with emergency preparedness, and do some quality assurance and data analysis. OHA has been helping on the weekends to help with case investigation and Ms. Umstead hopes to continue receiving that help and will continue asking.

Dean Bender, Emergency Operations Manager, informed the Board that the County received one shipment of PPE from that state last week and reviewed what was in that shipment. He continues to keep the minimum number of each PPE items in supply for the county, as well as exceeding that number in many items. Mr. Bender has worked with Public Health to provide Capitol Manor with a package of PPE to help stop the outbreak from getting any worse. OHA has said they will be sending out push packages to daycares and schools when they are back in session.

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

a) CITIZEN REQUEST

Lee Wanner, 258 NW Hillcrest in Dallas, informed the Board that he is attending the meeting on behalf of himself and several business owners because he is coordinating a demonstration to take place August 9, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. that is pro-community, pro-freedom and pro-first amendment. Mr. Wanner has spoken to the City of Dallas Manager Brian Latta who provided him with the necessary forms to close Mill and Court Street as well as applications for any merchants who will be present. The intent is to be one day for three hours and will have live music, vendors, and food available for purchase from food trucks.

Commissioner Pope advised Mr. Wanner that he has the right to use the space for a demonstration and does not need permission from the Board, however an event is very different. Mr. Wanner stated that the demonstration is to support the right to assemble. Commissioner Pope stated that when food trucks and music are mentioned it sounds like more of an event than a demonstration. Mr. Wanner feels this demonstration is to support the "real normal" and the form of the demonstration is to do what citizens could normally do. Commissioner Ainsworth reiterated that if it is a demonstration and not an event he can do it whenever he wants and the Board won't deny anybody the right to demonstrate or protest but he appreciates that he came in to let them know.

Mr. Wanner asked the Board also if he would be able to use the power outlet that is outside the courthouse. Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, advised him that although the outlet is on county property he would still have to discuss that with the City of Dallas because it is their power.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am.

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: July 28, 2020