

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING – JUNE 7, 2011
MINUTES

1. At 9:00 a.m., Chairman Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Wheeler were present. A CD of the proceedings is on file in the Board of Commissioners' Office.
2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 31, 2011.**

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3. **REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, explained this is a request from the Sheriff's Office to send the County Emergency Manager to Fremont, CA on June 22, 2011. The purpose of this trip is to test and accept microwave equipment that is being purchased under the Public Safety Interoperability Communications Command Award. The approximate fiscal impact on the County would be approximately \$200.

The Board agreed, by consensus, to approve the out of state travel.

4. **TITLE II PROJECT PROPOSALS**

Hansen said the County has received from the BLM Salem District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) a list of project proposals for use of Title II funds. The RAC will be meeting on June 16, 2011 to review the projects and make recommendation for funding utilizing 2011 funds. They are requesting the County's priority funding recommendations by June 10, 2011. In the past, the County has ranked Law Enforcement number one, Noxious Weeds number two and Dumpstoppers number three.

Jim Clawson, member of the RAC, explained the RAC makes recommendations, which come back to the County for their decision. He is before the Board today to hear what Polk County's recommendations are.

Hansen said that, historically, our priorities have always been funded in the above-mentioned order and he has heard nothing to indicate a change in this position.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN A LETTER LISTING THE PRIORITIES OF PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR TITLE II FUND USE.

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

5. **REQUEST TO PLACE LAND IN TRIBAL TRUST**

Hansen presented a letter from the Department of the Interior outlining a request from the Tribe to place approximately 20 acres into Tribal Trust Land. This property is located near Tribal Headquarters. The Assessor has determined that the tax loss to Polk County would be approximately \$78. This is the chance for the County to comment but we have no influence on the decision. Hansen said that, in the past, we have responded with a letter voicing our concerns about taking property off the tax rolls and he is recommending that we continue with that procedure.

Chairman Pope said he voiced his concerns about the application process.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED, TO SEND THE CUSTOMARY LETTER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR INDICATING POLK COUNTY'S CONCERNS WITH PROPERTY BEING REMOVED FROM THE TAX ROLLS.

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE

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

- a) **REVISED CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR PRESCRIBER SUPPORT SPECIALIST**
Matt Hawkins, Human Resources Director, is recommending the Board approve the revised class specification and salary range for Prescriber Support Specialist. Specifically the revisions will include this position requiring a bachelor level nursing degree. The current salary range is \$2573 - \$3256. The proposed salary range for the Prescriber Support Specialist will be \$3878 - \$4907.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO THE PRESCRIBER SUPPORT SPECIALIST JOB SPECIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE.

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE

- b) **CITIZEN CONCERN**

Orval Teal, 1155 SW Clay ST, Dallas, said he is now paying two separate fire protection districts for services and wants to know if the Board can do anything to assist him.

Doug Schmidt, Assessor, explained the Department of Forestry has instructed their districts look at all of their classifiable land for collection of charges for firefighting. This was the Forest Land Classification Committee. They have identified properties that need to be covered by both the Forestry Department and the local fire district. Up to this point, Mr. Teal's property had not been subject to the Forestry charge but he is on a fixed income.

Chairman Pope explained the Board of Commissioners has no authority over taxing entities but they are increasingly engaging with the Department of Forestry. The Board has a meeting in July with the local forester and this is one topic they intend to discuss. Pope said he would like to see the Department of Forestry give people like Mr. Teal an opportunity to be heard.

Chairman Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Minutes: Rick Davisson

Approved: June 14, 2011