

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING – August 2, 2011
MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND MINUTES**

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.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 26, 2011,

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. **OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST**

Sheriff Bob Wolfe requested out of state travel for Lt. Isham and Sgt. Garton to attend Police Discipline training in Las Vegas, Nevada. The training budget has adequate funds to cover the cost of this training.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR LT. ISHAM AND SGT. GARTON.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY REVIEW**

Dean Anderson, IT Director, presented the Social Media Policy for Board review. One policy that was added was a media release for any pictures, school information etc. that is used in the County's Social Media pages. Also, any employees that are or will be using social media for the county must follow current Communication Technology policy.

Dean also updated the Board of the results of the Social Media Pilot Program. Youth Action Team had a positive response to their Facebook page; during the pilot program, they acquired 33 friends and 3,744 page views. In a recent survey of Dallas, Monmouth, and Independence youth, Facebook was listed in the top five ways of preferred communication. Overall, the pilot program was a success; Facebook is an inexpensive and effective way of communicating with community members of all ages and interests. Dean Anderson recommended the Board of Commissioners approve departments and individuals to begin to use social media tools in support of County business.

The Board requested that the IS Team give updates with their annual MBO report on the progress of the Social Media Program.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO ADOPT THE SOCIAL MEDIA POLICIES PRESENTED, AND UNBLOCK THE INTERNET FOR COUNTY COUNSEL.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **DOG BOARD PRESENTATION**

The Members of the Dog Board came before the board to introduce themselves and discuss the possibility of setting up a restitution fund for livestock losses. Dog Board members referenced a case where a dog attacked and killed a couple 4-H sheep, and the owner of the dogs did not pay the fines or replacement cost of the sheep. The Dog Board members asked the Board of Commissioners to consider using dog board fines for a restitution fund for instances such as this.

There was discussion that although the dog board can issue fines, they cannot enforce the non-payment of fines. The dog board can send the case to the Courts, and have a judgment ordered, but there is no guarantee that the fee would be returned to the Dog Board. There was also concern expressed as to what guidelines would be used to determine replacement cost of livestock. The Board of Commissioners recommended the Dog Board refer victims to the Civil Court for cases where restitution is needed.

The Dog Board announced that they have one vacancy that has been temporarily filled by Jim Solvedt, Environmental Health. The Commissioners encouraged the Dog Board to come up with a list of potential appointees to permanently fill this position.

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

(a) **FAIR OVERFLOW PARKING:** Ray Steele reported that due to the odd weather, the wheat harvest is late this year and the field used for overflow parking may not be available if it has not been harvested yet. If the field is not available, then overnight camping will be banned to make room for additional parking (campers have already been notified about the situation). Shuttle service considered but would cost at least \$4,400. Ray will check back next Tuesday to give an update on the harvest progress.

(b) **SKATEBOARDERS:** Sheriff Wolfe reported that there have been increased numbers of skateboarders on county roads that have steep hills. Only one road in the county is posted as no skateboarding.

(c) **OAKDALE BLACKBERRY BUSHES:** The City Manager requested that the County take care of the blackberry bushes at Oakdale School, which is within city limits. The Board of Commissioners recommend the city use the Community Service and Juvenile Detention work crews to assist with this project.

(d) **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:** Todd Whitaker updated the Board on upcoming projects and road closures, August 5-19th:

- a. Speed study order for Rob Mill Rd. is on consent calendar for tomorrow's meeting.
- b. Overlays will be complete on Buena Vista, Old Fork, and Clow Corner.
- c. Pioneer Rd. landslide will be repaired
- d. Clow Corner Rd. will be closed between Hwy. 99 and Riddell Rd. on August 5, Construction will be postponed during the Fair and then resume once the Fair is over.
- e. Park and Ride construction starts August 15-22, should be complete in 2 weeks. Proposals for park and ride sign go out today, not expecting new sign installed until November. Todd will look into removal of old sign.

(e) **TRIBAL COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING:** The Board of Commissioners will attend the Tribal Council Valley Junction Sub-Committee Meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 3:30 pm in Grande Ronde.

Chairman Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez
Approved: August 9, 2011