

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
MINUTES

1. At 9:04 a.m., Chairman Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Wheeler were present.
2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2011.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **COMMUNITY ACTION PRESENTATION**

Teresa Cox, Carla Carey, and Diane Mary from Mid Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA) gave a presentation on the history and services of the MWVCAA.

The MWVCAA was founded in 1967 as part of the Economic Community Act and the war on poverty. It was created to address and alleviate the conditions of poverty. There are approximately 300 employees with a budget of \$23 million (90% of which is Federal funding). The primary areas served are Marion and Polk Counties, with some services offered in Lincoln, Benton, and Yamhill counties. The organization is overseen by a 15 member Board of Directors; 1/3 elected officials, 1/3 represents the interest of low-income, and 1/3 other directors.

There are seven major program areas including community resources, energy and weatherization, early childhood education, child nutrition, at-risk youth issues, family homelessness. There are 20 Head Start classroom locations, and resource and referral stations in Woodburn, Stayton and Dallas. The MWVCAA is also a lead agency for housing services through Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS). Through OHCS, MWVCAA receives about \$250,000 for homeless services; some of these funds go to the Dallas Resource Center.

The Community Action employees were requesting a signature to authorize distribution of payment to the Dallas Resource Center. The Board expressed concern that the Commissioners' are not engaged and familiar with the activities and operations of the MWVCAA, so Commissioner Ainsworth will look into serving on the MWVCAA Board.

4. **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer informed the Board that each year the County departments rotate hosting a holiday luncheon usually the Wednesday or Thursday in the week before Christmas. This year the DA's Office/Courts is scheduled to host. This luncheon is paid for by Credit Card points accumulated through the year. The employee awards are also given out at this luncheon.

The adopt-a-family program also occurs during this time. The Commissioners' office usually adopts one family.

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

- (a) **JAIL MEDICAL CHANGES**

Greg Hansen and Stacie Chance, Health & Human Services Assistant Director informed the Board that the Jail has previously contracted with a doctor and nurses that were bought out by a larger company called Conmed. The services now received by this company are very poor, and so it was decided that starting in

October, the Jail nurses will be provided by Public Health. Individual contracts will also be made with local doctors and a dentist for inmate services. This is expected to save the jail \$50,000 - \$75,000 annually.

The Public Health department is currently recruiting for nurses, but there aren't many applicants.

(b) ACADEMY BUILDING GYM REQUEST

Greg Hansen presented a request from the Mid Valley Christian Academy to use the academy building gym for their basketball team practice.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE MID VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY REQUEST TO USE THE ACADEMY BUILDING GYM.

(c) EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD UPDATE

Chairman Pope informed the Board that he has a conference call on 9-20-11 with the Employment Relations Board regarding funding. The ERB needs to be self-sufficient by the end of this fiscal year. The labor union has stated that they will not pay fees for services to support the management of the ERB. The ERB has agreed that if funding cannot be found, the Board will dissolve and the responsibility of employment relations will fall on each county's circuit court judges.

Chairman Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: September 27, 2011