

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 2011
MINUTES

1. At 9:05 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 20, 2011.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **FAIRGROUNDS MBO**

Tina Andersen, Polk County Fair Manager, gave a report on the annual fair that was held August 11-14.

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| • Revenues and Attendance was up | • FFA and 4-H exhibits were up |
| • Food revenues were up 21% | • Sponsorship were up |
| • Fair booths were down 25% | • Livestock sales down 7.5% |
| • Open Class exhibits were down | • Carnival was down 5% |

The biggest issue this year was the parking and overnight camping due to the delay in harvest. The rodeo did not perform as well as anticipated. They will try the rodeo once more (at no cost to the fair), if it does not perform again, then the fair will look into other activities.

The year-round fair is also doing well. The facility is booked into 2015. The Waterfowl festival account was lost, but the Fairgrounds are competing for two new accounts: Goldwing Road Riders motorcycle rally and the State Square-dance Festival.

The bus stop is nearly complete, but the second row of parking is an issue because the space is so tight, that the bus lane is nearly blocked if someone does not park correctly. Storage applications for boats and RV's are up.

The Fair Board's annual work session is scheduled for February 11, and they ask that everyone attend that to discuss new ideas and needs. The Fair Board is working on an MOU with the Extension office. The Fair Board has also moved to pursue the acquisition of land based upon the long-term needs of the fair (more parking, more camping, etc). The Fair Foundation is working on raising funds for this acquisition, but the Board of Commissioners' stressed that the Fair Board needs to verify if the landowner is willing to sell, and if they would be open to selling in sections, as funds are raised.

4. **E-MAIL ATTACHMENTS**

Dean Anderson, IT Director explained that since switching to Google, there are some default safety systems in place that have not been changed. Because 98% of the emails received are viruses, zip file attachments had been blocked from coming through the County e-mail system. Last week, this became a problem when a zip file needed for a conference was not able to be received. The process for receiving zip files has now been updated to that Mark or Josh will be notified when a zip file tries to come through the County e-mail and they will decide if it is a legitimate file or not. Dean also suggested looking into using Wiki for document sharing.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.) None.

Chairman Pope recessed the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Chairman Pope called the meeting back to order at 10:00 a.m.

6. **HB3650 DISCUSSION**

There was a round table discussion regarding House Bill 3650, with the following people being present:

Commissioner Pope, Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Wheeler
Jim Thompson, State Representative
Jim Williams, Rep. Thompson's Office
Jim Russell, Mid Valley Behavioral Care Network
Geoff Heatherington, Mental Health
Bob Brannigan, West Valley Hospital
Rodney Schroeder, NW Senior & Disability Services
Stacie Chance, Health & Human Services
Vern Saboe, Oregon Chiropractic Association
Tom Flaming, Private Family Physician
Marty Silbernagel, Community Corrections
Kristy Perry, Dallas School District

Geoff Heatherington explained this group has been meeting every three weeks to discuss the proposed changes to health care because of House Bill 3650. Mr. Heatherington presented a handout of Section 24 of the 3650 Bill describing how Public Health and Mental Health Departments would be engaged in the CCO process.

The State is still working on defining what a CCO is and what the responsibilities of a CCO are, and defining what and how much the global budget will be. The questions that were presented to the County are: if the County does get a CCO, what will it look like? Or, if the County does not get a CCO, how will integrated services continue?

Chairman Pope stated that there is no solid foundation for HB3650 and some of the key players needed to make it work are not involved in the discussion. Mr. Pope expressed concern that if there is not an agreement of the definition of what a CCO is by February, is there a stopgap measure to extend the timeframe? Mr. Pope suggested that this Health Care Transformation Group take a lead role in the state and create a matrix that the group can use to inventory and define services needed, mandates, finance, and clients served. This would assist with developing a plan to create a CCO for the County as an example that could be submitted to the Governor's office.

Christy Perry asked if Polk County could apply to be the CCO for the County, since there already is a good system in place with local doctors, West Valley Hospital, Service Integration, etc. Stacie Chance explained that the County has discussed this option, but feels that we may be a little too small to be able to insure ourselves, handle the financial responsibility, and coordinate the electronic records that is needed to be a CCO.

Mr. Pope asked that if Polk County isn't the CCO, then who? Polk County is already providing some health services for County residents, and if we could know what the global budget would be, who would the CCO be serving, and who the partners would be, then the discussion could start on how a CCO could get better outcomes at a lower cost.

The group discussed issues that would need to be addressed by the CCO definition workgroups, and common problems that are currently affecting Medicare and Medicaid clients and their health providers. Rodney Schroeder commented that though prevention is a large part of solving chronic health problems, the healthcare savings with prevention

only would be years down the road. Instead, Schroeder suggests also focusing on finding duplications of service and challenges faced for the 20% of chronically ill patients who use 80% of the Healthcare resources, and that would be an immediate savings.

Jim Russell reported on the four work groups that were appointed by the Governor, and some of the discussions that have been taking place within these work groups. Mr. Russell thought that the conversation by this Health Care Transformation Team should be less on what is wrong with CCO's, and more on how to make the best of the CCO coming to Polk County, because most likely it will happen.

The group agreed to meet again on October 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Jim Thompson encouraged the group to brainstorm about other community members that should be involved in the Health Care Transformation discussion.

Chairman Pope adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez
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