

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING – OCTOBER 18, 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 OCTOBER 11, 2011.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **LEGISLATIVE PLANNING PROJECTS**

Jerry Sorte, Community Development Planning Manager recommended that the Board adopt a resolution to initiate the legislative process to move forward with the following legislative amendment projects: winery standards update, events on farmland update, and resource zone update. Jerry and Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, discussed the proposed projects with the Board.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO PROCEED WITH AMENDMENTS TO THE POLK COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **LETTER OF INTENT (MENTAL HEALTH SOFTWARE)**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, Stacie Chance, Health & Human Services Assistant Director, and Dean Anderson, IT Director informed the Board that the Mental Health Department has been looking into upgrading their software system. After much research and discussion, Credible (Behavioral Healthcare Software) was selected as the new software system. The cost for implementation is \$135,000, and the annual maintenance cost is approximately \$75,000. A letter of intent is needed to move forward with the purchase of the software.

The Credible system is also listed as a meaningful use certified software program under HB3650. The new system will be transitioned in over the last quarter of the current fiscal year, and be fully operational by July 1, 2012.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO SIGN THE LETTER OF INTENT WITH CREDIBLE.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **WVHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CANDIDATE INTERVIEW**

Linda Jennings, Executive Director, and Ralph Blanchard, Commissioner of the West Valley Housing Authority (WVHA) attended the meeting to assist with interviewing LaVay Jeffries, who has applied to fill the vacant position on the West Valley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The WVHA Board meets the 4th Wednesday of the month from 11am-2pm.

6. **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & BOC AWARD**

Matt Hawkins, Human Resources Director informed the Board that the Holiday luncheon is scheduled for December 15. The Dallas High School catering class that has provided lunch in the past is no longer in operation, so other catering companies are being

considered. Matt will be meeting with each Commissioner individually to discuss the menu and BOC award nominees.

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

(a) FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE

Tina Andersen, Polk County Fair Manager and Ray Steele, Polk County Fair Board Member informed the Board of Commissioners that the Fair Board had met with the owners of the land adjacent to the fairgrounds to discuss the option of purchasing the land. The Fair Board will send a request to the Commissioners requesting them to draft and send a letter of interest to the landowner for when they are ready to sell the property.

Chairman Pope recessed the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Chairman Pope called the meeting back to order at 10:04 a.m.

8. **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
Pamela Cortez, West Valley Hospital
George Green, NW Senior & Disability Services
Stacie Chance, Health & Human Services
Vern Saboe, Oregon Chiropractic Association
Tom Flaming, Private Family Physician
Barbara McGuffey, Polk Community Free Clinic
Dean Andretta, WVP Health
Andy Smith, Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Providers
Bobby Green, Oregon Health Authority
Larry Tang, Polk Adolescent Day Treatment Center
Tricia Tillman, Oregon Health Authority

Rep. Jim Thompson presented a list of the Medicaid providers in Polk County and reported that the workgroups still have not defined what a CCO is or defined a global budget. The deadline to finalize HB3650 is January in order to move it forward to a vote in February. The State is looking at a \$1 billion shortfall in February.

The group discussed how to reach out to the 20% of users that cause 80% of the health care costs. Ideas include sanctions, changing the eligibility criteria, incentives, etc. There is a huge pushback when going after un-healthy lifestyles, because the government cannot prohibit people's freedom to choose their lifestyle.

The group also discussed reforming how providers are paid. The government is a giant purchaser of health care in the State of Oregon, and there is a huge opportunity for cost savings if HB3650 reforms payments to providers.

Chairman Pope asked what the CCO backup plan would be if HB3650 does not pass and the State Healthcare system faces a 37% funding cut. The answer is more budget cuts and service rationing.

Tricia Tillman from the Oregon Health Authority, Office of Multi-Cultural Health Services gave information to the Board describing some of the challenges facing health care providers when encountering other cultures (language, literacy, etc.), and also the number of minorities that would be impacted by the transition to CCOs. She encouraged the group to be thinking about cultural issues when discussing CCO development.

The group went on to discuss how to better coordinate across the system, raising awareness of lower-cost resources available, how to get the community involved with assisting with social issues facing health care clients, and what the best design is for service delivery.

The group agreed to meet again on November 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez
Approved: October 25, 2011