

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
January 17, 2012

1. At 9:03 a.m., Chairman Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Wheeler were present.
2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2012.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL/COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES UPDATE**
Brent DeMoe, Manager for the Commission for Children and Families and Stacie Chance, Health & Human Services Assistant Director presented the proposed implementation timeline for the Early Learning Council. Brent explained that the Commission system is scheduled to be eliminated in June, and there will not be any RFP's available to fund current programs until at least Quarter 1 of 2013. Brent testified before the Early Learning Council that there should be a 6-month transition plan developed for the 36 Counties to allow the services provided to continue until the RFP's take effect. Brent also announced that the Commission is budgeted to have another 3.5-10% general fund cuts in this biennium.

4. **TEEN PREGNANCY UPDATE**
Randi Phillips, Public Health Supervisor & Brent DeMoe informed the Board that the Public Health Department has partnered with the Commission for Children & Families to form a Teen Pregnancy Advisory Committee which is in the process of starting a new teen pregnancy prevention ad campaign. The most recent statistics from 2009 show 11.8 per 1,000 teen pregnancy rate in Polk County, which ranked 5th highest in the state.

The ads will reference "The Place," which is a more youth-centered name for Public Health. The Ads will be placed around the high schools, and other locations around the County where teens congregate.

5. **RECLASSIFICATION OF MENTAL HEALTH SUPERVISOR I**
Matt Hawkins, General Services & Human Resources Director presented a reclassification request for Mental Health Supervisor I to a Mental Health Supervisor II effective February 1.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION & RECLASSIFICATION IN MENTAL HEALTH**
Matt Hawkins presented a New Job Classification & Specification for a Mental Health Client Services Supervisor, and the reclassification of a current Mental Health Office Manager into that position.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE NEW JOB CLASSIFICATION AND SPECIFICATION AND THE RECLASSIFICATION REQUEST.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. **NESMITH PARK CAMPING REQUEST**

Heather Alvarez, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners presented a request for the use of Nesmith Park from the Monmouth Boy Scout Troop to conduct their "Foul-Weather Camp" on January 28, 2012.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CAMPING REQUEST.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. **COURTHOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM USE REQUEST**

Heather Alvarez presented a request from the Friends of the Dallas Public Library to use the Courthouse conference room on April 14 for a public meeting. The Board denied this request because the facility is not typically open on the weekends.

9. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LIST**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer presented a request from the Council of Governments to submit a project for a 50/50 match Economic Development grant. The Board would like to discuss this with the Community Development Director to get an idea of any projects that may be eligible.

10. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN REFINANCE**

Greg Hansen informed the Board that in 2002 the County received a 25-year \$1 million loan to repair and repave Falls City Rd. The payments are taken out of the Public Works fund, approximately \$65,000 annually. The rates since then have gone down, and if the loan is refinanced, the County could save approximately \$87,000 over the remaining life of the loan.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO AUTHORIZE THE REFINANCE OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

a. **PUBLIC WORKS BACKHOE PURCHASE**

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, informed the Board that he had completed a competitive procurement process for a new John Deere backhoe, which is budgeted for this fiscal year.

b. **WILLAMETTE RIVER CROSSING**

Todd Whitaker reported that the Willamette River Crossing Project has finished the draft environmental impact statement. The next step is the public outreach phase of the project. The Board would like to hold public meetings so Polk County citizens can have input in the project.

The Board also appointed Craig Pope to be the Polk County Commissioner representative on the Willamette River Crossing Oversight Team.

Chairman Ainsworth recessed the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Chairman Ainsworth reconvened the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

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

Linda Jennings, Executive Director, and Blair Wasson, Commissioner of the West Valley Housing Authority (WVHA) attended the meeting to assist with interviewing Stephen Bowles, 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.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPOINT STEPHEN BOWLES TO THE WEST VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: January 24, 2012