

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 15, 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 MAY 8, 2012.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHDRAWALS & ANNEXATIONS**

Doug Schmidt, Assessor and Dave Doyle, County Counsel informed the Board that in 2011, the Legislature transferred responsibility of school boundary line changes from the ESD to the County Commissioners. In order to develop new procedures to accommodate school boundary line requests, the Board will need to consider some issues, including splitting tax lots, enclaves, and bond indebtedness.

The Board directed staff to continue to develop a checklist of what property owners would need to provide to apply for a school district boundary change (that would also satisfy the requirements for the Department of Revenue), and the process and procedures for the County to handle these school district boundary changes. The Board will consider these policies and procedures at a later meeting.

4. **EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL UPDATE**

Stacie Chance, Health & Human Services Director and Brent DeMoe, Manager for the Children and Families Commission, gave an update on the Early Learning Council Accountability Hub process. Marion County has been co-facilitating the stakeholder's group with Polk County, and is pushing each partner to sign an Agreement to Collaborate, which would not allow any member of the group to pursue a collaboration with other partners.

Stacie, Brent, and Commissioner Pope, who have all been involved in these meetings, do not feel that there is enough known about the future of the program, the HB4615 guidelines, or the expected role of the Counties. Staff recommends that a letter be drafted and sent to Marion County Commissioner Janet Carlson and copied to the stakeholder's group members that will withdraw Polk County's interest in the group and requests that Polk County's name be removed from all documents associated with the group.

Polk County should continue to have dialogue with our current partners, and pursue conversations with Yamhill, Lincoln, and other counties. Staff commented that there is nothing that requires a partnership between counties, so Polk County could operate on our own if we choose to do so.

5. **CONTRACT WITH OCCF**

Stacie Chance gave a short explanation of a contract that is on the consent calendar for the Wednesday (05-16-12) agenda. This contract is an amendment to the biennial PCCCF contract, removing CASA program funding, since the CASA program is now being administered through the Oregon Volunteer Commission.

6. **FOSTER CARE MONTH PROCLAMATION**

Commissioner Wheeler attended the Citizen Review Board, who requested the Board sign a proclamation declaring the month of May 2012 as Foster Care month.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE FOSTER CARE MONTH PROCLAMATION.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

a. **COUNTY PHONE SYSTEM PROVIDER**

Matt Hawkins, Human Resources & General Services Director met with two phone service providers to review the County's usage and needs. After evaluating the providers, Matt recommends the County change to P&T, estimating that the County will save \$24,000 annually.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE COUNTY PHONE SYSTEM TRANSFER TO P&T.**

b. **HELMICK ROAD**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer updated the Board that the Public Works department will be finalizing the repaving of Helmick Road, from the city limits to Parker Road, in 2-3 weeks.

Chairman Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: May 22, 2012