

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

1. At 9:04 a.m., Chairman Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Pope were present.

2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2012.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

Randi Phillips, Public Health Manager gave a quick explanation of the Health Advisory Board, which is a joint effort between Mental Health and Public Health. The Board meets quarterly, and at their last meeting the Board voted unanimously to recommend the appointment of Dr. Angie Docherty to the Health Advisory Board. This appointment is on the consent calendar for 7-18-12.

4. **TRANSITION TO ONLINE GIS LICENSE**

Dean Anderson, IS Director informed the Board that the GIS process is transitioning to online GIS licenses. In the past, the County has charged \$160 annually for access to Polk County's data, but the cost was not enough to cover the staff time for maintenance and customer service. So the data is now available online, free of charge, and anyone accessing it has to agree to the terms and conditions every time it is accessed. This will save the County both time and money, and should allow the public quicker access to this information.

5. **FAIRGROUNDS FREE SPEECH POLICY**

David Doyle presented a draft Free Speech policy for the Fairgrounds. Paul Knobel requested the policy be drafted since there have previously been no written policies (just staff practice) for individuals wanting to petition at the fairgrounds. The draft policy identifies seven areas that can be used as free speech areas, depending on which building is being used. For the annual fair, the primary location would be outside the main entrance. The draft policy also defines a public event, at which the public is invited and free speech zones are allowed, and a private event, which free speech zones are not provided.

Tina Anderson explained that those people that purchase booths during public events, can petition in their booth. The free speech areas are for those individuals or groups that do not purchase booths. The free speech areas are on a first-come-first-serve basis. There were members of the public that commented in favor and against the implementation of the policy. The Board engaged staff and the public in discussions.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO ADOPT THE FAIRGROUNDS FREE SPEECH POLICY AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **AFSCME UPDATE**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer informed the Board that the MOU which modifies the AFSCME contract was signed and approved by the union. The modifications include a 1.5% COLA and removal of the automatic reclassification of Juvenile Probation Officers 1 to Juvenile Probation Officers 2, effective July 1, 2012. If approved by the Board, this would close the labor negotiations with AFSCME for year 2 of the three year contract.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE MOU AND DIRECTED GREG HANSEN TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF POLK COUNTY.

7. **OREGON CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION LETTER**

Commissioner Pope presented a letter that he is requesting the Board sign. This letter will be sent to the Oregon Congressional Delegation, thanking them for their hard work in extending the federal forest payments, but also requesting their continued focus on finding a long-term solution to federal forest management.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AGREED TO SIGN THE LETTER TO THE OREGON CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

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

Chairman Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez
Approved: July 24, 2012