

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2012

1. At 9:02 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 WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2012.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **JUVENILE/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Marty Silbernagel, Rich Robison, and Jack Basey from the Community Correction and Juvenile Departments gave an update. Marty submitted a report that detailed the number of clients served and fees collected for the first half of the calendar year. The only service contracted out is polygraph services, but clients are billed for the cost. Clients are also charged for dirty UA's. There is now a 'buy-out' option offered in lieu of serving community service time. There have been 31 women offenders placed in Titus 3 house since it opened, at a cost of \$220/month/client, and 220 offenders have been housed at the Community Corrections office since 2007. Marty explained that there is a new state-wide risk assessment tool being implemented which categorizes offenders into low, medium, or high risk with a 73% accuracy; high-risk clients are now being seen more frequently.

Marty explained that Probation Officers impose sanctions, but if a client disagrees with the sanction, a formal probation violation report is filed and it goes before a Judge. Marty went on to explain that if the client is a felon that is on post prison supervision, the Board of Commissioners becomes the Supervisory Authority. This authority has been delegated to Marty, as the Community Corrections Director, which allows him to issue warrants for these clients. Then, when the client is picked up, Marty is able to sanction the client and if requested, a formal hearing with a trained Hearings Officer (Community Correction staff member) is held. The Oregon Statute also allows a Community Corrections Director to issue warrants for probation offenders. The current process is for the probation violation report to be sent to the DA's office for approval, then to the judge for approval, before a warrant is issued. Having Marty issue the warrants would save staff time and allow for a much quicker turn-around time. Marty has already received permission from the Judges and the incoming District Attorney to start issuing the warrants himself.

The "Run with your PO" program has been successful. There have been 32 offenders that have participated, and the SIT team is sponsoring some of the offenders to participate in a 5K run. The Juvenile Department has requested permission to participate in the program.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 'RUN WITH YOUR PO' PROGRAM.

The Juvenile Department is in the process of moving offices in the Academy Building. There are approximately 170 youth being supervised, and numbers across the state are decreasing. Starting this fiscal year, there is a fee schedule for the Department. Jack is working with Rich to develop a diversion class for the youth involved in the Juvenile Department, and Jaime Cantu is working on developing a program for youth gang members. Marty is also working with the DA's office to get Victim Assistance services in the Juvenile Department.

The Juvenile Department will be receiving one more year of funding from BLM for community service. Marty will be looking for other funding to allow juvenile community services to be more visible in the community.

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

a. **FAIRGROUNDS FREE SPEECH POLICY**

David Doyle presented a modified version of the Free Speech Policy. This new version omits the section that defines explicit/obscene material.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE FREE SPEECH POLICY AS AMENDED.

b. **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director reminded the Board that at the last road downgrade public hearing, the Board left the record open on the proposed Jahn Road downgrade because the Board wanted additional information. This information has been provided and Todd wanted to know if the Board wanted to schedule a separate hearing for Jahn Road, or if it should just be scheduled at the next public hearing that will address other road downgrades (approximately mid-September). The Board directed Todd to schedule the Jahn Road hearing during the next road downgrade public hearing.

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

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: July 31, 2012