

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 11, 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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2012.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **HHS/YOUTH PROGRAMS/PCCCF UPDATE**

Brent DeMoe, Service Integration Manager, handed out a chart showing the services that Service Integration provides in each community in the County. Brent said that in the next year, the team would be focusing on providing more services to West Salem. Brent commented that the County provides school-based therapists in Dallas, Central, and Falls City, which integrates additional services to those communities. Since Polk County does not provide school-based therapists to West Salem, Brent will be meeting with the principals of the seven West Salem schools to educate them on Service Integration and try to better understand the needs of the West Salem community. Service Integration staff will also be trying to expand partnerships with Yamhill County and the Tribe, since there is currently a overlap of services.

Brent informed the Board of upcoming events, including the Poverty Simulation event this week at Western Oregon University, with over 100 people planning on attending. In addition, there is a Partner's for Young Children meeting on Wednesday, September 19, in which staff from the Governor's office and Early Learning Council will be available to answer questions about the accountability hub development and funding.

David Valencia, Youth Programs Director, informed the Board that the Youth Programs Department is adapting from the staff restructure and retirement of Glenda Barrett. Youth Programs has a contract to serve 12 proctor youth, but it is an increasing challenge to find homes for placement, and have recently lost three proctor homes.

4. **JOB GROWERS UPDATE**

Pat Grose with Job Growers, Inc. presented the strategic plan for Oregon's Workforce Development from the Governors office, which details the three strategies that the State will be developing over the next 18 months: including Sector Strategies, Work Ready Communities, and System Innovation. Job Growers already has a strategic plan in place, which is in tandem with the Governor's plan.

Job Growers is now offering National Career Readiness Certification testing, which they are hoping more employers will begin using as an additional screening tool for applicants.

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

a. **JUVENILE POTENTIAL PROPERTY PURCHASE**

Marty Silbernagel, Community Corrections and Juvenile Director, was contacted by a homeowner next door to the Community Corrections office, that will be selling his property, and wanted to know if the County would be interested in purchasing the property. Marty would like to put together a work group to consider the feasibility of the County developing a youth program center, in conjunction with the Dallas School District, that could provide job skills, mentoring services, etc.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED MOVING FORWARD WITH STUDYING THIS OPPORTUNITY.**

b. **TITLE II PROJECT RANKING**

Greg Hansen said the County received a list of project proposals for use of Title II funds from the BLM Salem District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). They are requesting the County respond with our priority funding recommendations. Last year, the County ranked Law Enforcement number one, Dumpstoppers number two and Noxious Weeds number three. Greg recommended the Board rank the projects the same as last year.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE TITLE II RANKING RECOMMENDATIONS.**

c. **FERTILIZER DUMPING**

Mr. Corky Smull, a resident on Rickreall Road, informed the Board that a local truck hauling company has been dumping fertilizer near his property, which is making him ill. Mr. Smull doesn't feel that the County is enforcing the clean air and water act. The Board recommended that Mr. Smull contact the DEQ if he has concerns about environmental impact issues.

d. **TRAVEL REQUEST**

Stacie Chance presented a request by a mental health staff member to attend training in Medford. The staff member is paying for the training and lodging out-of-pocket, and is simply requesting the County cover their salary during the 2-day training.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE REQUEST.**

Chairman Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: September 18, 2012