

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES September 12, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

At 9:01 a.m., Chairman Ainsworth declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Wheeler were present. A CD of the proceedings is on file in the Board of Commissioners' Office.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
 Dave Doyle, County Counsel

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The Tuesday meeting is held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. The Wednesday meeting is held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda.

Department Head/staff meetings with the Board of Commissioners are held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room and are conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The principal subjects anticipated to be considered are on-going, upcoming, and new matters bearing on County operations. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects not listed within this announcement.

The Board of Commissioners will attend a Fair Visioning Open House Wednesday, September 12, 2012 beginning at 5:30 pm in the Arts & Crafts Building at the Polk County Fairgrounds.

The Board of Commissioners will attend a poverty simulation hosted by the Polk Commission for Children and Families on Thursday, September 13, 2012 beginning at 9 am at Western Oregon University.

The Board of Commissioners will attend a meeting of the 'Friends of Polk County' on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6 pm at the Monmouth Public Library, 168 Ecols Street S, Monmouth, OR 97361.

The Board of Commissioners will conduct an inspection of the Polk County Jail, Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at noon.

3. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda)

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2012.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE 12-04

Chairman Ainsworth opened the public hearing.

David Doyle, County Counsel presented an updated Ordinance 12-04 in the matter of enacting amendments to Chapter 42 of the Polk County Code of Ordinances. The first public hearing was held on July 11, 2012. Doyle explained that currently, the only options deputies have in responding to livestock-at-large are to issue warnings or a criminal citation. This Ordinance would add a code enforcement option for civil sanction, which can be cited to either the Dog Board or Circuit Court. If the Dog Board issues a fine, the County would collect it; but if it is not paid, the order would have to be turned into a Circuit Court judgment for enforcement powers. The Polk County Farm Bureau, Livestock Association, Dog Board, Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office have reviewed and support the adoption of this ordinance.

Lucille Allen with the Polk County Dog Board testified in support of the amendment. Jim Clawson with the Polk County Livestock Association also testified in support of the amendment, but recommends continuing to develop the role of the Dog Board in the code enforcement process. Ray Steele with the Polk County Farm Bureau testified in support of the amendment. He also commented that he hopes the Dog Board members will work with the landowners if there are adequate fencing concerns. Delbert Hoekstre with the Polk County Dog Board expressed concern that the ordinance does not address 'non-preventable' adequate fencing (i.e. wildlife or automobile knocking down fence). County Counsel responded that the ordinance can't always address in-the-field issues, but the Dog Board has to use good judgment when dealing with adequate fencing situations and causes.

The Board agreed that this ordinance will improve the quality of life for livestock owners, by giving the Sheriff's office more options in dealing with livestock-at-large.

Chairman Ainsworth asked if anyone else wished to testify. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED, TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 12-04.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 9:21 a.m., Chairman Ainsworth asked if there was need for an Executive Session. Staff answered that there was not and the meeting was adjourned.

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

(a) MENTAL HEALTH – CONTRACT NO. 12-136

Approved Cont #12-136 (Amend 2 to Cont 11-106) with Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network for EASA Program Services.

(b) MENTAL HEALTH – CONTRACT NO. 12-137

Approved Cont #12-137 with Falls City School District for school mental health services.

(c) YOUTH PROGRAMS – CONTRACT NO. 12-140

Approved Cont #12-140 with Mentor Program Provider, Candice Sharp for foster parent services.

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Mike Ainsworth, Chair

Craig Pope, Commissioner

Jennifer Wheeler, Commissioner

Minutes: Heather Alvarez
Approved: September 19, 2012