

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2012

1. At 9:05 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 11, 2012.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST**

Stacie Chance, Health and Human Services Director presented a request for out-of-state travel for one mental health employee to attend an international EASA training in San Francisco, October 11-13. Each of the four regional counties (Marion, Linn, Polk, Yamhill) are sending a representative to the training, and they will be carpooling, so there is no travel cost associated with this conference. The registration cost is \$450.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST.

4. **FAIRGROUNDS UPDATE**

Tina Andersen, Polk County Fair Manager presented the report for the 2012 annual fair. Overall, fair attendance was down 4.3%, This is believed to be partly due to the high temperatures during the weekend, and because there was no rodeo this year. Overall food revenues were up 1%, cash sponsorship was down 1%, while fair booths remained constant. The BMX event was popular, as was the exotic animal and reptile display. The fair foundation auctioned off the old playground equipment, which brought in \$4,900. A recap meeting will be September 25 at 7pm at the fairgrounds to discuss the annual fair results more in-depth.

The year-round fair is booked through the end of this year, and will start booking 2016 starting in January. The largest RV Rally is not scheduled for 2013, but is on the books for an event in 2014. Fair staff is working with Freedom Festival, which may schedule an event for the fourth weekend of August. Storage started in the beginning of September, and the Carnival will be storing their equipment, which brings in \$5,000 in revenue.

Facility lighting upgrades have been completed, and the Fairgrounds is waiting on partial reimbursement through the Energy Trust of Oregon. The old Fairgrounds sign has been removed, and Tina requested assistance from the County in repairing and preserving the water main and fire hydrant.

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

a. **PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY STUDY**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer presented a study that was completed by Portland State University which compares the cost rate for Government employees. Polk County is on the mid to lower end of the employee cost study. The study however does not include schools or higher education institutions or special districts.

Chairman Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: September 25, 2012