

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2013

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Wheeler declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Pope were present.
2. **MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2013.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **BOUNTY MARKET**

Chelsea Pope, Dallas Chamber of Commerce Director informed the Board that due to the downtown streetscape project planned for this summer, the Bounty Market will be moving this year to the grassy field on the northeast side of the Academy Building. The Market will run on Thursdays, starting on May 2 and will run from 10am (set-up begins 8:30am) to 3pm (tear down complete by 5pm). The City will be renting port-a-potty's for the duration of the market season.

Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director has been working with Chelsea to find adequate parking for the market vendors. Market shoppers will be able to park on the street or use the Academy parking lot, but the Board stressed that the first priority for parking is Academy Building clients.

4. **MWVCAA EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT**

Diane Merry and Amber Reeves with the Mid Willamette Valley Community Action Agency attended the meeting to request approval for use of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). This grant has only been available since last October, and in 2012-2013, the award amount was \$219,000. This grant is used for rapid re-housing (\$113,000), one-time emergency assistance (\$37,000), and shelter operations and essential services (\$69,000), and match funds are required. There is no dollar limit for each household enrolled, it is dependent on the need, but the time limit for each household is 18 months.

The grant covers both Marion and Polk Counties, and the grant funds .25 FTE of the Dallas Resource Center manager who does the screening and enrollment of Polk County residents for this grant. Since October, Amber estimates that of the 30 households enrolled in the program so far, 10-12 are from Polk County.

Amber is working on the application for this grant for FY 13-14, which requires the certification of local government approval from the Commissioners. The Commissioners appreciate the efforts being made to address homelessness in our community, but want to make sure that since this grant covers both Marion and Polk Counties, that Polk County doesn't get overlooked because it is smaller. Amber assured the Board that Polk County does get an equitable share of the grant, and may even get more because of the increased efficiency with the service integration model within the County.

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

a. **ACCOUNTABILITY HUB UPDATE**

Brent DeMoe, Service Integration Manager reported that there is a public hearing this Friday at the legislature regarding HB 2113 which would enact the accountability hubs. The Coalition of Children and Families Directors are meeting on Wednesday to discuss the new amendments for this bill and will keep the

Commissioners informed as to the recommendations of the Coalition in case the Commissioners want to testify at the hearing in support of parts of the bill

b. WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

The Board had previously signed a letter of support for two RFP's that were submitted by Western Oregon University (WOU) for the childcare resource and referral system in the State of Oregon. WOU was successful with one of the RFP's and will now be the State Coordinating Network for all childcare resource and referrals in the State.

c. CITIZENS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer reported now that Budget Hearings are completed, he wanted to discuss when the Board would like to have another meeting with the Operating Levy Citizen's Committee. At the last meeting, the Committee recommended going for the levy in November, and there was some difference of opinions as to whether part of the funds should be earmarked for each of the cities in exchange for a POINT Team member. Greg also explained that since the Board will be waiting until the next fiscal year to consider going out for the levy, there is no difference between going out in November or waiting until May, 2014.

The Board agreed that it would be best to wait until after the May election to see if either the City of Monmouth or the City of Independence's measures were approved before reconvening the committee. Greg will send out an email update to the Citizen's Committee to inform them of the Board's plan.

Commissioner Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez
Approved: April 16, 2013