

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2013

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Wheeler declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth was present. Commissioner Pope was excused.
2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2013.**

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL** - Dean Bender, Emergency Manager requested approval for out-of-state travel for himself and Lt. Isham. This is for a FEMA training to understand bombs and IEDs. The training starts Sunday, November 17 in Socorro, New Mexico. All cost of travel and training is covered by FEMA, the only cost to the County is staff time.

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

4. **BALLOT MEASURE RESULTS** - Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer reported that the Operating Levy measure failed 58%-42%. The fire levy also failed. Five out of 6 of the counties that went out for levies around the state failed. Greg has begun projections for FY14-15 & 15-16. There is anticipated to be \$400,000 less revenue in FY 14-15, along with a \$300k-\$400k expenditure increase to just maintain the current FTE. Greg projects a loss of 4-5 staff in the Sheriff's office. In FY 15-16, Greg projects an additional \$400k less revenue with the complete loss of Tribal monies to the Sheriff's office and less 1145 monies, coupled with new PERS rates and additional health insurance increases. This will result in an additional reduction of 6-7 FTE in the General Fund.

Greg will be looking into cost saving measures, including 4-day work weeks, modifying union contracts to include bigger contributions to health insurance and/or contributions to PERS. However, with a four day workweek the Courts would still be open, so the DA's office would still need to be open.

The Sheriff has recently been contacted by Columbia County who may be interested in renting jail beds if their jail were to close. Video arraignment is available to be used for this, and Columbia County would be responsible for transport and liability of medical expenses.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **MENTAL HEALTH NAME CHANGE** - Noelle Carroll, Mental Health Manager requested the Board approve a name change from Polk County Mental Health and Addictions to Polk County Behavioral Health. This encompasses more about what the department does and reduces the stigma attached to 'mental health'. There is no fiscal impact to the County to switch the name.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE NAME CHANGE FROM POLK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH TO POLK COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

- b. **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT APPLICATIONS** - Noelle Carroll informed the Board that the State cut some of the contract funding for Mental Health services. But they have also issued multiple RFP's for funding many of the same programs. Noelle is applying for the funding that is relevant to the current services being offered. However, there are two that she requested permission to apply for, one for mobile crisis response and one for jail diversion.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE SUBMISSION OF A MOBILE CRISIS RESPONSE AND JAIL DIVERSION GRANTS.

- c. **PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION ASSISTANCE GRANT** - Arielle Le Veaux informed the Board that there is currently a grant available to assist with Public Health National Accreditation. National Accreditation requires a quality Improvement plan, which this grant would assist with to create a sustainable quality culture. Ariel requested permission to submit the grant.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE SUBMISSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION ASSISTANCE GRANT.

- d. **RAC FUNDING** - Greg Hansen reported that the Resource Advisory Committee is opening applications for Title II projects, which the County has previously used for the dumpstoppers and noxious weed abatement programs. Greg will pass this onto Marty Silbernagel to prepare the application for submittal.

Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez

Approved: November 26, 2013