

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2014

1. At 9:03 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Wheeler were present.
2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014.**
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **EARLY LEARNING UPDATE** - Brent DeMoe, Service Integration Manager gave an update of the Early Learning State process. Applications for Round 2 will be released the 1st week of April. Staff feels that a partnership with Lincoln Co. is no longer feasible because even though Lincoln Co. Government supports a partnership with Polk, the service organizations serving Lincoln Co. are based out of Linn and Benton Counties, and are pushing for a partnership with those counties instead. Polk was invited partner with these three other counties, but a 4-County partnership would be difficult because of the limited resources available to each Hub.

Polk County now has two choices: partner with Marion County, or apply on our own. If Polk County applies on our own, and is rejected, then the County will most likely end up in partnership with Early Learning Hub Inc., but there is concern that if Polk is forced into a partnership, we may not have a say in how the programs are developed and provided to the citizens. Following this discussion, the Board meeting will be continued until 2pm because Brent was able to set up a meeting with representatives from Early Learning Hub Inc. to discuss a possible Marion-Polk partnership.
4. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN** - Katrina Rothenberger, Public Health Manager, presented the annual plan for Public Health, due one March 1st, that requires Board signature. This plan is very different from previous plans due to the CCO implementation; the plan is now a checklist of minimum standards, of which Polk County is currently meeting all of them.
 - b. **NOBLE MOUNTAIN TREE FARMS LEASE** - Greg Hansen was contacted by Noble Mountain Tree Farms who wishes to renew their lease of 21.5 acres. Their current lease expires next year and they wish to renew for another 10 years. The cost is \$75 per acre and they pay the property taxes. The lease will be placed on the consent calendar for approval.
 - c. **POLK COUNTY MUSEUM PARKING REQUEST** - Commissioner Wheeler was contacted by Mr. Stevens who requested a letter from the County authorizing 150 feet of additional parking on the East of the museum building. Greg checked with the fairgrounds, and the requested parking area would not impact the Fairgrounds operations. Greg will draft a letter of authorization.

Chairman Pope recessed the meeting until 02:00 p.m.

At 2:00 pm, Commissioner Pope reconvened the meeting. Cara Waddell with Early Learning Hub Inc., Teresa Cox with Community Action Agency, and Patrice Altenhofen with Family Building Blocks joined the meeting to discuss the Early Learning Council RFP and the possibility of a Polk-Marion partnership.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 3:25.

Minutes: Heather Alvarez
Approved: March 4, 2014