

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2014

1. At 9:01 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 to attend the Public Safety Summit in Columbia County.

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2014.**

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **SEPTEMBER EVENT INFORMATION** - Chelsea Pope, Chamber of Commerce Director and Joe Flande, Owner of Home Comfort, informed the Board that this September, Home Comfort will be celebrating their 60th year in business in Dallas, and their 50th year as a Lennox dealer. To celebrate, they will be hosting a community party, and requested permission to use the Courthouse lawn for the celebration.

The national actor who plays 'Dave Lennox' will be attending the celebration, and there will be music, dancing, and food (no alcohol) for the community. There will be a tent set up on the lawn for the photo ops and display tables, and port-a-potties and a dumpster will be brought in for the day. The event is scheduled for Friday, September 12 from 3pm-7pm.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE USE OF THE COURTHOUSE LAWN FOR THE HOME COMFORT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

4. **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN** - Dean Bender, Emergency Manager presented an updated version of the Emergency Management Plan. The Board is required to readopt the plan every two years. The plan is a living document, and is constantly being modified. Major changes this year besides updates to verbiage is adding information about the new police department for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Once approved, each Commissioner will receive a flash drive with the plan on it.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

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

- (a) **CITIZEN ROAD CONCERN** - Vern Ratzlaff, citizen, described a recent encounter he had when he was driving home. On a sharp bend on Elkins Road, he was forced into the ditch by a large cultivator being towed by a farm service truck that was approximately 20' wide, and when taking the corner the apparatus extended over the center line of the lane in which it was traveling. Afterward, Vern checked with the DMV and ODOT and found that there are no laws on the maximum width of implements of husbandry. Mr. Ratzlaff requested the Commissioners look into an ordinance limiting the driving of apparatus vehicles to one lane or require a pilot car for wider loads. Mr. Ratzlaff also explained that the Public Works department is in the process of ditching along Airlie Road, and suggested that instead of stockpiling that dirt, it should be used to widen the shoulder of the road.

Commissioner Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: May 6, 2014