

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 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 AUGUST 19, 2014.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST** - Noelle Carroll, Health Services Director, presented a request for two employees to travel to Monterrey, California to attend crisis intervention training. Two local law enforcement members will also be attending. This training is paid for through the Jail Diversion Grant.

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

4. **MAKE IT IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY GRANT** - Chad Freeman and AJ Friscole from SEDCOR attended the meeting to discuss the "Make It in the Willamette Valley" challenge grant. The approximate \$2.0 million grant was awarded to three agencies, Job Growers, Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and SEDCOR, with SEDCOR receiving \$414,440 over a three-year period. This grant will support the growth of employment in manufacturing companies within Marion, Polk, & Yamhill Counties, and SEDCOR will be using this grant to assist with supply chain research, technical assistance, and cluster development. Mr. Freeman explained that the hope is to, at minimum, survey 50 local manufacturing companies about supply chains, and have ongoing meetings with, at minimum, 80 manufacturing companies within the region to have business retention and expansion discussions. SEDCOR will also give monthly updates to the whole Board and monthly updates to the Commissioners'. Mr. Freeman and Mr. Friscole explained that this grant does have matching funding requirements, and requested a County commitment of \$10,000 annually for the three-year grant cycle. Greg Hansen informed the Board that the Economic Development fund does have adequate funds to cover this request.

MOTION: **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO ALLOCATE \$10,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE-YEARS FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND TO SEDCOR FOR THE MAKE IT IN THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY GRANT.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **PUBLIC SAFETY ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP** - Craig Pope, presented the report from Jim Johnson summarizing his assessment from his survey with the local jurisdictions in Polk County. The Board expressed their disappointment that the report did not provide more substantive information about what the cities would like to see the County do. The Board feels that there does need to be a process that involves the other local jurisdictions; however, the Board is concerned that the recommendations included in the report appears to allow the Cities financial management over the County actions and funding, and sets a bad precedence. The Sheriff does not see why the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde was involved in this survey since they are a sovereign nation.

The Sheriff expressed concern that there is a large educational component that this levy would require for the cities and general public to understand all the services they receive that are provided by the County. The Chiefs of Police are some of the few who understand these services, and should be called upon to put more pressure on the mayor and city council to

support a levy. The Fire Departments have also seen a huge impact caused by the reduction of patrol hours, and could help with the education piece of a levy.

The Board would like Greg Hansen to schedule a meeting with the City Managers together that will provide an educational component to ensure they understand the jurisdictional responsibilities of the Sheriff's Office, and also allow them a platform to speak freely about what they are expecting from the County.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO CONTINUE TO HAVE STAFF MOVE FORWARD WITH PURSUING AN OPERATING LEVY FOR A PROJECTED ELECTION DATE OF MAY OF 2015.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE** - Greg Hansen announced that the Public Works Department will be starting fog seals this week (Wed-Thurs).

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:48 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: September 2, 2014