

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

1. At 9:06 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler and Commissioner Ainsworth were present.
2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2014.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER EVALUATION** - The Board of Commissioners conducted the annual performance evaluation of Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer. The Board agreed that Greg continues to do an outstanding job in all categories.
4. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **CASE CLOSURE** - District Attorney Aaron Felton informed the Board that his office closed a homicide case last week, and appreciated the support of all the agencies that assisted, as well as the Board who supported the office throughout the investigation.
 - b. **BCN BUDGET REQUEST** – Noelle Carroll informed the Board that approximately six-weeks ago, Noelle submitted a proposed budget request for Polk and Marion Counties to run the Behavioral Health program to Scott Tiffany at the BCN. After review, Scott approved the Marion County proposal, but not the Polk County proposal. Noelle presented a spreadsheet explaining the formula used to calculate her budget request and the difference between how Polk and Marion County manage the behavioral health program. Marion County contracts out all their Local Mental Health Authority services to local agencies, which is a cost savings. However, Polk County does not have any local agencies that provide these services, so we have to contract with individual providers, which tends to be more costly. Commissioner Ainsworth and Commissioner Pope will be attending an Executive Board Meeting for the BCN this Thursday to discuss the proposed budget and ensure that the BCN budget will reflect adequate funding for Polk County to be reimbursed for full services provided. The Board also expressed concern that Yamhill and Linn Counties will be voting on the upcoming budget, when they will not be a part of the BCN after January 1, 2015.
 - c. **PROPOSED OPERATING LEVY** - Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer informed the Board that he is meeting with the City Managers on Thursday to discuss the proposed operating levy.
 - d. **DOAKS FERRY** - Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer informed the Board that Public Works staff will be presenting the comments and responses from the Doaks Ferry Road public forum on next Tuesdays meeting. Tim Potter from ODOT will also be attending. Staff will also be presenting the final two options for the design.
 - e. **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE** - Greg Hansen, informed the Board that the Chip Seal on Suver Road was completed two weeks ago. Last week, a farmer hauling his tractor failed to notice the tractor was dragging a notch roller, and tore up the new road on the two-mile east bound stretch of Suver Road. The farmer was found, but because of the stickiness of the oil, the road is not able to be repaired at this time. Striping on the eastbound lanes of Talmadge Road was done incorrectly, too close to the ditch. Public Works will either expand the shoulder or repaint the lines. Central School District has

expressed deep gratitude to the County for completing the Talmadge Road sidewalk and giving their students a safe place to walk to school.

- f. **RIC MEETING** – Greg Hansen and Commissioner Wheeler will be attending the Regional Implementation Council meeting to discuss the last year’s worth of data. Overall bed days in the state were reduced 2%.
 - g. **SHERIFF COMPLAINT** – Margo Lucas lived in Buena Vista and attended the meeting to voice her frustration with the Sheriff’s office. Twice in the last year, Ms. Lucas has had to call the Sheriff, and the deputies that responded were aggressive towards her, and refused to listen to her story. Ms. Lucas requested the officers have more extensive training in how to deal with citizens. Despite these experiences, Ms. Lucas is still a supporter of law enforcement and would like to help with the upcoming public safety levy.
 - h. **INTRODUCTION** – Margo Lucas also wanted to introduce herself. She is the legislative liaison for the Salem Cannabis Industry Association (SCIA). Ms. Lucas works to educate municipalities on the medical marijuana community. This association does not advocate for the legalization of adult use cannabis, but only focuses on medical marijuana. Ms. Lucas operates a legitimate medical marijuana clinic that employs doctors that provide approval to clients who need medical marijuana. Ms. Lucas understands that there is a lot of abuse in the industry, and the SCIA is working to continue to develop better rules and regulations for this industry. Ms. Lucas invited the Board to an upcoming Salem City Council meeting on Wednesday where they will be discussing medical marijuana regulation.
5. **LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA** - Tony Frazier with Job Growers attended the meeting to request a Resolution to add Linn County to the Local Workforce Investment Area. Tony explained that the Governor’s Office is pushing Job Growers to expand the regions, and has been contacted by Linn County, which is interested in joining this region. Job Growers approves of this collaboration because the industries and agriculture are very similar in Linn County as the rest of the region. The addition of Linn County will bring \$950,000 to the Local Workforce Investment Area.

MOTION: **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-10, IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF A NEW LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA CONSISTING OF LINN, MARION, POLK & YAMHILL COUNTIES.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:18 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: September 16, 2014