

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 13, 2015**

1. At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler was present. Commissioner Ainsworth was excused.

2. **MINUTES**                    **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2015.**

**MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

3. **SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER UPDATE** – Brent DeMoe, Family and Community Outreach Director, gave an update on the Central Health & Wellness Center planning: the center has secured \$435,000 to date, which is enough funding to move into the construction design phase. \$95,000 is still pending from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, and a walk-through with them was done last week. If the center is open prior to June 30, there will be an additional \$60,000 received for this fiscal year. However, the goal is to have the center open by June 1.

West Valley Hospital and Capital Dental are committed to collaborating on the project when it is operational, with West Valley providing one Nurse Practitioner, two Medical Assistants, and a full phlebotomy lab, and Capital Dental providing a dentist and support staff two to three days per week. The center has also received a grant for technological equipment to pilot a 'tele-dentistry' program in the facility, which will be the first of its kind in Oregon, and staff is waiting to hear back on a second grant through the Oregon Community Foundation, which would provide additional support for the dental services at this clinic. The Central School District is providing the building space in-kind, along with the cost for the utilities, and will not be charging the center rent. The Health & Wellness Center Space will include office space for County Prevention staff and Behavioral Health and Addictions staff, and will have a conference room available for trainings and workshops for the community.

The other side of the building will be used for the infant/toddler and teen parent program for Central School District. Staff has also secured funding for this program and work on this renovation will be completed simultaneously with the same expected opening date. This facility will include lab space for WOU students to work at the facility.

Brent informed the Board that one of the last steps that this clinic needs is to be recognized by the CCO to be designated as a Primary Care Home, and requested assistance by the Board to present that request to the CCO.

4. **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, presented a written and verbal report on his department.
5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
  - a. **LETTER TO PRESIDENT** – Craig informed the Board that yesterday he made a presentation to the Association of Oregon Counties that included a letter he had drafted to the President requesting action on the Longshoreman strike that is slowing-down imports and exports in the state. AOC voted unanimously to sign and send the letter.

- b. **PRECISION FARMING EXPO** – Craig informed the Board that he has been working with Duke Joseph Inc. on an upcoming Precision Farming Expo being held at the Salem Convention Center on March 17. Craig feels like this is a really good workforce development and technological education opportunity for the area and would like to encourage participation from the school districts in this expo. Craig requested the Board allocate \$5,000 to sponsor this event from the Economic Development fund, which would include the entry and lunch costs for 30 Polk County students to attend the event. If the Board chooses to sponsor the event, Craig will proceed with meeting with the local superintendants to recruit interested students.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE SPONSORSHIP REQUEST.**

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:11 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill

Approved: January 20, 2015