

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2015

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Wheeler and Commission Pope were present.

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER WHEELER MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2015.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **WEST VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT** – Blair Wasson and Ralph Blanchard, West Valley Housing Authority (WVHA) Board Members, and Linda Jennings, West Valley Housing Authority Executive Director, informed the Board that Linda Jennings will be retiring at the end of September. The WVHA Board would like start the process for looking for a replacement for Linda immediately, so that there will be 1-2 months for Linda to train the new Executive Director before her retirement. The WVHA would like to contract with the County to run the recruitment for this position, since the County Personnel Department has the capacity to advertize nationwide. The WVHA Board would also like one Commissioner to sit on the interview panel for this recruitment, in addition to Morgan Smith, County Counsel.
4. **DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Noelle Carroll, Health Services Director gave an update on the three programs within the Behavioral Health Department: Mental Health, Addictions Services, and Developmental Disabilities:
 - Mental Health: a contract has been drafted with the Behavioral Care Network. The agreement outlines that the County will accept a capitated payment that is variable based on the Oregon Health Plan enrollment in Polk County. Funding will fluctuate as new members enroll and drop off the. Noelle is anticipating a 6-8% decrease in membership in the month of February, and then a 1.5% increase each month through the remainder of the fiscal year. However, because of the increase of enrollment due to Obamacare, the amount will still be more funding and more enrollments than in previous years. Staffing in Mental Health is slowly increasing due to increased demand, and is working toward spending at least 80% of staff time on billable time. In planning for the School Based Health Center (SBHC), Noelle will be planning to have a master's level counselor stationed in the clinic 8 hrs/week to start, and more as needed. Staff is anticipating a high demand/need for the SBHC services in that community.
 - Addictions Services: new actuaries resulted in the state trying to take back some funding, which Noelle anticipates could be as much as a 50% loss of funding for the Oregon Health Plan population. However, the CCO has vowed to make up the difference to stabilize services for this fiscal year. Noelle explained that the way actuaries have interpreted the data does not take into account all overhead expenditures, only billable hours. Addictions services being offered in West Salem have not been as utilized as anticipated, so Noelle will be pulling services from that location and continue to focus on Dallas and outreach opportunities. Noelle also reported that the Second Chance Grant for mental health and addictions services in the jail has ended, but staff will be applying for another similar grant that would provide support for clients transitioning out of jail.
 - Development Disabilities: Noelle is anticipated to grow slightly because of 'K' plans for extra care services and equipment for underprivileged families. There will be 40%-70% more paperwork for this program, but no additional dollars were added to the contract to help pay for this extra work. The legislature is looking at a new 'work-load model' to help fund this program, which could result in 3-4 new positions.

Craig Pope commented that the legislature is leaning into the CCO trade, and Counties are working against a current bill that would change the current law to eliminate County's roles in the CCO operations, and shifting funding away from counties to the CCO's to decide how to distribute them. This would not work well for Polk County because it is counties that have the statutory requirement to provide these 'safety net services' to the public.

5. **SECOND AMENDMENT RESOLUTION** – Micky Garus, owner of American Outdoor Company presented a draft resolution for Board consideration regarding supporting the second amendment of the constitution. Twelve counties across the state have already passed similar resolutions. Currently, there are 20 new anti-gun bills being presented in the Oregon Legislature, but Micky feels that if the current laws were enforced, then most of the major concerns would be addressed and no new gun legislation would be needed. The Board will review the resolution and the issue will be brought back on the agenda for 2/11/15.
6. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
 - a. **JAIL FOOD SERVICES** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, announced that the Jail recently closed an RFP process for Jail food services. Four proposals were submitted, all were lower than the current vendor. The Sheriff will most likely select ABL, which came in at 25% less than current costs, and higher quality food. Contract negotiations will be held over the next two weeks with the contract effective date of April 1, 2015.
 - b. **SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER** – Greg Hansen also updated the Board on the School Based Health Center. The design/build proposals will be released on Friday, and RFPs will be due back February 27, followed by interviews March 2 and selection made March 3. The project should be completed by June 15, 2015.
 - c. **COURTHOUSE FLAG/PLAQUES**– Bob Herriden, Cooper Hollow Rd., requested the Board consider replacing the front of courthouse lighting from a floodlight to a spotlight on the flag, and also rearrange the plaques on the military memorial, into chronological order.
 - d. **O&C UPDATE**– Larry Blair, Ferns Corner Rd., informed the Board that Ron Wyden recently proposed a bill for the O&C lands to be transferred over to the US Forest Service instead of back to counties. Commissioner Pope explained that Counties do not have the authority to take over federal lands. However, there is increasing traction for a bill (HR 1526) that would create a trust management plan for the O&C land in counties. If this bill passes through the house and senate, the President has vowed to veto the bill, but Craig feels that it still should have the chance to make it to the president's desk. Also, since the shift in the majority in the Senate, Senator Wyden has lost power on this issue and will likely not be getting hearings on these issues.
 - e. **JOB RECRUITMENT**– Steve Pickering suggested that the County should look to hire local talent first before opening up recruitments nationally.
 - f. **VOTER CITIZENSHIP**– Ron Carey commented that regarding O&C lands, there has been one county in Colorado that did seize back all federal lands in their County and have been managing it since then. Mr. Carey also made a general statement that over 70 million people immigrated to the United States last year. The Obama Administration is now offering 10-year visas to the Chinese citizens. Mr. Carey explained that the election system is compromised because proof of citizenship is not required to be shown in order to be able to vote. The Department of Motor Vehicles is beginning to register people to vote, however, the DMV have no ability to verify citizenship.

- g. **VOTING REGISTRATION NOTIFICATION** – Gary Weis commented that with the new voter registration process through the DMV, it will require the County elections office to notify participants of their option to opt out of the automatic DMV enrollment, which will be an ‘unfunded mandate,’ increasing the workload of the County with no additional funding.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill

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