

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

1. At 9:04 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commission Pope and Commissioner Wheeler were present.

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **DEPARTMENT UPDATE** – Marty Silbernagel, Community Corrections and Juvenile Director, gave an update on his departments. In the Juvenile Department, Marty is working with Yamhill County on reducing the rental charge for Juvenile Detention beds to \$145 for the next contract. Marty will also be recommending that the County only contract one bed with Marion County and the rest will Yamhill. If the proposed operating levy passes in May, Marty plans to contract for an additional two detention beds with Yamhill County. Marty is also in discussions with David Valencia, head of the Polk Youth Services to reestablish 1-2 shelter beds in the county, since some youth do not need the level of supervision in a detention facility, but still need a place to go to be evaluated. Marty reminded the Board that last year the Juvenile Department started closing to the public from 8am-12pm, and opening from 1pm-5pm. This office closure has not resulted in any disruption to services to the public, and has allowed staff more time to do home visits in the mornings. One issue that Marty continues to struggle with in the Juvenile Department is transportation. Office policy requires two PO's to be in the vehicle to transport juvenile offenders, and every year, the department spends approximately two full months of staff time on transporting individuals. However at this time there is no other option available to transport juvenile offenders. The Sanction Court program numbers are currently between 50-55, and juvenile community service hours are approximately 400 per month and increasing with litter patrol and the fire wood programs.

In 2014 in the Community Corrections Department, 184 adult offenders were released to Polk County supervision, and that number is slowly increasing. Marty explained that the biggest stumbling block for this department is the lack of housing for these offenders. In 2014, 43 male offenders were placed in the Community Corrections office housing units, and 23 female offenders were placed in Titus 3. The River of Life house, which the County does not currently contract with or provides funding for, also houses up to 4 male offenders at a time. The Community Corrections office currently sees approximately 70 offenders daily, and makes 25 in-office arrests per month on average. Sanction and Parole Violation reports continue to remain steady. The percentage of positive U.A.'s dropped last year, which Marty attributes to the improved drug and alcohol program offered through the Polk County Behavioral Health Department.

4. **RECLASSIFICATION OF A FISCAL ANALYST II** – Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, requested a reclassification of Tami Stump from a Fiscal Analyst II to a Senior Fiscal Analyst. This reclassification would be effective March 1, 2015 and would be an impact of approximately \$1,500 for the current fiscal year.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE RECLASSIFICATION.

5. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.) None.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:37 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: March 17, 2015