

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 24, 2015

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

2. **MINUTES** **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER WHEELER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015.**

MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. **COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE** – Jon Nyberg, Community Service Coordinator, and Marty Silbernagel, Community Corrections Director, gave an update on the Community Service program. The program is made up of two main work areas: Noxious Weed (Scotch broom) Removal and Dump Stoppers. Both of these are currently funded through Title II and BLM funding. Over the last three years in the Dump Stoppers program, over 7000 hours have been spend cleaning up over and 130,000 lbs. of garbage from roads and forest areas. Staff is currently working on the grant application for the next biennium for these programs, which is due in December.
4. **ROAD VACATION** – Eric Berry, County Surveyor, and property owner Vicki Avery presented a road vacation request for Waymire Road. This road runs from Bridgeport to East Avenue in Falls City. The road was originally dedicated in 1884, at one point there was a bridge developed but is no longer there, rendering this road of no public benefit. The road vacation will apply to approximately 450 feet of road. Public Works supports this vacation, as do all abutting property owners, eliminating the need for a public hearing.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED PUBLIC WORKS RECOMMENDATION TO VACATE WAYMIRE ROAD, AND DIRECTED STAFF TO DRAFT AN ORDER FOR FORMAL APPROVAL.

5. **BEHAVIORAL CARE NETWORK IGA** – Morgan Smith, County Counsel presented an update to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Behavioral Care Network. The biggest change is adding the County CFO's to the Board, and specifying that the Board will not be subject to local budget law, along with minor technical changes.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE UPDATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BEHAVIORAL CARE NETWORK.

6. **PERS POOL** – Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, reported on the expected PERS rate increases. PERS will be “collaring” the rate increases for July 1, 2017, to limit the rate changes for local government entities. Polk County’s rates are expected to be 3%, instead of the 9% that would be expected without the “collaring” Greg expressed frustration with the PERS system pushing the responsibility of payment indefinitely into the future instead of dealing with it now. Greg also asked the Board on whether or not they would like to join the PERS State & Local Government Rate Pool, which pools the pension costs with the State of Oregon. Greg recommended not joining the Pool. The Board accepted Greg’s recommendation.

7. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

- a. **ADOLESCENT COMMUNITY TEAM** – Marty Silbernagel reported that he is working with other County Departments to develop an Adolescent Community Team (ACT), which would provide drug and alcohol services to juveniles. This would be a similar format to Sanction Court. Commissioner Wheeler volunteered to participate on the Team. The first meeting will be January 9th, and will be on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday evenings. Marty is also in continued talks with Judge Hill to develop a Mental Health Court.

- b. **DALLAS CEMETERY WOOD CONTRACT** – Marty Silbernagel reported that the Dallas Cemetery contacted him about using the Community Service Crew to help with split logs on approximately 14 acres of timber to expand the cemetery. The County could keep half the firewood to sell (minimum of 500 cord). Marty is waiting on a written agreement with scope of work from the Cemetery before making a decision.
- c. **TALL COP SAYS STOP** – Marty Silbernagel informed the Board that there is a nationwide training program to educate school counselors, teachers, law enforcement, parents, etc. on Drug and Alcohol use in juveniles. The trainer will already be in Oregon in May, and will give the County a discounted rate (\$2000) to host the training (looking at either the Independence Civic Center or the Nesmith Readiness Center. Marty expects a minimum of 100 people to attend the training, and would charge \$25 per person. The Board requested additional information on the topics covered and the speaker before making a decision.
- d. **RECLASSIFICATION** – Matt Hawkins presented a request for the reclassification of Anne Hodney from a Juvenile Probation Officer I to a Juvenile Probation Officer II. The proposed dates of the reclassification would be December 1 and would be a fiscal impact of approximately \$1,400.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE RECLASSIFICATION OF ANNE HODNEY FROM A JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER I TO A JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER II.

- e. **JAIL NURSE CONTRACT** - Commissioner Pope reported that he has had a preliminary conversation with West Valley Hospital Administrator Jim Sapienza regarding contracting for jail nursing services. Mr. Sapienza feels there is an opportunity for the hospital to provide rotating intern nursing services. Craig feels that there may be potential transformational healthcare dollars available through the CCO for this program. Craig requested a meeting be set up between Matt, Jim, Craig and Greg to further discuss this opportunity.
 - f. **SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATION** – Morgan Smith reviewed applications for YouTube channels for Family and Community Outreach. They are working with partnering agencies to develop videos on services offered in Polk County.
 - g. **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** – Marty Silbernagel announced that there will be a Criminal Justice Commission meeting focused on Polk County tomorrow (November 25) at 1:30 pm in the Community Corrections office.
 - h. **MEETING CANCELLATION** – The Board announced that there would be no Board Meetings on Tuesday, December 1 or Wednesday, December 2 due to lack of a quorum.
 - i. **FAIRGROUNDS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION** – Greg Hansen informed the Board that the fair demolished two outbuildings, and now needs to landscape the approximately 4000 sq. ft. of vacant ground to make the space usable. Tina Andersen, Fairgrounds Manager, got a bid for pavers for the area, at a total price of \$15,400. Greg suggested that the Fairgrounds submit a Business Development Grant Application to apply for economic development funds to finance this project. Greg also recommended the Fairgrounds annually apply for these funds to assist with needed facility upgrades.
8. **FAIR BOARD INTERVIEW** – The Board interviewed Michael Bennett for a position on the Polk County Fair Board.

Commissioner Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 10:47 am.

Minutes: Heather Merrill
Approved: December 8, 2015