

POLK COUNTY PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS  
GUIDELINE FOR CITIZENS

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Regular meetings of the Polk County Board of Commissioners convene at 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday morning. Any person wishing to bring a matter before the Board at one of these meetings may do so by mailing or delivering written notice, concisely describing the nature of the item, to the Board of Commissioners, Polk County Courthouse, Dallas, Oregon 97338, by noon on the preceding Thursday. Unless otherwise announced, meetings are held in the Main Conference Room of the Courthouse.

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APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

The Board sets aside time at each regular meeting for comment by the public on subjects not appearing on the Agenda. Individuals may come forward and make any statement they wish, but not exceed three (3) minutes in length, except as is required to give concise answers to questions from Board members. If the subject will require a lengthier presentation, or merits inclusion as an item on the agenda of a future meeting, the Board shall schedule accordingly.

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PUBLIC HEARING FORMAT  
Land Use

1. Chairperson opens hearing.
  - (a) Reading of hearing request or appeal statement.
  - (b) Call for abstentions (ex parte contact or conflict of interest).
2. County staff presents background, summary and its recommendation (20-minute limit).
3. Applicant (Appellant) presents his/her case (15-minute limit).
4. Public testimony. Note that all testimony and evidence must be directed toward the applicable factual and legal criteria as identified in the record and/or during this hearing. Do not repeat previous testimony. Simply note for the record that you are in agreement with that earlier testimony. Your time to present testimony is limited. FAILURE TO RAISE AN ISSUE IN THIS HEARING, IN PERSON OR BY LETTER, OR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SPECIFICITY TO AFFORD THE BOARD AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE ISSUE MAY PRECLUDE LATER APPEAL TO LUBA ON THAT ISSUE.
  - (a) Individuals in favor of the application or appeal.
  - (b) Individuals against the application or appeal. At the discretion of the Chairman, an attorney, consultant, or other designated representative of two or more individuals may be allowed the combined time for each represented individual who does not speak, not to exceed 20 minutes. The Chairman may require proof of designation.
5. Rebuttal by Applicant (Appellant - 10-minute limit).
6. Questions from Board (discussion limited to individuals questioned by the Board).
  - (a) Staff.
  - (b) Applicant (Appellant).
  - (c) Individuals testifying.
7. Chairman closes hearing and announces closing of Record.
8. Chairman announces date for deliberation and decision.
9. The Board's decision is deemed the final decision of Polk County. It may be appealed to LUBA within 21 days of its issuance in written form. The address and phone number of LUBA may be obtained from the Polk County Community Development Department and will also appear on the Notice of Decision which will be mailed to all persons who testify, submit comments, or print their name and address on the hearing attendance sheet in the back of the hearing room.