

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 26, 2019**

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Mordhorst was present. Commissioner Ainsworth was excused.
2. **MINUTES** : **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019.**

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

3. **HOMELESS CONNECT UPDATE**– Brent DeMoe, Family Community Outreach Director, informed the Board that there will still be a combined effort for a Homeless Connect in Salem but there are a few changes and some of them will affect our ability to help which is why they have invented a new plan. Salem Leadership Foundation has taken the lead on the Connect in Salem, specifically for unsheltered homeless. They are doing it super bowl weekend on a Saturday and Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. All day Saturday will be for unsheltered adults and then Sunday they will have something more family friendly. They are also moving the event to Parrish Middle School. He has decided that it would be difficult for our staff to work that weekend and especially the super bowl weekend, so they would like to have something very robust for our connect in January 2020. Amber Kozisek, Family Resource Navigator, explained the plan is to have a connect style event, they are calling it a resource fair, to highlight the services that are offered all of the time in Polk County. They will invite all of the partners that typically come to the Connect event offering onsite services so people are leaving with something tangible and feel like they are getting help that day. They have spoken to Noelle Carroll, the Health Services Director for Polk County, and she is excited to partner with them and having the entire building open for services. She hopes to have Behavioral Health doing intakes that day getting people signed up for appointments and Public Health will be offering flu shots and they are still coming up with other ways they can offer services that day. The date they are looking at is January 23<sup>rd</sup> and they would like to do it from 2pm to 6pm and will take over the entire Academy Building that day. Brent explains that because they are having the event at the Academy Building they will be holding all of our intake spots open for the resource center and if somebody is experiencing homelessness or are at risk we are going to our intake with them right then and there and not schedule it for later, everything will happen live. It is also a good way to show the community all the resources we have because they will all have a booth set up. They also plan to have it open until 6 pm so families that work until 5 can still utilize the services. The Commissioners fully support the direction the department is going with the event
4. **NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.