

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2020

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Pope were present.
2. **MINUTES** : **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2020**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COVID-19 UPDATE

Kristty Polanco, Polk County Public Health Director, informed the Board that Covid-19 is an infection caused by a new coronavirus and that is a group of viruses that can cause a range of symptoms, some are mild and others are more severe. The virus is spread by coming in contact with any bodily fluid of an infected individual, and it is recommended people keep at least 6 feet away from other people to avoid contracting the virus. The incubation period for the virus is known to be approximately 2-14 days. The testing criteria for the Oregon State public health lab has changed since the onset of this pandemic. The priority is currently restricted to people who are symptomatic in a congregant setting, such as a long term care facility, or a jail. The second criteria is for somebody who is hospitalized with viral pneumonia. The third criteria is for any person who has died following any respiratory symptoms or whose death was unattended and not otherwise explained. The estimated time from to get results after testing is 1 to 3 days, which is an improvement. Outpatient testing is done through commercial labs and is determined by the clinicians that are ordering the test. All tests are required to report the results to Pub Health, whether it is negative or positive.

There have been 1,132 positive cases in Oregon out of 20,169 that have been tested and 29 deaths. Public Health has been meeting twice a day with the communicable disease team and they are focusing their efforts on case investigation. The most recent suggestion from the CDC is for all individuals leaving the house to wear a mask. Any inmates being taken into custody are being screened for symptoms. Commissioner Pope would like to know the status of the West Valley Hospital. Kristty said that she does receive a daily email from them with updates and they are doing well and still have plenty of bed available. She would be happy to share that information with anybody he feels should have it. Our Public Health department is using our County website as well as the Public Health Facebook page to get the information out and she will look into pushing updates through the local newspapers as well. Commissioner Pope said he was asked by Northwest Seniors and Disabilities Services if we have a protocol for cleaning spaces after somebody is tested positive. Kristty responded that we would follow the guidelines from the CDC and that would include walking anybody through the process who needs it. Commissioner Pope would like to continue discussing that protocol because he does not feel that the CDC guidelines are aggressive enough. Commissioner Mordhorst asked if she has a date in mind that we could see some of the restrictions being lifted. Kristty said that according to the Oregon Health Authority's projected report they should see a decrease in new infections on May 8th.

4. 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 9:20 am.

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: April 14, 2020