

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 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 APRIL 7, 2020**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. SHERIFF OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Mark Garton attended the meeting to provide the Board with a brief update. He stated that the numbers are down for patrol and in the jail. They handed out kits to make masks very quickly and they have received quite a few of them back and those will go to first responders, medics, fire fighters, etc. They have also had a number of organizations give them masks to distribute as needed to first responders or other agencies in need. He informed the Board that the Sheriff Office recently started doing children's book readings by Deputies and are filming it to post on social media. He said it only takes a couple minutes to film and they will be posting one a day for the next two weeks or so. He said they have gotten good feedback from parents and they really seem to like it.

There are currently 27 males and 1 female in the jail. They are operating with less staff since the numbers are so low. They are getting a lot of maintenance and a lot of painting projects done that the deputies are doing themselves. They are taking advantage of the places being empty because it is more difficult to do when the facility is full. Commissioner Ainsworth asked if the inmates were doing a lot of the work. Captain Jeffrey Isham explained that the inmates that are still in the jail are there for more serious crimes and they are not typically the inmates they hire for jail jobs. Commissioner Pope wants to know what the current capacity is for the jail considering the COVID-19 status. If there is a measure 11 or person to person crime they will bring them in regardless of the capacity. He also stated that he has never told his Deputies not to stop a car that is causing a safety issue, they are trying to minimize physical contact but they will still address any safety issues they see.

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 9:27 am.

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: April 28, 2020