

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 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 MOEDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2020**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. SHERIFF OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Mark Garton informed the Board they increased the number of inmates they will house to 130. They will be able to process the inmates at intake in a way that will keep people separate within the groups they were brought in with. At this time there are approximately 50 inmates total. They will also start housing misdemeanor sentences from the court. Last week there was a rally outside the courthouse that remained peaceful. There is another rally scheduled for tomorrow that will start at Ellendale and Main Street, and they will walk down to the courthouse. The person organizing this rally has been keeping them informed. There will be kids and families and they will be on the sidewalks and not blocking streets. The Sheriff has asked Information Services to help them to get the camera angles they feel they were missing that would be beneficial. The Sheriff Office is going to continue doing some things by appointment because it has improved the workflow knowing when people would be coming in for these things.

The Sheriff Office is doing their own in house training for our reserves because the multi-agency reserve academy has been canceled this year. That academy started last week and lasts about a month and a half. The Board thanks the Sheriff and his team for everything they do.

Commissioner Ainsworth asked the Sheriff if there was any way the Board could start getting the emailed jail summaries that they used to receive daily. Sheriff explained that those take a tremendous amount of time for the Sergeants to do and that is why they created the spreadsheets for the Deputies to update in real time so the Sergeant doesn't have to spend time going over deputy reports and re-documenting the information. Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, suggested that the Board's Assistant can print the spread sheet out for him daily.

Commissioner Pope wanted to know if the Sheriff has done any follow up on the Oregon State Police's (OSP) report for the latest fatality at highway 22 and highway 51. The Sheriff said it can take up to a month or more for OSP to complete their investigation and get the report back to the County Sheriff office.

4. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Kristty Polanco, Public Health Administrator, gave the Board a case update as of yesterday. In the state of Oregon there are 4,922 cases and for the county we currently have 104 total cases, 12 deaths, 0 hospitalizations, and 71 people have recovered. Last week Kristty spoke to the Board about an outbreak at Meduri Farms and wanted to clarify that the outbreak ends 28 days after the last person tested positive. Meduri did have 10 additional employees get tested last week that were all negative. She also learned since last week that the earliest case in the Meduri outbreak that was in March is now being dropped from the outbreak and is not linked because it was well passed the incubation period, which is 14 days. So we only have 2 cases from Polk County from the Meduri outbreak and the rest are Marion County.

Last week Kristty informed the Board that in the last review we had an uptrend in cases and that it was a reflection of the low amount of testing happening. She met with Administrators from West Valley Hospital last week to develop a plan to refer people who come through the Local Public Health Authority that do not have a primary care physician. West Valley was happy to work with the county to support the testing for that population. For the week of May 25th through May 31st, this metric is now showing a downward trend. For the metric on new cases not traced to a known source we were at 75% and then went down to 67% and now for this review period we are at 25% which is below the threshold the state has set of 30%. In the third metric that we were not meeting is new cases do not increase more than 5% in the last 7 days OHA was showing that we were at 33%. May 18th through May 24th we had 3 new cases and according to Kristty's records that remained the same through the following week, but OHA was showing we had 4 new cases. OHA had created a fourth case from a duplicate lab cause by a misspelled name. This error was found and corrected within the same day and is the one test that increased our percentage to 33%. She has asked OHA to correct this and they said it would be ran through leadership and the epidemiologist she spoke to has said that it would be no problem to fix it just needs to be approved and she will let the Board know when she hears back from them.

Dean Bender, Emergency Manager, updated the Board on the amount of personal protective equipment and has said the county has plenty and is still receiving deliveries from the state. Last week they filled 10 orders for long term care facilities and hospitals. He is still not able to fill orders for dental offices unless it is considered urgent. He has asked for something in writing from them and has not received that yet. The backpack and handheld sterilizers have still not showed up but he is following up on that diligently. They are still distributing and ordering the rapid test kits for the Abbott test machine. We have not received any test kits from Quest for the last 2 weeks so he will be following up with them today as well.

Polk County has applied for phase two reopening. So far all of the counties that have applied have been approved for phase 2. We hope to hear back Wednesday or Thursday if we are approved or not.

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

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:48 am.

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: June 16, 2020