

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES July 15, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Mordhorst declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Pope was present. Commissioner Ainsworth was excused.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
 Matt Hawkins, Administrative Service Director
 Morgan Smith, County Counsel

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The meetings are held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda.

Department Head/staff meetings with the Board of Commissioners are held on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' Office Conference Room and are conducted between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The principal subjects anticipated to be considered are on-going, upcoming, and new matters bearing on County operations. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners may consider and take action on subjects not listed within this announcement.

3. COMMENTS (FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA)

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF JULY 8, 2020

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2020.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

7. NON-LISTED ITEM

- a) Morgan Smith, County Counsel, stated that he has several deeds that need to be signed by the Board. These would normally be signed by the Board Chair but since he is out one of the other Commissioners can sign in his place.
- b) County Counsel provided an update on the CARES Act contract that is still being negotiated with the state. Polk County submitted their COVID expenses for March 1st through May 15th to the state and it was approved as being appropriate COVID expenditures. The state then said that in order for the County to receive the funds the Board is required to sign a grant

agreement that they provided. Several Counties legal counsel's agreed that the contract was not adequate or for the state to require the agreement be signed after the expenditures had already been submitted and approved by the state. The County Counsel Association drafted a letter to the state that explained what terms in the contract they felt were inappropriate. The state met with the President of the County Counsel Association in an attempt to resolve the issues but were not successful. The contract the state wants counties to sign is a modified contract from an educational grant that they had and because of that there were a lot of conditions that were not applicable for the funds in the CARES Act. The state did say they would send a new contract but it has not been received.

There is now an online portal for the second round of reimbursements through which Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, submitted Polk County's expenses. However, the agreement in question still only refers to March 1st through May 15th which makes it unclear if the agreement will be required for the second reimbursement period or not. Mr. Smith pointed out that the main reason he objects to signing this agreement is because it doesn't make sense and it is another example of the state choosing not to be cooperative with counties but instead requiring an onerous contract be signed in order to receive the funds that were already approved by the state to go to the County.

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Mordhorst asked if there was a need for executive session. Staff answered that there was not and the meeting was adjourned.

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- (a) **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER POLICY – HUMAN RESOURCES**
Re-adopt the Polk County Affirmative Action Plan and Equal Opportunity Employer Policy.
- (b) **CONTRACT NO. 20-120 – FAMILY & COMMUNITY OUTREACH**
Approve Contract No. 20-120, the IGA between Dallas School District and FCO to continue the existing partnership and place School Based Mental Health staff within their schools.
- (c) **CONTRACT NO. 20-124 – DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
Approve Contract No. 20-124 with Dr. Steven Fletcher to be the Polk County Medical Examiner.

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Mike Ainsworth, Chair



Craig Pope, Commissioner



Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner