

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 28, 2020**

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Ainsworth declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session. Commissioner Pope and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.
2. **MINUTES** : **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2020**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. FINAL COUNTY ROAD LIST**

Eric Berry, County Surveyor, gave the Board a brief overview of the changes that were made to the counties maintenance roads. In the last 19 the county has downgraded 2.66 miles of county maintained road, and vacated about .2 miles. The largest change is the surrender of jurisdictions, which is largely from the city of Salem taking 4 miles of road into the city limits. There were several small pieces of road in that were not counted and have now been added and named. There will be a public hearing on this final county road list in the next couple months for the Board to approve the list and to give the public an opportunity to give testimony if they wish to do so.

**5. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE**

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator, review the current COVID-19 case data for Oregon, Polk and Marion County. Oregon currently has 17,088 positive COVID-19 cases, 289 COVID-19 deaths; Polk County has 260 positive cases, 12 deaths; Marion County has 2,448 positive cases, 65 deaths. Between July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> there were 18 new cases, and 25 new cases from July 12<sup>th</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup> in Polk County. Marion County had 212 cases from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> and from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> they had 280 new cases.

Commissioner Pope asked if anything has changed in regards to the counties testing procedures or treatment. Ms. Umstead informed the Board that Polk County is testing more frequently, but the only treatment is for people who are in the hospital and need supportive measures because there is no medicine that makes it go away. They have had some success using a very potent steroid but only on people who are on oxygen or a ventilator.

Capitol Manor started testing on Friday and should be finishing today. They have done around 300 tests and the total that were positive is 7. Truitt Brothers has 9 cases total and the last positive was on July 7<sup>th</sup>. If there are no more positives their outbreak will close next week.

Public Health has the new data system for contact tracing from OHA up and running and it has improved efficiency. The automated option for text and email takes a lot of workload off of the contact tracers. There are currently 70 people who are under monitoring by Public Health. They are in the process of interviewing Public Health workers and they are hoping to get the new hires started within the next couple weeks.

Dean Bender, Emergency Operations Manager, provided the Board with some handouts reflecting the dollar value of the PPE inventory. Last week 5 orders were filled for PPE and was about \$2,800 in monetary value. He received a request from a school district for PPE that he was unable to fill due to the restrictions the state has made. The state has said that they have will distribute PPE to the schools.

Commissioner Ainsworth asked if the sanitation backpacks units are working. Matt Hawkins, Business Services Administrator, stated that we received the new tanks to replace the broken ones but have not received the pull units.

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

- a) Marilyn Morton, Minet employee, stated that they have had an employee test positive for COVID19 and is wondering if they would be able to borrow, check out, or rent one of the sanitization units to do a thorough cleaning of their office. The Board informed her that they only have one working unit at this time and it is committed to a schedule of use for the county buildings. Mr. Hawkins offered to give her the contact information for where they were purchased.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am.

Minutes: Ciera Atha  
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