

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 4, 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 28, 2020**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE**

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator, gave the Board an update on the current COVID-19 case situation. Oregon has 19,366 cases and 328 deaths. During the week of July 26<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> Oregon had a test positivity rate of 6.1%, which is an increase. The percentage of cases not traced to known source was at 73%. Polk County has 295 cases, 5 hospitalizations and deaths remain the same. The county has tested 5,149 people which is 621 tests per 10,000 people. Marion County has 2,699 cases, 3 hospitalizations, and 68 deaths. Marion County has tested 32,462 people which is 931 tests per 10,000 people.

Polk County has had a 52% increase in the past 7 days, and cases not traced to a known source in the last seven days is at 59%. Ms. Umstead clarified that they are reaching these individuals but they are not able to trace it back to someplace where others got it. Public Health is at 100% for following up with positive tests within 24 hours.

Commissioners Ainsworth asked if Polk County is on the watch list because Marion County is. Ms. Umstead responded that no we are separate. However she was notified yesterday by OHA that Polk County will likely be on the watch list at the end of this week. That is based on the increase in positive cases as well as how many are sporadic. The Truitt Bros outbreak should end today if there have been no new cases. Commissioner Pope asked Ms. Umstead to include Salem Health outbreak numbers in her reports moving forward.

Public Health has hired two people to be Case Investigators and are still interviewing people from Willamette Workforce and that person will act as a backup and will be fully trained as a lead Contact Tracer and potentially a Case Investigator, depending on what the need is. Kristty Polanco is working 3.5 days a week and is supporting them in Emergency Management coordination. They have a newsletter that will go out today and will be sent out through various methods.

Dean Bender, Emergency Operation Manager, informed the Board that the County still has plenty of PPE and they also didn't receive any orders last week and only filled 5 orders. They did send a big order out to Capitol Manor after their outbreak. Mr. Bender will also be reaching out to agencies that he received orders from before to see if they need hand sanitizer because it has a shelf life and he doesn't want it to expire.

**4. CARES ACT GRANT AGREEMENT –**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, provided the Board with a copy of the grant agreement from the state that is a requirement in order to receive the reimbursement dollars. The agreement covers phase 1 of the reimbursement and possibly phase 2. Once the agreement is signed the state will send an addendum with the cap on reimbursement. This is the agreement

that many counties did not agree with because it has language the County Counsels didn't approve of. If it isn't signed the County will not get the reimbursement.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD AGREED THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED.**

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

- a) The replacement tanks have been installed in the sanitization units. Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, will be sending on out to the Fairgrounds because they will be holding court there.

Commissioner Ainsworth adjourned the meeting at 9:36 am.

Minutes: Ciera Atha  
Approved: August 11, 2020