

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2021

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session and led the Board and attending audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Ainsworth were present.
2. **MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2021.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator, reviewed the COVID-19 case data from the most recent review period. As of January 26th Oregon had a total of 138,587 COVID-19 cases and 1,882 deaths. The test positivity rate in Oregon for January 10th through January 23rd was 5.5%.

As of January 26th Polk County has a total of 2,586 positive COVID-19 cases, 4 hospitalizations and 41 deaths. Positive cases who are currently isolating is 110, which is the number of positive cases identified within the last 10 days. The test positivity rate in Polk County for January 10th through January 23rd was 7.8%.

As of January 26th Marion County has a total of 16,787 positive COVID-19 cases, 29 hospitalizations and 248 deaths. The test positivity rate for Marion County from January 10th through January 23rd was 9.4%.

Capitol Manor has 17 positive COVID-19 cases, Jefferson Lodge has no further cases since last week, Dallas Retirement Village has 92 positive COVID-19 cases, and Blue Have Residential Care has 11 positive COVID-19 cases. Marquis Spa has 15 positive COVID-19 cases and Salem Health has a total of 171 positive staff as of the January 21st Oregon Health Authority (OHA) weekly report. This number represent the total number since reporting began.

Western Oregon University (WOU) continues to manage all of the contact tracing for Polk County. There are currently 142 close contacts or positive cases being monitored in Polk County. When a close contact has completed their quarantine they will be removed from this number.

Polk County Public Health has 2 new employees in training and another one will start in February. OHA will be helping with case investigation intermittently while the new employees are being trained.

Public Health was able to complete 77 COVID-19 test at the recent testing event and 11 of those tests were positive. There will be another testing event later today and the two tentative dates in February are the 9th and the 23rd.

Based on data from January 3rd through January 16th there are 26 counties in the extreme risk category, including Polk and Marion County. During that date range Polk County has 382 cases which is 460.6 cases per 100,000 residents and a 10% positivity rate. 2.4% of emergency department visits in Oregon were for COVID-like illness. 153 COVID-19 cases were admitted to a hospital in Oregon and 3 of those were in Polk County. In Polk County during the week of January 10th, 99% of cases were followed up on within 24 hours and 59.3% of cases were traced to a known source. The largest classification of cases continues to be sporadic.

During the week of January 3rd, 2.9% of emergency department visits in Oregon were for COVID-like illness and 146 COVID-19 cases were admitted to a hospital in Oregon. Of those 146 admissions, 4 of them were in Polk County. 97% of positive cases were followed up on within 24 hours and 57.4% of cases during the week of January 3rd were traced to a known source.

Marion County had a total of 1,989 positive cases which is 572 cases per 100,000 residents with a test positivity rate of 12.1%. 10 positive cases were admitted to a hospital during the week of January 3rd. During that same time frame 74% of positive cases in Marion County were followed up on within 24 hours and 45% of positive cases were traced to a known source.

Polk County is vaccinating 725 individuals per 10,000 residents. Overall Oregon has vaccinated 192,549 people and 6,010 of those were in Polk County. West Valley Hospital is currently doing the vaccine clinic, however right now we are in a pause due to a lack of vaccine. They were out at the Polk County Fairgrounds but will be moving to the Western Oregon University. We were not allocated any more vaccine this week but were told we had the opportunity to accept 400 doses later this week that is for the 1A population. Beginning January 25th the vaccine clinic will be opened to include educators. The state has also divided the 65 and older age group into brackets.

Heron Pointe has a vaccine clinic scheduled for this week and she is working on another one that will move forward as soon as there is vaccine available. She is also waiting for a headcount of how many people in the facility want to receive the vaccine as well. All of the other long term care facilities have a schedule vaccine clinic date except for one that she has not heard back from. Commissioner Pope pointed out that the population that falls into these categories need to live or work in Polk County but the challenge is that we don't know how many people fall into each one of these categories in Polk County because there is no census data on it. Ms. Umstead stated that she does request as many as she can so the county can run the vaccine clinics without interruption as much as possible to get the vaccination to as many people as possible quickly. Commissioner Pope stated that it's important that we do ask people to show residency or that they fall into one of the categories because we are allocated those shots based on population and need. If we are having people come from all over that don't live or work in Polk County it could hinder some residents from being able to get it. Ms. Umstead said that she did see some cars turned away so she believes they have gotten more of a handle on that screening process than when this first started.

4. ECO DEVO GRANT APPLICANT

The grant applicant was not present and will be contacted to reschedule.

5. ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES INVOICE

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented the invoice the county received from AOC. Mr. Hansen recommended that the county pay all mandatory fees listed on invoice and to opt out of the non-mandatory fees. The Board unanimously agreed to accept Mr. Hansen's recommendation.

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

None

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.