

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES MARCH 17, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Ainsworth were present.

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. Each meeting is held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principle 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. The Board also holds a department staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on every Monday in the Commissioners Conference Room at 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon.

The Grand Ronde Sanitary District Board of Trustees will be meeting on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon.

The OSU Extension Service District Board of Directors will be meeting on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon.

A public meeting of the Budget Committee for Polk County will be held in the Main Conference Room, Polk County Courthouse, 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 and to receive the budget message and document. The public meeting will continue daily through Thursday, April 8, 2021. Additional time is reserved for public comment at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

**3. COMMENTS**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2021**

MOTION: COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST  
                              SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2021.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At 9:04 a.m. County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (d) to conduct deliberation with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Commissioner Pope called the meeting back into regular session and adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Commissioner Mordhorst asked the rest of the Board if they would like to sign a letter that the eastern Oregon counties have signed and sent to the Governor. He brought it up at the Tuesday meeting and at that time he told the Board to consider and that he would ask again at today's meeting. The letter requests that the state lift restrictions and allow counties with low COVID-19 cases to govern themselves. Commissioner Pope stated that the current relationship between Public Health and OHA is working and our numbers continue to decrease. He doesn't think that the Polk County Public Health Administrator would support this either. Commissioner Ainsworth agreed and they agree that they will not be signing the letter.

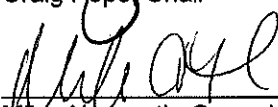
The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

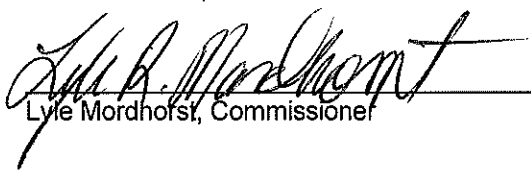
The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- (a) **WEST VALLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY - BOC**  
Approve the letter of support for the proposed disposition of WVHA scattered site public housing units.

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Craig Pope, Chair

  
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Mike Ainsworth, Commissioner

  
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Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner