

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 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 MAY 11, 2021**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator, reviewed the COVID-19 case data for Oregon, Polk and Marion County. As of May 18th Oregon's total COVID-19 cases is 195,882, 2,590 deaths. The positivity rate for the date range May 2nd, through May 15th was 6.2% and the case rate per 100,000 population was 217.7. Polk County's positivity rate for the same date range was 6.2% and the case rate per 100,000 population was 205.2. Marion County's positivity rate was 8.7% and their case rate was 254.1. Polk County case count is 3,798, 5 hospitalizations, 53 deaths and there are 68 positive cases who are currently isolating. Marion County case county is 22,259, 35 hospitalizations and 309 deaths.

Dallas Retirement Village currently has 8 positive COVID cases and McDonald's in Dallas has 11. There are no other workplace related cases in Polk County. Staffing remains the same and there are currently 64 close contacts being monitored for symptoms. Between May 2nd and May 15th there were 9,291 positive cases in Oregon overall. For the same date range in Polk County there were 172 positive COVID cases. The statewide hospital beds metric was not met and Polk County will continue to stay in high risk level through May 27th. Ms. Umstead reviewed the charts in her hand out that broke down cases by age, zip code, and positive cases with symptoms versus no symptoms.

The total number of Polk County residents that have been vaccinated as of May 17th was 38,922. 7,394 people have received their first dose and 31,528 people have been fully vaccinated. 4,248 more people would need to be vaccinated to reach the goal of 65% of the eligible population being vaccinated. Ms. Umstead then reviewed the chart that broke down the COVID cases by race/ethnicity. 52.6% of positive cases were traced to a known source. The West Valley Hospital and Salem Health have started offering the vaccine to inpatients and patients in the Emergency Department.

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE

District Attorney Aaron Felton, informed the Board that between now and October there are approximately 87 trials on the court calendar. They are focusing their efforts on trials right now because there are so many that need addressed due to COVID. Mr. Felton is still waiting on clarity from the Chief Justice which will most likely affect the presiding Judges decision on what COVID protocols will need to be in place for trials. They have just finished interviews for two positions in Discovery and Evidence that they expect to have filled by the end of the week.

5. NEW JOB SPEC, SALARY & RECLASS

Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director, requested a new job specification for a Lead Discovery/Evidence Clerk. Mr. Hawkins also requested that Sabrina Wilson be reclassified from Discovery/Evidence Clerk to the new Lead Discovery/Evidence Clerk. Sabrina has been the

most senior person in this division and will now be asked to take on the training and oversight of the two new hires' work product. If approved the effective date would be June 1, 2021 and the fiscal impact for FY 20-21 is approximately \$2,200 including PERS contributions for a 12 month period.

BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE NEW JOB SPECIFICATION AND RECLASSIFICATION.

6. SELECT CANDIDATES FOR BOC POSITION

Commissioner Pope announced the finalists for the upcoming vacant position on the Board (Position #3). The four finalists are Jeremy Gordon, Marilyn Morton, Tim Ray and Joe Rivera. The interviews will be held in a public meeting on June 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the Emergency Operations Center.

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

a) Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, reminded the Board that tomorrow will be the Budget Committee meeting to approve the proposed budget as well as the supplemental budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. There will also be the Grand Ronde Sanitary District Budget Committee meeting to approve that budget.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: May 25, 2021