

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 8, 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 was present and Commissioner Ainsworth was excused.
2. **MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2021**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE**

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator reviewed the most recent Covid data. Oregon currently has 203,374 Covid cases and 2,694. Oregon's test positivity rate for May 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup> was 4.2% and had a case county of 107.8 cases per 100,000 population. Marion County had a test positivity rate of 6.6% with a case rate of 151.5. Polk County had a positivity rate of 4.6% and a case rate of 84.7. Beginning June 3<sup>rd</sup> OHA changed the quarantine guidelines to offer 10 day and 7 day with a negative Covid test (on day 5 or later) options, in addition to the 14 day quarantine.

Polk County's case county is 3,913, 5 hospitalizations, 55 deaths, and there are currently 35 people isolating. Marion County has a case count of 23,078, 23 hospitalizations, and 320 deaths. Dallas Retirement Village still has a total of 10 cases and is the only workplace with cases.

Staffing for contact tracing is steady and unchanged. They are currently monitoring 46 close contact to positive cases. Polk County will stay in moderate Risk Level through June 17<sup>th</sup> based on data from May 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Umstead reviewed the charts she provided breaking cases down by age, zip code, and symptoms versus no symptoms. 54.3% of cases were traced to a known source.

As of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 42,738 Polk County residents have been vaccinated. Ms. Umstead reviewed the statistics for how many people are fully vaccinated, the breakdown by race/ethnicity and also by age group. 63.54% of Polk County residents, 16 and older have been vaccinated. Oregon needs to vaccinate 106,671 more people to reach the 70% benchmark the state has set. The West Valley Hospital Vaccine Clinic is operating Wednesday and Friday this week and the doses that were given the week before were reviewed. They will not be scheduling appointments for first doses but walk-ins can still get it and the last day of the Vaccine clinic will be June 25<sup>th</sup>. Vaccines are available at pharmacies, and providers and other popup clinics. Thanks to the partnership with Polk Fire 1 and Dallas Fire & EMS the Local Public Health Authority was able to vaccinate all individuals needing in-home vaccination for Monmouth, Independence, and Dallas. They are currently coordinating with OHA to vaccinate remaining individuals in West Salem.

**4. SHERIFF OFFICE UPDATE**

Sheriff Mark Garton gave the Board a brief review of the handout he provided. The average daily population in the jail in May was 83 and the average length of stay is 25. Deputy Widmer retired on May 30<sup>th</sup> and they are in the process of hiring for that position. The Sheriff reviewed the Patrol stats for May. There were 1,611 calls generated and 655 911 calls. There were 44

crashed and 276 traffic stops. Commissioner Pope asked the Sheriff if there has been any known Cartel activity in Polk County, specifically related to illegal marijuana grow operations. Sheriff Garton said there has been an uptick and explained that there is a very long process when trying to deal with them.

#### **5. FAIR UPDATE**

Tina Andersen & Tim Ray gave the Board an update on the Fair and the upcoming activities that are scheduled at the Fairgrounds. The first gun show since Covid shut them down is this coming weekend. They also announced that they will be holding a County Fair this year and that it will look different due to the pandemic and restrictions that are in place. They are moving the main stage out to make more room and will move to the small community stage instead. There will only be food vendors. The auction will take place Saturday at 10:00 a.m. during the fair. The County musician Joe Shinkle will be performing Friday night. The current challenge they are facing is hiring people to work the fair. There were 7 sets on bleachers that were damaged or destroyed in the ice storm. They will need a new Board member because Anna Scharf resigned.

#### **6. RECLASSIFICATION IN HEALTH SERVICES**

Matt Hawkins, Admin. Services Director, asked the Board to approve the reclassification of the Health Services Support Services Supervisor. Specifically for Michelle Holland to be reclassified to a Behavioral Health Supervisor. Michelle has been working out of class for several months as a Behavioral Health Supervisor after taking on the additional duties of supervising the medical management team on top of her duties to supervise the Behavioral Health support staff. Health Services now requests to make the temporary assignment to Behavioral Health Supervisor a permanent assignment.

If approved by the Board this change would be effective June 1, 2021. The reclassification will have a fiscal impact of approximately \$5,600 including PERS contributions if it were for a 12 month period.

**BY CONSENSUS, THE BOARD APPROVED THE RECLASSIFICATION AS PROPOSED.**

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

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Minutes: Ciera Atha  
Approved: June 15, 2021