

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 15, 2021**

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Mordhorst 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 Ainsworth was present. Commissioner Pope was excused.
2. **MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2021**

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

**3. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE**

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator reviewed the most recent Covid data. For the date range of May 30<sup>th</sup> through June 12<sup>th</sup>, Oregon had an overall positivity rate of 4.1% and a case rate of 89.3 per 100,000 population. Marion County had a positivity rate of 5.7% and a case rate of 120.3 per 100,000 population. Polk County had a positivity rate of 4.69% and a case rate of 79.9 per 100,000 population. Ms. Umstead reviewed the number of COVID cases in Polk County for the last week and let the Board know that there are currently 46 positive cases who are currently isolating. Ms. Umstead also reviewed the case data for Marion County as well. The Dallas Retirement Village still has 10 positive cases, which is the same as last week. WOU is still managing all of the contact tracing and are currently monitoring 43 people for symptoms.

Polk County will remain in Moderate Risk Level through June 17<sup>th</sup> based on data from May 30<sup>th</sup> through June 12<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Umstead reviewed the charts in her packet which breaks down the case count by age, zip code and symptoms versus no symptoms. 45.5% of cases during the week of June 6<sup>th</sup> were traced to a known source.

Oregon Health Authority has identified 1,009 COVID vaccine breakthrough cases. In May there were 16,097 COVID cases and 98% of those were unvaccinated. In Polk County 42,638 people have been vaccinated. The goal is to get 65% of the population vaccinated in order to move to low risk. The vaccine clinic is operating Monday and Wednesdays and people can more easily get the vaccine through the pharmacy or their primary care physician now. Salem Health is organizing targeted vaccine events and Falls City is having a vaccine event but it is still in the early planning stages. Dallas EMS is still helping vaccinate the homebound population.

Dean Bender, Emergency Operations Manager, informed the Board that there has not been much activity with regards to PPE. He does still have a lot, especially hand sanitizer.

**4. RECLASSIFICATIONS IN THE ASSESSORS OFFICE**

Matt Hawkins, Admin. Services Director, is recommending that Peggy Graham and Mike Sunday be reclassified from an Appraiser I to an Appraiser II. It is common for the county to approve a reclassification for an Appraiser I to the Appraiser II position after they have one year of experience at the county. Peggy has been employed for just over two years and Mike has been employed for almost two years. If approved, this would be effective July 1, 2021. The fiscal impact would be approximately \$5,000 including PERS contributions for a 12 month period.

**THE BOARD APPROVED THE RECOMMENDED RECLASSIFICATION.**

**5. 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 9:21 a.m.