

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 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 Ainsworth and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.
2. **MINUTES:** **COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2021**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator, reviewed the most recent Covid data for Oregon overall. Oregon has 206,850 positive Covid cases and 2,756. From June 6th through June 19th the positivity rate was 3.7% and the case rate per 100,000 population was 83.2. Polk County's positivity rate for the date range was 5.8% and a case rate of 105.0 per 100,000 population. Marion County's positivity rate was 4.6% and a case rate of 100.0 per 100,000 population. Polk County has 4,006 Covid cases, 4 hospitalizations, 56 deaths and 56 people are currently isolating. There are no workplace related cases to report. Ms. Umstead reviewed casa data for Marion County as well.

Contact tracers at would are currently monitoring 37 close contacts to positive cases. Polk County would move to high risk level based on data from June 6th to June 19th. Jacqui then reviewed the statistics on Covid cases based on age, zip code, and symptoms versus no symptoms. 47.3% of cases were traced to a known source during the week of June 13, 2021 and Ms. Umstead reviewed the breakdown of cases classifications. From May 20 to June 21, 2021, Polk County vaccination rates by race/ethnicity have increased 6.8% for the Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander population; 5.3% for the Black population; and 4.8% for the Hispanic/Latino/Latinx population.

Ms. Umstead reviewed the vaccine breakthrough data for Oregon. Vaccine breakthrough cases are defined as instances in which an individual received a positive Covid test result at least 14 days following the completion of any Covid vaccine series. Ms. Umstead stated the breakthrough cases are rare and that no vaccine is 100% effective in every person. From December 15, 2020 to May 31, 2021, Polk County has had 2,258 reported cases of Covid and 99.5% of these cases were unvaccinated. Unvaccinated proportion includes partially vaccinated individuals. There are 43,860 Polk County residents age 12 and older vaccinated. Ms. Umstead reviewed the charts she provided depicting vaccination rates by age, race/ethnicity, and vaccination rate by zip code. The last day of the WOU Vaccine clinic will be June 25, 2021. Vaccines continue to be available from providers, pharmacies, FQHC, and targeted outreach pop up clinics. Northwest Human Services is accepting walk-in at their vaccine clinic located at the West Salem Polk County Behavioral Health clinic. Their last date of operations is July 2, 2021 and the community members can call one of their offices to schedule a vaccine appointment. Polk County Public Health continues to partner with OHA to have a low barrier pop up clinic. The event will run from June 26th through July 5th and will be located in the Central High School parking lot. Mobile clinics have been confirmed at several locations and vaccinations will be free for people 12 and older and there is no appointment necessary.

4. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, updated the Board on the upcoming budget adoption. He stated informed them that some of the funds will have modifications and will not affect the total budget. He also stated that one the county get the rules for American Rescue Funds the county will determine how the money can be spent.

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

a) HANNA ROAD COST SHARE

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, gave the Board a brief background on the Hanna road cost share project. The Asphalt on the road is in a state of disrepair and an overlay is necessary to preserve this as a paved road. Normally, the county would overlay with 2-inches of asphalt, but due to the large amount of heavy truck traffic being produced by the Scott's Co. at the end of Hanna Rd, a 4-5 inch overlay is required to withstand the heavy loads over the design life of the roadway. Polk County has proposed, and Scotts Co. has accepted, a 50% cost share where both Polk County and Scotts Co. will share equally in the cost, not to exceed \$250,000 each.

Mr. Whitaker is asking the Board to accept the assessment report for a road improvement project on Hanna Road.

THE BOARD APPROVED THE PROPOSAL AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.