

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES September 8, 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 Gordon and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
Matt Hawkins, Administrative Service Director

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.

3. COMMENTS

Bodi Bemrose, West Salem Resident, explained that he is an owner of some commercial buildings downtown in Monmouth. Mr. Bemrose stated that the amount of violence the community has been seeing is alarming and continues to increase. There was an incident not long ago that a man with a baseball bat was smashing things, including building windows. He was arrested and then released and returned to the same behavior. He would like the Commissioners support in an effort to get these criminals off the street and kept off of the street rather than cite and released. Commissioner Pope agrees and recommends reaching out to other local agencies such as the Monmouth Police Department.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

The following employee(s) were recognized for their length of service to the county.

- Noelle Carroll – 15 Years

7. MWVHA PRESENTATION

Janet Carlson and Jan Calvin appeared virtually to give an update on the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance. Ms. Carlson provided the Board with slides and went through them one by one. They received a grant for \$150,000 to put towards the homeless issue. Ms. Carlson

reviewed the organizational chart within the Continuum of care and what various committees are working on daily.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

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Craig Pope, Chair

Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner

Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner

Minutes: Ciera Atha
Approved: September 15, 2021