

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 19, 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 Gordon and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

**2. MINUTES:**      **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2021**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. COVID UPDATE**

Ms. Umstead reviewed the most recent data on Covid cases and deaths in Polk County and in Oregon. The week of October 10th there were 8,448 Covid cases reported in Oregon and 25 deaths. For the same time frame, in Polk County, there were 188 Covid cases reported and 0 deaths. From October 10<sup>th</sup> to October 16<sup>th</sup> the case rate per 100,000 residents in Oregon was 197.9 and the positivity rate was 7.6%. For Polk County the case rate was 224.3 per 100,000 and the positivity rate was 8.9%. Ms. Umstead reviewed a chart she provided the Board on Covid deaths by date and age and by zip code. There were no additional work place related Covid cases. There were 2,631 Covid tests performed between October 10<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>. 249 of those cases were positive and 2,382 cases were negative. As of October 18<sup>th</sup> there were 561 Covid patients hospitalized in Oregon, 71 hospitalized in Region 2 and 8 Polk County residents were hospitalized. Ms. Umstead reviewed the vaccination rates by state and age groups. Salem Health's Mobile Vaccine unit gave 89 boosters at the Dallas Retirement Village. Commissioner Pope asked Ms. Umstead how we as a county can help avoid the next wave of Covid. Ms. Umstead replied that wearing masks and getting as many people vaccinated are the best tools available to stop the virus.

**4. OTCC MEMORANDUM**

Commissioner Pope asked the other Board member if they would approve an MOU for the participation in the Oregon Timber Counties Coalition (OTCC), each County will be responsible for paying an annual payment. The funds will only be used for payments to Jamison & Sullivan for work related to the purpose statement of the OTCC.

**MOTION:**      **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST  
SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MOU AS PROPOSED.**

**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 9:42 a.m.