

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
November 30, 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 Gordon was present. Commissioner Pope was excused.

2. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2021**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

3. COVID UPDATE

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator, updated the Board on the most recent COVID-19 data. For the week of November 21, 2021 there have been 5,373 COVID-19 cases reported in Oregon, with 103 of those being from Polk County. Ms. Umstead reviewed the case positivity rate in Oregon and Polk County. Ms. Umstead reported that the number of positive cases has decreased significantly from the previous week. Ms. Umstead reviewed the cases by age and zip code. There are 396 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 in Oregon and 6 Polk County residents hospitalized with COVID-19. Polk County Public Health is still working to set up more vaccine clinic. There is a weekly vaccine clinic every Saturday at the Mi Casita Market in Independence on Saturdays from noon to 5:00 p.m., as well as a monthly clinic in Falls City.

4. DALLAS YOUTH GARDEN UPDATE

Dean Anderson, IT Special Projects Manager, updated the Board on the Dallas Youth Garden project. The Dallas Youth Garden is a 501(c)3 and operate the garden under the supervision of Polk County Family & Community Outreach. They provide summer interns and this year they received and interviewed 15 applicants and hired ten. The interns were responsible for keeping track of their time sheet, managing days off, tracking harvest amounts, and documenting weekly activities on their website. Each intern plans and plants a 25' x 50' market garden as well as maintain. This year the interns learned about garden mulching, tomato cages, putting up bean fences, weeding and watering. They practiced sustainable gardening including water conservation, composting and minimal pest management. Last year the Dallas Youth Garden donated over 4,100 pounds of fresh produce to Polk County Family & Community Outreach and the Dallas Food Bank. This is the 9th year and the Dallas Youth Garden has provided 87 summer intern jobs to young adults, and donated over 30,000 pounds of fresh produce.

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

Commissioner Mordhorst adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.