

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 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 Mordhorst and Commissioner Gordon were present.

2. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2021**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Due to technical difficulties the Board moved agenda item number 3 to item number 6.

3. VALLEY JUNCTION UPDATE

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, gave the Board an update on the progress being made on the Valley Junction project he is working on. Mr. Whitaker reviewed the handout he provided the Board and the proposed changes, including a backage road that follows the contours thus reducing the slope of the road and the resultant cut. Mr. Whitaker gave the Board background information on the geology of the location.

4. SELECTION OF BUDGET OFFICER FOR FY 22-23

MOTION: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPOINT GREG HANSEN AS THE BUDGET OFFICER FOR FY 22-23.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. BUDGET CALENDAR FY 22-23

MOTION: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET CALENDAR FOR FY 22-23 AS PROPOSED,
PENDING APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION COMMITTEE.**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. COVID-19 UPDATE

Jacqui Umstead, Public Health Administrator, updated the Board on the number of Covid-19 cases in Polk County and in Oregon. She provided a hand out that she reviewed which also included the positivity rate and case rate in Polk County and Oregon. The handout had graphs breaking down the cases by age, zip code, and ethnicity. Ms. Umstead reviewed the hospitalizations in our region as well as testing and vaccination rates. Public Health is working with other agencies to set up low barrier vaccine clinics.

7. 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 10:05 a.m.