

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 28, 2022**

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 Pope and Commissioner Gordon were present.

**2. MINUTES:**      **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF June 21, 2022**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3: SHERIFF UPDATE:**

Mark Garton, County Sheriff, provided a department update to the Board for their current staffing needs. Next, Sheriff Garton provided a handout to the Board that went over SB 48 that showed how crimes are categorized. The handout explained crime categories 1, 2 and 3 and what the mandatory hold factors are. This begins July 1, 2022. Commissioner Pope asked the Sheriff about what their deputies are seeing in the community for mental health needs/incidents. Sheriff Garton talked about the training his deputies are being offered and that the Mobile Health Crisis is managed by two teams, who responds to those calls. Sheriff Garton said that mental health crises are increasing every year and this year would be 40%-50% more than last year.

**4. WELLS FARGO BUILDING:**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, introduced himself to the public and provided some back history for Polk County with the opening up of Linden Lane and what it was like in the beginning of opening the Polk County Jail. Jennifer Lief, Health Services, gave an overview of her department and what they do to support the community. Mrs. Lief also talked about how she appreciates how the Dallas community collaborates and works with each other. She stated that 75-85% of work done is out in the field and not in the academy building. The primary reason they were looking to move to the Wells Fargo building is because their current office space is cramped for employees.

At 9:52 a.m. Commissioner Mordhorst opened the meeting up to public comment and stated each community member will have 3 minutes to speak and the Morgan Smith, County Counsel, will be keeping track of the time.

**Public Comment:**

Jackie Lawson provided her opinion to the Board that she is against the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

Amy Sledge provided her opinion to the Board that she is against the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

Kim Fitzgerald provided her opinion to the Board that she is against the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

Kevin Conzo provided his opinion to the Board that he is against the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

Sherry Jacobson provided her opinion to the Board that she is against the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

Sarah Owre provided her opinion to the Board that she is against the use of the Wells Fargo building. Ms. Owre provided a signed petition with wet signatures for other community members that are against the use of the Wells Fargo building.

Sam Owre provided his opinion to the Board that he is against the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

Susan Jones provided her opinion to the Board that she is against the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

Monica Robertson provided her opinion to the Board that she is against the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

Debbie Cochrane provided her opinion to the Board that she is against the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

Denise Swanson provided her opinion to the Board that she supports the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

Rachel Phelps provided her opinion to the Board that she is against the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

Rita Grady provided her opinion to the Board that she against is the use of the Wells Fargo building for crisis services.

In summary, for those in opposition, the main issue is the location of the facility, not the services that are being delivered.

At 10:27 a.m. Commissioner Mordhorst closed the meeting to public comment.

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

None.

Commissioner Mordhorst adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda  
Approved: July 5, 2022