

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
August 30, 2022

1. At 9:02 a.m., Commissioner Gordon 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 was present. Commissioner Mordhorst was absent.

2. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF August 23, 2022**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE QUORUM.

3: DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE:

Aaron Felton, Polk County District Attorney, provided an update for the District Attorney's Office that went over their current staffing levels, which is still at a historic low. Mr. Felton stated that they have a Law Clerk FTE who has recently taken the Oregon State Bar and that they are currently waiting on those results. Next Mr. Felton gave a recap of a conversation that he had at an ODA meeting about hiring and retaining employees. He talked about possible compensation packages for those who are working in public safety. There was discussion about the need for better technology in the offices and courtrooms. Mr. Felton gave an update on the new grand jury room that is being built in the office and looks forward to having a new public space for grand jury. Commissioner Pope wanted to talk about the staffing challenges and asked if there was any study work being done to help us understand why the applicants are so low. Mr. Felton stated that he is speaking from his personal perspective and he does see this being a national problem.

4. SRS ELECTION:

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the 85/8/7 for the SRS Elections for Title I, II, and III for Polk County.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE 85/8/7 SRS ELECTION**

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

Mandy Strauss wanted to make a public apology to the District Attorney's Office and to District Attorney Aaron Felton. She also wanted to give kudos to the Districts Attorney's Office for hosting a training event on August 17, 2022 and she was very pleased to see how serious the Districts Attorney's Office takes their trainings.

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