

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 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 August 9, 2022**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3: DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director, provided the Commissioners and staff a handout that provided an update to Polk County Juvenile Department, Community Corrections Department, and the Community Service Department. Ms. Merritt discussed their current staffing levels in each department and the numbers for the inmate work crew. She stated that Covid had impacted the number of people coming to complete their community service, even though they stayed operational during Covid with extra precautions. Commissioner Pope asked how many hours are owed from what was missed. Ms. Merritt stated that she can get those numbers for the Commissioners. She then talked about their process with the courts when hours are missed. Ms. Merritt provided an update for Adult Parole/Probation that discussed staffing levels, workload changes, and decreases in supervised cases. Ms. Merritt stated that one thing that they are doing differently is that they will go to the parolees instead of only having them come to their office. They are doing their best to work with each of the parolees, but they will hold them accountable. Commissioner Gordon praised her great work and the consistent collaboration they have with other departments. Commissioner Pope asked about the employer community and what Ms. Merritt is doing to improve that relationship. Mr. Pope stated that he would like us to do more to support the employers who hire felons. Ms. Merritt talked about the things that they're currently doing to help support those employers and parolees. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that he would like Ms. Merritt continue to stay involved in the legislation and that they appreciate her consistent communication with the Board.

4. 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 9:51 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: August 23, 2022