

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 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 POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON**
 SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF August 30, 2022

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER GORDON RECUSED HIMSELF FOR THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM DUE TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

3: FALLS CITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY UPDATE:

AJ Fascoli, City of Falls City Manager, went over a presentation providing an update on the Falls City Wastewater Treatment Facility. Mr. Fascoli's presentation went over some background information on their STEP/STEG system, the current sources and uses of project funding, and the estimated project completion date that is set for June 30, 2024. Mr. Fascoli is asking the Board for some additional funding from the ARPA Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00. Mr. Fascoli is also requesting an additional \$136,000.00 in order to purchase the land for the facility. In total, the City of Falls City is requesting \$636,000.00 in ARPA funds from Polk County. Commissioner Pope asked if there was any case study completed to understand what the residents want and what they can afford. Mr. Fascoli stated that a rate study has been completed and gave an overview of what that looked like. Mr. Fascoli stated he will send the study's results to the Board of Commissioners to review. Commissioner Pope asked how much contingency do they have set aside to help with those rate increases. Mr. Fascoli stated that they have at least \$500,000 set aside. Commissioner Pope asked if they felt that would be enough with what we are seeing over the last 2 years, in regards to inflation. Commissioner Mordhorst asked if they have a Utility Reserve Fund set aside. Mr. Fascoli stated that yes they do have a Utility Reserve Fund. Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, asked how many hookups they currently have. Mr. Fascoli stated that they currently have 162 hookups. Hansen asked what the City's capacity to get a loan is. Mr. Fascoli stated that they have the capacity to get a loan up to \$1.1 million if they cannot raise the needed funds. Mr. Hansen asked when they need a decision from the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Fascoli stated they would like an answer within the next month.

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

Commissioner Pope asked for an update on the Buena Vista Project. Matt Hawkins, Admin Services Director, stated that the contractor has not been out at the site. Mr. Hawkins stated that he is currently working with Morgan Smith, County Counsel, to possibly take legal action. Mr. Smith stated that the county will have to work with the bond company to go after to Contractor's bond in order to complete any out of water work that we will have time for. Commissioner Pope stated that he wants to state on the record he is for shutting down working with that contractor because we are running out of time to get work done on Buena Vista. Mr. Hawkins stated that the contractor is not even returning his calls at this point.

Commissioner Mordhorst adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: September 13, 2022

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