

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2022

1. At 9:00 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 and Commissioner Mordhorst was absent.

2. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF October 11, 2022**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE QUORUM.

3: DEPARTMENT UPDATE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS:

Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director, provided a hand out to the Commissioner's and staff that went over details of her Community Services Department. Polk County's Community Service Program is comprised of a combination of out-of-custody community service workers and in-custody inmate workers. Mrs. Merritt's update also went over the County Work Programs and the State/Federal Contracts. Mrs. Merritt discussed measure 112 and stated there is a question if this will impact community service further. The concern is that this could potentially impact the youth that would have to do community service. Mrs. Merritt is unsure how this measure will impact adults on probation. Next Mrs. Merritt shared some stats from her juvenile department that showed total youth supervised, referral & case assignments, and disposition status.

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

Matt Hawkins, Admins Service Director, provided an update on the Oregon Paid Leave that will be starting in 2023. In order to pay for the leave, employees will be taxed 1% of their pay starting January 2023, however the leave cannot be used until September 2023. There is an option to opt out, but the County would need to buy into another program. Mr. Hawkins stated he has a meeting this week with another program to gather details. The Oregon Family Leave Act will also expand who is covered and the guidelines for coverage. Mr. Hawkins stated that the County will need to update our FMLA/OFLA policies as well.

Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.