

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
November 22, 2022

1. At 9:05 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 November 8, 2022**

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3: ORRS CORNER RD/CLOW CORNER RD UPDATE:

Kumar Rethnesamy, ODOT, provided an update to the Board of Commissioners and staff regarding the closure of Orrs Corner Rd & Clow Corner Rd. Mr. Rethnasamy went over a memo addressed to the Board with the purpose to follow up on the concerns that were raised at the BOC meeting on 9/27/2022, as well as, a memo from Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, dated 10/4/2022. Mr. Rethnasamy went over the changes that have been made to these plans after receiving feedback from Polk County, local EMS providers, and local farmers. Commissioner Pope asked for some additional information about Orrs Corner Rd. Commissioner Gordon stated that he appreciates their willingness to take feedback and make these changes and he recommends that ODOT continues reaching out to people on future projects to continue to get their feedback and engagement. Commissioner Mordhorst thanked Kumar for all of his hard work on this and for being willing to take feedback.

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

Mandy Straus came before the Board of Commissioners to follow up with the Commissioners from the August 3rd meeting where she asked questions about the monthly reports on the Sheriff's website. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that he is meeting with the Sheriff this morning and he will ask him about those reports. Mrs. Straus stated that she is also disappointed in the response they received from when her daughter came before the board to speak publically about the Sheriff. Mrs. Straus is upset with the Board's decorum when her daughter's addressed the Board. The Commissioner's took the feedback and apologized for not responding in a more empathetic way.

Commissioner Mordhorst adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.