

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2023

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. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):

None.

3. DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

District Attorney Aaron Felton provided a department update to the Board of Commissioners. DA Felton wanted to talk about an update that took effect on Jan 1, 2023 for restitution legislation, which impacts the way his department is able to prove restitution. DA Felton stated that late last week, there was another update that affects unanimous jury verdicts. They refer to these as the Ramos related rulings, which applies to felony cases that require a unanimous jury guilty verdict for certain cases. DA Felton stated that this will apply retroactively. DA Felton said that we are headed into a new legislative session and that he will have a packet of policies that he can get to the Commissioners if they want to look that over. Commissioner Gordon stated that he was made aware that the data may not even be available for the Ramos related rulings and wanted to talk more about the administrative challenges. DA Felton stated that the data may not be available because not every jury verdict is required to be polled.

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 9:12 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: January 10, 2023