

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES November 2, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Mordhorst declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Gordon and Commissioner Pope were present.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer  
Morgan Smith, County Counsel  
Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Each meeting is held in the Courthouse Conference Room, 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. Each meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and is conducted according to a prepared agenda that lists the principle subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, The Board may consider and take action on subjects that are not listed on the agenda. The Board also holds a department staff meeting at 9:00 a.m. on every Monday in the Commissioners Conference Room at 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon.

The Polk County Courthouse will be lit up green in observance of Operation Green Light from November 7, 2022 through November 13, 2022. Operation Green Light is a national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties (NACo) to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many of the veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

The Tuesday 11/15/2022 & Wednesday 11/16/2022 BOC meetings will be canceled due to the Commissioners and Staff attending the Association of Oregon Counties Conference that week.

**3. COMMENTS**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Greg Hansen recommended that there be an addition to the agenda in regards to Polk County Contract No. 22.177 IGA with Oregon Health Authority as item #7.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES RECOMMENDED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF October 26, 2022**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF October 26, 2022.**

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

**6. RESOLUTION 22-10 / FAIR HOUSING:**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, provided some background information on Resolution 22-10 in the matter of Fair Housing and stated that this is something that the State requires for their grant requirements. Mr. Hansen is recommending that the Board approve and sign Resolution

22-10 and if approved, it will be sent to the Itemizer Observer to publish, per the grant requirements.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE AND SIGN RESOLUTION 22-10.**

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

**7. POLK COUNTY CONTRACT NO.22-177:**

Noelle Carroll, Health Services Director, presented to the Board Contract No. 22-177, IGA 176912 with the Oregon Health Authority and is recommending that Polk County sign Contract No. 22-177, IGA 176912 with the Oregon Health Authority. Ms. Carroll provided some background information and stated that with the passing of Senate Bill (SB) 295, Community Mental Health Programs need to provide Community Restoration (CR) efforts for defendants not needing a hospital level of care due to a courts determination or stepping down from being admitted to the Oregon State Hospital (OSH) after being found unfit to proceed. The goal of this funding is to reduce the number of individuals found unfit to proceed via diversion efforts and reduce admission and length of stay to OSH. This agreement is funding in the amount of \$544,440.00 for the purpose of increasing the capacity for CR services for those found unfit to proceed under 370 Aid and Assist program directly related to RFA#5389. CR services support individuals to remain in the community and out of the state hospital. Funds allow for 10% indirect admin costs. Commissioner Gordon asked about the need for more forensic evaluators. Ms. Carroll stated she would need to look more into that to give an accurate answer. Commissioner Pope asked if this was truly a grant. Ms. Carroll stated that OHA is calling it a grant and it is not set up as a contract yet. Commissioner Pope stated that there is some language in the contract that makes him uncomfortable, specifically about transportation. He asked for some background information on that. Ms. Carroll stated that if there is anything that they can do to remove any barriers that would keep someone from getting the help that they need, that is what this money will be used for. Commissioner Pope asked specifically what they are planning to use this money for. Ms. Carroll stated it would be mainly for a backfill of FTE and to make their department more whole. Commissioner Pope stated again for the record that he is uncomfortable with the language in this contract and is requesting that we have a public conversation about these programs in the future. Commissioner Gordon asked about the responsibilities of Health Services when dealing with people in crisis. Ms. Carroll stated their roles are mainly to act as a liaison for people who are going through the court system. Commissioner Gordon stated that he does not have concerns with this contract, as it is important to be able to assist our community with these needs.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED TO SIGN CONTRACT NO. 22-177 IGA 176912 WITH THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**N/A**

There was no need for an executive session and Commissioner Mordhorst adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Lyle Mordhorst, Chair

  
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Craig Pope, Commissioner

  
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Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner

Minutes: Nicole Pineda  
Approved: November 9, 2022