

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES December 7, 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 was present and Commissioner Pope was absent.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
Morgan Smith, County Counsel, present via Zoom
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.

3. COMMENTS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, stated there was a change to the agenda with the addition of Polk County Contract No 22-195 which is a service contract for Behavioral Health to the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF November 30, 2022

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF November 30, 2022.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

7. PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY RE-AUTHORIZATION:

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, provided his recommendation to the Board as follows:

- To place a Local Option Tax (operating Levy) measure on the ballot for May 16, 2023, general election to re-authorize the 2019 public safety levy in Polk County.
- A local option tax (operating levy) in an amount not to exceed \$0.495/\$1,000 assessed value for the duration of five (5) years.
- As part of the measure, the county would eliminate the final year of the 2019 voter approved public safety operating levy

Mr. Hansen's memorandum provided some background information regarding the public safety levy, as well as, some answers to questions that may be asked, what the alternatives may be, and fiscal impacts. Mr. Hansen stated for the record that the Sheriff is not in attendance because he is currently attending a conference and it is not due to lack of support. DA Aaron Felton is also not in attendance due to a personal reason, and not because of lack of support, and Commissioner Pope had an appointment that he could not miss, but he spoke with Mr. Hansen yesterday and shared his support for the recommendation. Mr. Hansen stated for the record that this is not a final decision, this is the starting point to be able to open up the public hearing and final Board Order. Commissioner Gordon stated that he knows the increase is a lot to ask of people but he understands the need for this and he supports the recommendation. Commissioner Mordhorst would like to schedule a public outreach and that he supports the recommendation.

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


- a) Budget Committee Reappointment of Blair Wasson & Norbert Hartmann
(Nicole Pineda, Executive Assistant to the BOC)
- b) Polk County Contract No. 22-195, Service Contract
(Bekah Quiner, Behavioral Health)

At 9:17 a.m. County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions and ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection. The Executive Session ended at 9:54 a.m

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Lyle Mordhorst, Chair

unavailable to sign
Craig Pope, Commissioner


Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner