

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 21, 2023**

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 present via Zoom.

**2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):**

None.

**3. MINUTES:**       **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF February 7, 2023**

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

**4. AID & ASSIST:**

Kerry Hammerschmith, Health Services Manager II, talked to the Board of Commissioners about the Aid & Assist process and what changes are coming that may have significant impacts. District Attorney Aaron Felton attended as support to Mrs. Hammerschmith and to help answer questions. Mrs. Hammerschmith presented a flow chart that was published in the Statesman Journal last week and she talked about the rapid docket process. Mrs. Hammerschmith stated that they have been collaborating with multiple departments and agencies to make this work. Commissioner Gordon asked how these new timelines have impacted their offices. After DA Felton recognized all of Mrs. Hammerschmith's hard work he then provided some background information on their work with the rapid docket process and what his concerns are. Commissioner Mordhorst asked DA Felton to talk about what options he has when people are released at the end of the 12 months. Da Felton stated it depends on where they are at the end of their process and then provided some examples. Commissioner Pope shared some of his concerns on what was said today and asked some clarifying questions.

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

None.

Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.