

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
February 28, 2023
Courthouse Conference Room

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**Approximate
Time**

AGENDA

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| | 2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda) |
| | 3. APPROVE MINUTES OF February 21, 2023 |
| | 4. SEDCOR UPDATE - Alex Paraskevas & Erik Andersson |
| | 5. NON-LISTED ITEMS (Pursuant to ORS 192.640) |

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' 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 principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners 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, Oregon.

The Homeless Prevention Advisory Council will be meeting on March 8, 2023 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm located in the first floor conference room at 182 SW Academy St, Dallas Oregon, 97338.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

The Board sets aside a time at each regular meeting for comment by the public on subjects not appearing on the Agenda. Individuals may come forward and make any statement they wish, but not to exceed three (3) minutes in length, except as is required to give concise answers to questions from Board members. If the subject will require a lengthier presentation, or merits inclusion as an item on the Agenda of a future meeting, the Board shall schedule it accordingly.

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.

Report to Polk County Commission

Feb. 28, 2023

- SEDCOR has begun working with the Oregon Entrepreneurs Network (OEN) to host the **Oregon Angel Food** conference in our region at the new Chemeketa Ag Complex. Historically this event has been held in Portland – the move to the Mid-Willamette Valley will allow food entrepreneurs from this region to not only get exposure to the accelerator programming that OEN offers but also to be able to have booth space at the event for various buyers in the region. Food entrepreneurs like Dreamies Ice Cream will be ideal candidates for participation in the event.
- The Small Business Administration has awarded SEDCOR and AgLaunch Engine LLC (a subsidiary of AgLaunch Initiative, our partner in Memphis, Tenn.) a five year, \$1.6M contract for the development of a **Regional Innovation Cluster (RIC)** in the Willamette Valley and Oregon around agriculture and technology. This award builds on the momentum of the Northwest Ag Innovation Hub 2-year grant funded by the Economic Development Administration. The activities, goals, and priorities are still being worked out with AgLaunch, but functionally this contract provides for staffing capacity to continue the work around startups in agriculture and food products.
- SEDCOR staff continue to participate in the planning and execution of the **Youth Career Conference** hosted by Polk County Family and Community Outreach. The conference is scheduled for March 22 and will take place at the Western Oregon University campus. All juniors from Polk County schools (namely Dallas High School, Central High School, Falls City, and Perrydale) will sign up for two different career tracks and hear from speakers in those fields. Speakers will come predominantly from the private sector including employers in and around Dallas.
- SEDCOR continues to participate in **CTE** discussions with **Dallas High School** as part of the advisory committee, as well as the Business/Industry/Education conversations hosted by Community Services Consortium for Polk County.
- SEDCOR staff met with **Dallas Community School** principal Jamie Richardson as a follow up to the STEAM Machine activities from Jamie’s time as principal of LaCreole Middle School. With Dallas Community School currently starting high school programming with a STEAM focus, the school is looking for business and industry connections for speakers, tours, and possibly small, work-based projects.
- SEDCOR staff were the guest speaker at the **Dallas Rotary** for a presentation on November 22. The presentation consisted of an overview of SEDCOR and its activities, current regional projects of interest, and a quick dive into current initiatives around childcare, CTE education, and the recent Small Business Administration contract for a Regional Innovation Cluster.
- SEDCOR has developed a regional stakeholder group for **Oregon State University’s Food and Beverage Industry Sustainability Center for Innovation Excellence**. The Mid-Valley has been chosen as a pilot region to help inform the center’s strategic plan.

- The **Willamette Valley Visitors Association (WVVA)** and **OSU Extension** have developed and funded a proposal to hire an economist to demonstrate the value of agritourism activities for farms and the region. This project will be looking at the economic impact agricultural tourism has on the Willamette Valley area by examining the number of and spending of local customers, tourists and agritourism operations. SEDCOR will be on the advisory committee for this group.
- Work continues on the **Mid-Willamette Regional Innovation Hub** strategic planning process. A core group of partners has been meeting with ECONorthwest, the contractor hired by SEDCOR with grant funding from Business Oregon, and secondary research has begun.
- SEDCOR staff have participated in interviews with representatives from the University of Oregon's Institute for Policy Research and Engagement, consultants working with the Council of Governments on the update of the region's **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**. This document plays an important role in opening the door for future federal funding for business development and infrastructure projects in the region.