

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
April 18, 2023
Courthouse Conference Room

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MEETING VIRTUALLY.

**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 April 11, 2023 |
| | 4. BROADBAND UPDATE – Dean Anderson |
| | 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.

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
April 11, 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 Mordhorst was present and Commissioner Pope was absent

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

None.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF March 28, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

**4. INITIATION OF A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE POLK COUNTY
ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 136:**

Eric Knudson, Community Development Associate Planner, presented a memorandum to the Board recommending them to direct staff to initiate a Legislative Amendment process to evaluate updates to the text of a Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) Chapter 136 in order to bring the chapter into compliance with inconsistencies found in State Law. Mr. Knudson provided some background information and provided a summary of changes to ORS 215.283 that the county is required to adopt as party of the PCZO Chapter 136.

**COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO INITIATE A
LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED TO APPROVE
THE MOTION**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

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

Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Minutes: Kayla Welsler
Approved: April 18, 2023

Subject: Broadband Project Status

To: BOC 4/17/2023

From: Dean Anderson

Funded Broadband Projects

1. Falls City Study (MINET)
Completed a few months back (no change)
2. Clow Corner/Rickreal Fiber (MINET)
Project is wrapping up. All mainline fiber is complete, including lines to the Fairgrounds and MINET is proceeding with house/facility installations (15 completed so far).
3. South Dallas Fiber (MINET)
Starting construction of Phase 1 with fiber being installed from Dallas to Falls City along King Valley Hwy. Part of the main project cabinet (which will be installed near Bridlewood) is backordered. MINET has a plan if the cabinet is needed before parts are delivered.
4. Alyrica Fixed Wireless (North Dallas)
Two poles are complete and providing service. Completion of the second James Howe pole will be delayed due to weather. Remaining two poles are 90% complete. They are installed and waiting on power. Alyrica has added over 50 customers to the project area to date. Download speeds are 100-400Mbps download / 25-100Mbps upload)

Related Projects

PAGCASA: Independent speed test pilot for Falls City and rural West Salem. Verified that speeds in Falls City meet/exceed federal broadband requirements and exceed most rural Polk County speeds. Also verified that speeds in rural West Salem are challenged. Results were similar to our survey results and FCC maps as reported by IPS's.

FCC: There are two ways to impact federal FCC broadband mapping. The first is to challenge locations and the second is to challenge level of service. The FCC has accepted my recent location challenge. ComQuest (FCC Contractor) is reviewing and processing our submittal of an additional 600+ broadband locations. As part of our PAGCASA projects one service challenge was submitted. Given constraints and costs we elected not to participate in any additional service challenges.

Legislation: Legislation continues.

Broadband Office and Funding: Construction funding is dependent on Legislation. Planning funding was recently expanded by several million. This funding will support Broadband Technical Assistance Program (BTAP) grants. The office continues to work on rule review for the grant process. My intention is to submit a grant to assist us in identifying priority areas, engage ISP's so we can support their future funding requests.

Faster Internet: The Faster Internet Oregon (FIO) initiative is a grassroots effort initially conceived by the Broadband Action Team (BAT) Leadership Coalition, including several Oregon Economic Development Districts (EDDs), to address community planners' limited insight into their residents' actual home Internet experiences. They would like Polk County to send a letter of support for their funding request to the Broadband Office. They have sent an executive summary to me which I have shared with Craig. Given my role, I feel uncomfortable supporting their recent request without seeing more information, like an actual budget with related outcomes/deliverables.

Public Notifications: I will be supporting Nicole and BOC on updating the public on our project.