

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
April 18, 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 and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

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

None.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF April 11, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. BROADBAND UPDATE:

Dean Anderson, provided an update to the Board of Commissioners on the current projects happening for expanding and improving broadband in Rural Polk County. Mr. Anderson's update went over funded broadband projects, such as, the Falls City Study, Clow Corner Road/Rickreall, South Dallas Fiber, and Alyrica Fixed Wireless. Mr. Anderson also provided some updates and information on PAgCASA (an independent speed test pilot for Falls City and rural West Salem), FCC broadband mapping, legislation, broadband office & funding, and Faster Internet Oregon (FIO). Commissioner Pope asked if there is an appeal process to the FCC process. Mr. Anderson stated there is an appeal process but that he has to wait and then he explained the reasoning. Mr. Anderson stated that FIO is requesting a support letter from Polk County, however, due to lack of information, he stated that he not comfortable with the request. Commissioner Pope agrees with Mr. Anderson and does not support that request. The Commissioners wanted to recognize Dean Anderson for all of his hard work, his talents, and his dedication to this project. Commissioner Pope stated that Polk County wouldn't be where they are at with the Broadband project without Mr. Anderson. Commissioner Pope also wanted to recognize Morgan Smith, County Counsel, and Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, for their involvement and hard work.

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

Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, wanted to provide an update to the Board for bids they received for road striping. Mr. Whitaker stated they are also changing the type of paint they will be using due to costs and will be using water-based paint. Mr. Whitaker stated that they have received two bids for the job and provided some details for each bid. Mr. Whitaker stated that they will be sending out a notice of intent to award next. The Commissioners asked some questions about the work that will be done and Mr. Whitaker answered their questions.

Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.