

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES July 26, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Gordon declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Pope were present.

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

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.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners will be attending a lunch and learn meeting with the Polk County District Attorney's office on August 1, 2023, located at 820 SE Church St Ste 100, Dallas Oregon.

3. COMMENTS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF July 19, 2023

MOTION: COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF July 19, 2023.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

7. POLK COUNTY CLERK APPOINTMENT & ORDER NO. 23-10

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented to the Board Order No. 23-10 and a Memorandum that is recommending that the Board approve and sign Order No. 23-10 in the matter of appointing Kim Williams as the new County Clerk for Polk County, effective October 1, 2023. Mr. Hansen reminded the Board and staff that Mrs. Williams came before the Board on July 25, 2023 to introduce herself to the public and answer any questions that the Board may have.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE AND SIGN ORDER NO. 23-10.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

8. OR:18 – FORTHILL ROAD TO AR FORD ROAD

Brennan Burbank, ODOT, went over a presentation for the OR 18 Forthill Road to AR Ford Road Project. The presentation went over background information, the concept development and selection of preferred concept, public outreach and community engagement and what the next steps will be for this project. The presentation showed that the purpose of this project is to enhance safety, reduce congestions, and improve mobility. Commissioner Mordhorst talked about the background of Grand Ronde Road and wanted to emphasize how important it is to get the heavy truck traffic on a safer route and to use the interchange instead of Grand Ronde Road. Commissioner Gordon asked what changes have been made to make that happen. Mr. Burbank answered his question. Commissioner Pope asked how many more bridges are in this plan and Mr. Burbank stated he doesn't have the exact number but it is in the range of 3-4 new bridges that will be owned and operated by ODOT. Commissioner Gordon stated that he appreciates that ODOT is committed to gathering the funds for this project and asked how is this being memorialized. Mr. Burbank answered his question.

9. HWY 22 & HWY 51 INTERCHANGE

Kumar Rethnasamy, ODOT Project Manager and Ed Chamberland, David Evans Project Manager, presented a power point to the Board of Commissioners and staff that went over the OR 22: Rickreall Road to Doaks Ferry Road NW Project. Their presentation provided background information on this project, where they are now in the project timeline and the current design options for interchange options and access road options. Mr. Rethnasamy went over the open house event that was held on July 12, 2023 and shared the feedback that was received from the public. Commissioner Pope asked how much money is left in the key account for this project. Mr. Rethnasamy stated there is about \$5 million. Commissioner Mordhorst asked Mr. Rethnasamy to go back to the interloop options and wanted to share his concerns he has with the options presented and which options he felt would be best for the community. Commissioner Gordon asked if anyone from the public had any questions for Mr. Rethnasamy and several members of the public shared their input and their support for the project.

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


- (a) Polk County Contract No. 23-154, Oregon Youth Authority
(Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director)
- (b) Polk County Contract No. 23-155, Oregon Youth Authority
(Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director)
- (c) Polk County Contract No. 23-156, Oregon Health Authority
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- (d) Polk County Contract No. 23-157, Oregon Health Authority
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- (e) New Job Specification and Wage, School Based Mental Health
Supervisor
(Matt Hawkins, Admin Services Director)


- (f) Polk County Resolution No. 23-10, in the matter of declaring the necessity of acquiring property for the Black Rock Road Improvement Project
(Morgan Smith, County Counsel)

There no need for an executive session and Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jeremy Gordon, Chair

Craig Pope, Commissioner

Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: August 2, 2023