

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
July 25, 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 and limited to 3 minutes) |
| | 3. APPROVE MINUTES OF July 18, 2023 |
| | 4. POLK COUNTY CLERK APPOINTMENT – Kim Williams |
| | 5. POLK COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE – Sheriff Mark Garton |
| | 6.. 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 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.

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
July 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 July 11, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. POLK COUNTY SIM REPORT AND INTERCEPT MAP

Jennifer Lief, Health Services Division Manager, and Deputy LaCombe, Polk County Sheriff's Office, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Sequential Intercept Map for Polk County. The map shows the six different stages of interception from Intercept 0 to Intercept 6. Mrs. Lief also provided a handout that provided information on the Rural Polk County Micro Shelters, Youth Shelter, Family Shelter, Gales Lodge and what was offered from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The handout also went over what on-site services are offered. Commissioner Gordon asked if any other local agencies are utilizing the CIT trainings. Deputy LaCombe answered his question. Commissioner Mordhorst asked for some more details on the CIT training that is happening in the Polk County Jail. Mrs. Lief answered his question. Commissioner Pope thanked them for all of their hard work and asked how are we supposed to read the Intercept Map. Deputy LaCombe went over how to read the map. Commissioner Pope stated what his concerns were with the Intercept Map and if they have identified a gap for a treatment protocol. Deputy LaCombe answered his question. Mrs. Lief provided a response to Commissioner Pope's question as well. Brent DeMoe, FCO Director, also provided a response to Commissioner Pope's questions. Commissioner Gordon stated it is important that the public knows that there are details and services available that are not laid out in the Intercept Map. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that he has sat through a lot of their meetings and that he just wants to commend all their hard work and efforts. Commissioner Gordon thanked them for their incredible work.

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 9:55 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS UPDATE

June 1st thru July 20, 2023



POLK COUNTY QUICK FACTS

- 740 Sq. Mile County
- 14th Largest County in Oregon
- Population: 77,264 (2010 Census)
- 2022 population estimate – 89,614
- Total households: 31,472
- Median income \$70,238

SHERIFF MARK GARTON

POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VISION STATEMENT

“The Polk County Sheriff’s Office provides sustainable quality programs and services that focus on the safety and security of our schools, homes, businesses and highways which contribute to the quality of life for every segment of our community.”



The Polk County Sheriff’s Office is made up of two main divisions, [Patrol](#) and [Corrections \(jail\)](#). Within corrections, deputies are assigned to day to day jail operations, transports and court security positions. In the patrol division there are several different areas of focus. Those include, regular patrol, general and drug detectives, animal control, Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT), support services, search and rescue. The Sheriff’s Office partially operates on a public safety levy passed by the voters in May of 2015, May of 2019 and May 2023. Below you will see several short informational data points from our overall operations since June 1st 2023.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

During this review period the Sheriff’s Office has continued to engage with the community in different ways. We participated in Touch a Truck in Independence, where children can interact with abnormal vehicles (dump trucks, boats, semi’s etc) that they may not normally come in contact with.

We are also in the middle of Paws for a Cause, which is our annual pet drive. During this event we collect pet food and other items used to care for pets. The donated items are donated to local animal shelters and the Marion Polk Food Share. This event is in memory of Sgt. Randy Whittaker.

The Safe Exchange zones are currently up and operational. These zones are located in the parking lots of the Sheriff’s Office, Monmouth PD and Independence PD. These zones are dedicated parking spots for citizens who are wanting to exchange goods and services in a safer, public environment. These spots have video surveillance recording on them 24/7.

We are preparing for National Night Out, which this year is on August 1st. National night out is a nationwide event where law enforcement goes into the communities for neighborhood block type parties. This event allows law enforcement to interact with the community in a fun and rewarding way.

CORRECTIONS DIVISION

The Polk County Jail is a 195-bed facility that was built with voter approval in 1999. The Corrections Division (Jail) is staffed with two civilian corrections technicians, one inmate program specialist, 24 corrections deputies, 4 sergeants and 1 Lieutenant (Jail Commander) who all work together to provide safety and security to the facility and inmates while still holding them accountable.



Jail Stats June 1 st thru July 20 th			
Total No. Bookings	304	Average Daily Pop/Ave Length of stay	114/20
Polk Co. Jail Related Bookings	75	Total Booking Gender Male / Female	235/69
Patrol Functions Bookings	53	Ave Daily Population Male /Female	90/24
Dallas Police Department	46	Independence Police Department	16
Monmouth Police Department	36	Salem Police Department	32
Grand Ronde Police Department	8	Oregon State Police	5
USM/BC	27	People booked only 1 time	257
People booked 2 times	40	People booked 3 or more times	7

The jail commander oversees jail operations. Medical functions are carried out by Polk County Public Health staff, to include RN and LPN positions. In addition to Public Health providers, the jail also contracts with a Nurse Practitioner to provide ongoing medical and prescription services to inmates.

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is staffed by deputy sheriffs, detectives, sergeants, animal control officer, community service deputy and civilian records staff who are all overseen by the patrol commander. Civilian records staff process court orders and other civil process, dog licenses, concealed handgun licenses and manage the office wide report management system that deputy’s use to document investigations. Patrols cover the entire 741 square mile county while being responsible for calls for service outside the city limits (excluding Falls City), which hosts just over nearly 20,000 residents while the entire county has nearly 87,000 residents.

The patrol division is also responsible for the service of civil papers, including restraining orders, divorce papers, small claims and other court documents along with subpoenas. The Sheriff’s Office has the statutory requirement to service these papers throughout the entire county, not just in the rural areas.

There are many other facets of the patrol division, including managing nearly 100 volunteers across multiple programs, including search and rescue, posse, reserve deputy program, Sheriff’s Auxiliary and Law Enforcement Team (SALT) and the Sheriff’s Advisory Team (SAT).



Patrol Stats* June 1 st thru June 20 th			
On view/Probable Cause Arrests	55	Calls include assault 4, coercion, DUII, felon in possession of a weapon, reckless driving, theft, ID Theft and similar type crimes	
Warrant arrests	21	Cite and Release Warrants (as specified on the warrant)	3
Traffic Grant (May 1 st thru May 30)	40 hours/ 76 stops	Traffic Citations issued	170
Crashes	60	CHL's Issued	321
		Civil papers (processed)	255

*The ability to run some statistics is non existent at the moment due to a technical issue with the City of Salem who controls our CAD reports. They anticipate by the end of August to have everything restored.

CRASHES and CITATIONS

The Oregon State Police has stepped up in the past month and have handled a lot of the traffic crashes on state highways. Deputies respond to all crashes and once on scene the contact OSP to see if they are available to handle the crash. During this reporting period there have been 60 crashes that our deputies have responded to. 38 of those crashes occurred on state highways where we have requested OSP to handle. There was one crash in the safety corridor between on Highway 22.

During this period, we issued 170 citations. Looking at a sampling of the citations they are mainly for speeding, anywhere from 71 to 101 mph. Most traffic citations are in the 79-89 mph range.

The Sheriff's Office is going to continue focusing our efforts on traffic enforcement. We will need to look at having a dedicated traffic deputy working to combat these high rates of speed and overall traffic safety. We are currently exploring options on how we can transition someone into that role on a regular basis, but the office is limited by staffing levels as we have multiple deputies currently in field training or at the Police academy.

STAFFING

We have put together a small team of deputies who work on recruiting. Part of those extra duties includes attending job fairs to look for potential applicants. They have attended two different job fairs in the past 4 months. In terms of current openings, we currently have one deputy sheriff position open on patrol. For corrections, we are currently recruiting for two deputy sheriff positions.

On patrol, we currently have two deputies attending the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) in Salem. We also have three deputies in field training with none in training in corrections.

CASE HIGHLIGHTS

On June 18th, 2023 at about 4 pm, a deputy was working traffic on highway 22 near the overpass. Deputy Powell was using a LIDAR device to detect speeders in that area. Deputy Powell located a vehicle going 74 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone. Upon stopping the vehicle, Deputy Powell determined that the driver was impaired and then arrested him for DUII. Upon a search of the vehicle, hundreds of fentanyl pills, meth and ecstasy. Deputies also recovered a shotgun in the possession of the driver, who was also a felon. This all started from a basic traffic violation.





The second case highlight involves another basic traffic stop for failing to use a turn signal correctly. A deputy on patrol in the city limits of Dallas observed a vehicle make a turn without using its turn signal as required by law. Immediately the driver took off and attempted to elude the deputy. The pursuit ended in Falls City at a residence. Upon arresting the driver near his vehicle, the driver ingested about 20 fentanyl pills in an attempt to avoid jail. Deputies stood by with Naloxone and called for medics. Also found in his car were additional fentanyl pills, brass knuckles, a “security officer badge” and handcuffs. The driver is a felon who is legally prohibited from carrying brass knuckles.