

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 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 18, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. POLK COUNTY CLERK APPOINTMENT

Kim Williams, Polk County Chief Recording Clerk, came down to the meeting to have a meet and greet with the Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Williams provided some background information and stated she was happy to answer any questions that the Board may have for her. Commissioner Pope asked her some more questions about her experience while working in the Clerk's Office. Mrs. Williams answered his questions. Commissioner Pope stated his reasons for supporting her for this role. Commissioner Mordhorst fully supports Mrs. Williams in stepping into this role. Mr. Hansen, Administrative Officer, reminded the Commissioners of his memorandum and Order No. 23-10 will be on the agenda tomorrow to appoint Mrs. Williams as the Polk County Clerk effective October 1, 2023. Commissioner Gordon stated that he supports Mrs. Williams appointment as well.

5. POLK COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE

Sheriff Mark Garton provided an update to the Board of Commissioners for the Polk County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Garton presented a handout for the Board and staff that highlighted their Vision Statement, public engagement, stats from the jail and the patrol division, as well as some information on crashes and citations, their staffing levels, and case highlights. The Commissioners asked questions about the data that was presented and Sheriff Garton answered their questions. Commissioner Pope asked if the Sheriff's Office was still seeing a lot of illegal Marijuana grow sites. Sheriff Garton stated that they are not actively investigating those cases right now due to staffing and having an ongoing homicide investigation right now.

6. 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 9:40 a.m.