

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 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):

Commissioner Pope wanted to address the Commissioners about County Trust Forest Lands. Commissioner Pope stated that he received a phone call from the governor's office about the county potentially taking back its trust lands. Commissioner Pope provided some background information on the forest lands and the dollar amount we get a year on average. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Gordon both support him in pursuing this matter.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF September 12, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. APPEAL FOR PLANNING FILE LUD 23-34

Hannah Brickner, Community Development Associate Planner, presented a memorandum to the Board in regards to an appeal for planning file LUD 23-34. Community Development Staff is recommending that the Board of Commissioners set this matter for a hearing before the Polk County Hearings Officer, which pursuant to PCZO 111.280, would constitute the final local decision that would then be ratified by the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Brickner's memorandum also provided the issue and background information.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED BY CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD.

5. APPEAL FOR PLANNING FILE VAR 23-06

Hannah Brickner, Community Development Associate Planner, presented a memorandum to the Board in regards to an appeal for planning file VAR 23-06. Community Development Staff is recommending that the Board of Commissioners set this matter for a hearing before the Polk County Hearings Officer, which pursuant to PCZO 111.280, would constitute the final local decision that would then be ratified by the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Brickner's memorandum also provided the issue and background information.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED BY CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD.

6. INITIATION OF A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE TEXT OF PCZO CHAPTER 177

Michael Burns, Community Development Associate Planner, provided a memorandum to the Board that went over staff's recommendation for the initiation of a Legislative Amendment to amend the text of the Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) Chapter 177. Mr. Burns provided background information and stated that staff is looking for direction from the Board to initiate this process.

**COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO DIRECT STAFF TO INITIATE A LEGISLATIVE
AMENDMENT TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE PCZO CHAPTER 177.**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

7. 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 9:09 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: September 26, 2023