

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 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 was present and Commissioner Mordhorst was present via Zoom.

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

Anne Scheck stated that she wanted to give a shoutout to Valerie Patoine, Polk County Assessor, for working with her and a member of the community recently. Mrs. Scheck also stated that she has an idea to do some type of business cards with a list of local resources to hand out to members of the homeless community and just wanted to share her idea with the Commissioners.

Jodi Russell read a prepared statement to the Board that was in support of our community helping the homeless community.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF October 17, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. 5 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN ON RURAL HOMELESSNESS

Brent DeMoe, FCO Director, Ryan Pollard, FCO Homeless Prevention and Outreach Coordinator & Marianne Bradshaw, Consultant for Partners Aligned Toward Housing Solutions (PATHS), presented to the Board the Rural Polk County 5-Year Strategic Plan to prevent and address homelessness. Ms. Bradshaw provided an overview of what this plan is about. Mr. Pollard provided some statistics and data that are shared in this 5-year strategic plan. Mr. DeMoe talked about where the funding come from in order to provide these services to our community. Mr. Pollard shared some examples of families that have been helped using the housing that is available in Polk County. Next, Mr. Pollard talked about the rapid housing program and how they have been able to see success in that program. Commissioner Pope asked them to clarify for the record, what affordable housing means. Ms. Bradshaw answered his question and Commissioner Gordon provided input as well. Commissioner Pope asked for some more details about the use of grant funds over the next 5 years and Mr. DeMoe answered his question. Commissioner Gordon asked if their team planned to do another connect event to engage with the community. Mr. DeMoe answered his question. Commissioner Gordon wanted to recognize their team for their hard work and for putting this together.

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 9:40 a.m.