

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
November 21, 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):

Commissioner Gordon made an announcement that Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA) received \$5 million from the Bezos Foundation recently to continue their amazing work in our community.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER POPE MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF November 7, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. POLK COUNTY FAIR UPDATE

Tina Andersen, Polk County Fair Manager and Tim Ray provided the Board and staff with an update on the 2023 Polk County Fair. Mr. Ray went over the update which highlighted the following topics: fair admission revenues, fair staffing levels, the youth livestock auction, sponsorship, premiums, vendor booths, open class exhibits, 4H and FFA exhibits, fundraisers, fair events, and a Fair Board recap. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that the location of the food court this year was a great choice and the layout of the fair in general had a great flow and he wanted to tell them great job. Commissioner Pope asked a clarifying question about the fundraisers that were held and the amount that was listed in the update and stated that he would like to see the total value in future updates. Commissioner Gordon asked for their thoughts on the grounds being used for Emergency Management and if they would support legislation to utilize the fairgrounds for those reasons. Ms. Andersen answered his question. Mr. Ray & Ms. Anderson also shared some year-round information on the fair and some future goals/plans for the fairgrounds. Commissioner Pope shared some information about a presentation that happened last week at the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) conference that could impact the Polk County Fairgrounds as well as other fairgrounds in the state. Commissioner Pope stated that the reason he was bringing this topic up is so that the public can have a better understanding of the challenges that they face.

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 9:37 a.m.