

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
December 19, 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 December 12, 2023 |
| | 4. POLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE – Aaron Felton |
| | 5. 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 Grand Ronde Sanitary District Board is meeting on December 20, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR, 97338.

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
December 12, 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 GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF December 5, 2023**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. POLK COUNTY EQUITY ACTION PLAN

Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director, introduced Dave Guile, Sounds of Silence, Inc, who is here today to go over the Polk County Equity Action Plan with the Board. Mr. Guile's presentation went over the goals for the Polk County Community Corrections Justice Reinvestment Capacity Building Grant, some key client demographics and input demographics. Mr. Guile also went over some key findings which talked about barriers, resources, programs, services and Safety, client perceptions of community corrections, perceptions of disparities in the justice system in Polk County, and additional perceived program improvements needed. Commissioner Pope asked some clarifying questions about some of the bullet points and Mr. Guile answered his question. Commissioner Gordon asked some clarifying questions on the drug and alcohol bullet point and Mr. Guile answered his question. The Commissioners asked question about the community questions challenges and Mr. Guile answered their questions. Finally, Mr. Guile went over the action plan elements and stated that they have come up with 8 action steps. Commissioner Gordon stated that he appreciates the work that Mr. Guile has put into this and feels like this is an important project to keep moving forward on. Commissioner Mordhorst asked what does the funding from the State look like and Mrs. Merritt answered his question.

5. NON-LISTED ITEMS - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

None.

At 9:48 a.m. County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed until 10:30 a.m. and then convene an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

The executive session ended at 11:19 a.m. and Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting.