

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 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):**

None.

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

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

**4. POLK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE:**

Aaron Felton, Polk County District Attorney, provided an update to the Board for his department. DA Felton thanked the Commissioners for having him here today and allowing him to address the Board and the public. DA Felton wanted to highlight some things that his office has currently been working on and he talked about the amount of active working cases his attorneys are working on. He also provided an update to his current staffing levels and stated that filings are up. DA Felton talked about Measure 110 and how that is a heavily discussed topic right now. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that he was very impressed with how his office participated with the Community Corrections Department during the DA Lunch and Learn Meetings and asked what kind of feedback he received from his employees about those meetings. DA Felton stated that Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director, deserves the recognition for organizing those meetings and for her participation. Commissioner Mordhorst asked some clarifying questions about the information that DA Felton shared today and DA Felton responded. Commissioner Pope stated that he is always happy to give him and his team kudos for not being a controversial District Attorney. Commissioner Pope wanted DA Felton to give his input on the statement that there is a lack of District Attorneys all over. DA Felton answered his question. Commissioner Pope wanted his input on the number of crimes that have been happening with youth defendants and what his office has currently seeing. DA Felton answered his question. Commissioner Gordon thanked the DA for his hard work and partnership.

**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.