

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
January 23, 2024
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 January 16, 2024 |
| | 4. POLK COUNTY CLERK UPDATE – Kim Williams |
| | 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 Polk County Board of Commissioners will be attending the Polk County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting on February 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., located at 850 Main St., 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
January 16, 2024

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Mordhorst 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 Gordon was present and Commissioner Pope was present via Zoom.

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

None.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF January 9, 2024**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. POLK COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE

Mark Garton, Polk County Sheriff, provided an update to the Board and staff. Sheriff Garton's update went over data for the Polk County Jail during 2023 which showed the number of bookings, number of inmate days, average length of stay and average daily population for both males and females. Next, he shared a report that went over data for various crimes from 2019-2023 and then he went over their current staffing levels for both the jail and patrol. Sheriff Garton talked about a contract that is on tomorrow's consent calendar for his department with the City of Salem and he explained what this contract was for. Sheriff Garton talked about Shop with a Sheriff that happened December 2023 and shared some highlights from that event. Commissioner Gordon stated that he appreciates how the Sheriff showed that stats that were shared and asked if there were any outliers in the information that was shared. Sheriff Garton stated that eludes is something that stands out and talked about their process with pursuing a suspect. Commissioner Pope asked the Sheriff if he has a report that he can share with youth crimes and the Sheriff stated he does have that information he can share with the Commissioners. Commissioner Pope asked if he had any information that he could share today and the Sheriff stated that there were 24 arrests but that is all he can share right now but will include that information in his next presentation. Sheriff Garton talked more about theft and reckless driving that was shared on his report. Commissioner Mordhorst wanted to talk more about the 194 people who were booked 5 times or more and what they are trying to do to solve that problem. Sheriff Garton answered his question. Commissioner Pope asked a follow up question regarding patrol and asked the Sheriff if he gets any kind of reporting from the Oregon State Police that would give him hope that OSP is getting more involved on the Highways. Sheriff Garton answered his question. Commissioner Mordhorst thanked the Sheriff for his time and for all his and his department's hard work.

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

Commissioner Mordhorst wanted to talk about operation at the County Courthouse and to potentially close early. Matt Hawkins, Admin Services Director, shared some information that there are departments that are planning to close down anyways because employees want to get home before the ice rain comes. Commissioner Pope stated that he thinks the Commissioners should stay out of this and leave it up to each department. Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, stated that no one is required to be here and if they choose to leave, they can use their PTO to back fill that time. Mr. Hansen talked more about what the options are and what he recommends. Commissioner Gordon asked about newer employees and if they are able to use PTO if the county closes down early and Mr. Hawkins answered his question. Commissioner Gordon suggests that the County closes early today. Commissioner Pope disagrees. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that we will pay for employees to be here or we will pay them to stay home and be safe and he supports closing the County down early today. Commissioner Mordhorst also wants to recognize our Public Works Department for all of their hard work this past weekend.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED TO CLOSE THE COUNTY AT 1:00 PM ON 1/16/2024.

COMMISSIONER POPE OPPOSED.

MOTION PASSED BY VOTE OF THE QUORUM.

Commissioner Mordhorst adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda

Approved: January 23, 2024