

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2024

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope 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 and Commissioner Mordhorst were present.

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

None.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF February 20, 2024**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS UPDATE:

Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director, provided a department update to the Board. Mrs. Merritt's began her update with the juvenile department where she discussed the current staffing levels and stated that their numbers are finally at pre-pandemic levels. Next, Mrs. Merritt talked about Corrections for adults and she also shared some data and talked about their staffing levels. Mrs. Merritt also highlighted a funding opportunity they are hoping to receive in this current legislative session. Commissioner Mordhorst asked Mrs. Merritt to clarify what the three main acronyms she used are and Mrs. Merritt answered his question. Mrs. Merritt also shared some challenges that they are running into with the changes that are being made to the contact standards. Commissioner Mordhorst asked if the Judges or DAs are able to provide input on this current legislative session and Mrs. Merritt stated that she believes that they will be able to provide public comment but she cannot answer that question further. Commissioner Gordon wanted to recognize Mrs. Merritt for all of her hard and incredible work. Mrs. Merritt spoke about HB4002 in regards to the Measure 110 reform and discussed what they are doing in order to prepare for these possible changes. Commissioner Mordhorst thanked Mrs. Merritt for going above and beyond in her role. Commissioner Pope weighed in on the current short session and stated that he doesn't feel that HB4002 is appropriate for a short session.

5. MORRIS ROAD VACATION PUBLIC HEARING DATE SETTING:

Morgan Smith, County Counsel, stated that the Board needs to set a date on the record for a public hearing to discuss the remaining road vacation for Morris Road. Mr. Smith provided some background information on what this is regarding and what the process will look like from Public Works once a date is set. Mr. Smith recommends having the public hearing on April 3, 2024.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD

6. NON-LISTED ITEMS - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)
None.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: March 5, 2024