

**TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA**  
**March 5, 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 February 27, 2024                             |
|           | 4. FACT UPDATE – Alba Garcia & Jim Rydzewski                        |
|           | 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 Extension Service District will be meeting at 9:30 am on March 6, 2024. The meeting will be in the main conference room located on the first floor of 850 Main St Dallas OR 97338.

The Homeless Prevention Advisory Council (AKA P.A.T.H.S) will be meeting on March 13, 2024 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm located at 1407 Monmouth Independence Hwy, Monmouth OR 97361.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners will be speaking at the State of the County meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024 from 5:30PM to 6:30PM, located in the main conference room of the Polk County Courthouse at 850 Main St Dallas, Oregon 97338.

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**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**  
**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

# FACT

## FORENSIC ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT

Polk County Behavioral Health  
Polk County Community Corrections

# Agenda

- ❑ What is FACT?
  - ❑ Eligibility
  - ❑ FACT in Polk County
    - ❑ Team Make-Up
    - ❑ Community Corrections Partnership
    - ❑ Services Provided
    - ❑ Current Statistics
    - ❑ Participant Successes
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# What Is FACT?

Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) is an evidenced based intervention method intended for individuals with serious mental illness (SMI) who are involved with the criminal justice system.

FACT addresses criminogenic risks and complex needs, which are factors in an individual's life directly related to re-offending. In this sense, FACT is an intervention that bridges behavioral health and criminal justice systems.

The goals of FACT are to:

- Improve the individuals mental health outcomes and daily functioning;
- Reduce recidivism by addressing criminogenic Risks and needs;
- Divert individuals in need of treatment away from the criminal justice system;
- Manage costs by reducing reoccurring arrest, incarceration, and hospitalization; and increase public safety.

# Who is Eligible?

Criteria for eligibility to FACT services includes criteria such as:

- Severe Mental Illness
- Significant Functional Impairments
- Indicators of continuous high service needs
- Medium to high criminogenic risk and needs.
- Current or recent involvement with the criminal justice system, including a history of failure to comply with criminal justice system supervision.

# Team Make-Up

FACT provides services that are client-focused, community-based, time-unlimited, and delivered by a multidisciplinary team.

- Mental Health Counselor
- Case Manager
- SUD Counselor
- Peer Support
- Supported Employment
- Probation Officer
- Prescriber
- Nurse



# Community Corrections Partnership

- Specialized CIT trained PO
  - Provide program referrals
  - Participation in Collaborative Staffing meetings
  - Collaborative Case Planning by criminogenic needs
  - Prioritizes livability issues/concerns and mental health
  - Client engagement and rapport
  - Supervision strategy balances needs of the participant and public safety
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# Services Provided

- Mental Health and SUD Therapeutic Interventions including skill development that address criminogenic risk and needs.
- Coordination with criminal justice entities
- 24/7 Support via ACT Phone to help manage symptoms and other needs
- Advocacy and assistance navigating the criminal justice system
- Application assistance with enrollment in social entitlements or benefits.
- Medication education and management
- Support with navigating resources and systems to secure and/or maintain supportive housing
- Skill development in activities of daily living
- Supported Employment Services
- Opportunities to participate in pro-social activities and interpersonal skill development

# Recent Statistics

Snapshot of Data for last fiscal year: July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023	Quarter 3 (2022)	Quarter 4 (2022)	Quarter 1 (2023)	Quarter 2 (2023)
<b>Active FACT Clients</b>	17	19	20	20
<b>Arrests *</b> *Indicates number of individuals arrested during this quarter	4	8	6	8
<b>Transient/Homeless*</b> *Indicates number of individuals experiencing homelessness for greater than 30 days during this quarter	6	8	7	6
<b>Psych ER Visits</b> *Indicates number of individuals that accessed the ER visits for psychiatric concerns during this quarter	3	3	4	5
<b>Psych Hospitalizations</b> *Indicates number of individuals that were hospitalized for more than one night for psychiatric reasons (includes Aid & Assist).	1	1	2	3
<b>Employment/ School Enrollment</b> *Indicates number of individuals who had employment or were enrolled in school during this quarter.	2	3	4	3
<b>Contacts with FACT team</b> *Indicates average number of contacts per month individuals had with their treatment team during this quarter.	1504	1206	1220	1186

# Successes

There are varying levels of success with this population:

- Clients engaging with Medication Management and other clinically indicated services.
- Maintaining medication compliance
- Obtain/maintain housing
- Re-engagement with family
- Obtaining/ maintaining employment
- Enrollment to continue education (Chemeketa, WOU)
- Successful discharge from supervision
- Reduction in use of ER and/or in arrests

# FACT Contacts

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