

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 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):

Joanne Crozby provided public comment in regards to a comment she provided to the Board two weeks ago and wanted to state that the abandoned RV is still in the same location and would like the Board to start the process of condemning the vehicle or placing large rocks in that section so nothing can be left in that location. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that they did go out and look at it and the Sheriff was notified of the abandoned vehicle.

3. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF February 27, 2024**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. FACT UPDATE:

Alba Garcia, Polk County Behavioral Health, & Jim Rydzewski, Polk County Community Corrections, provided an update to the Board and staff going over Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT.) In their update, they highlighted what FACT is, the eligibility for it and what FACT looks like in Polk County. They stated that 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. Ms. Garcia spoke about the services that are provided and emergency services that are available. Mr. Rydzewski went over some recent statistics with a snapshot of data from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 and how they measure success. Mr. Rydzewski shared a couple success stories with clients of theirs. Commissioner Mordhorst asked what is their largest obstacle that they face and Ms. Garcia answered his question. Commissioner Mordhorst asked questions about the data and statistics that were shared and Mr. Rydzewski answered his questions. Commissioner Gordon asked Ms. Garcia if there are people who continue to use FACT services even if their time has expired and Ms. Garcia responded. Commissioner Gordon also asked questions about the data that was shared and Ms. Garcia answered him. Commissioner Pope wanted to state for the record how these are clients introduced to FACT and went over that process with Ms. Garcia and Mr. Rydzewski. Commissioner Pope asked how engaged are they with the Family & Community Outreach and are they duplicating services with them and Ms. Garcia stated that she is not confident in answering that question fully but stated that they do try and get these individuals over to correct programs and resources. Ms. Garcia said she can look into this further to give him a more detailed answer. Commissioner Pope stated that he would like to know in the future, how much these services cost per individual.

5. 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 10:04 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: March 12, 2024