

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 16, 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 July 2, 2024**

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

**4. POLK CDC REQUEST**

Diana Cvitanovich, Program Developer Polk Community Development Corporation, presented to the Board and staff via Zoom. Mrs. Cvitanovich went over a hand out that she prepared for the Board and explained why she was presenting today. Mrs. Cvitanovich is asking the Board if they would be willing to apply for a CDBG Housing Rehabilitation award during this current IFA open application period (July1 – Sept. 30, 2024.) She stated that if the county is willing to be the applicant on behalf of the Polk Regional Collaborative (PRC) then the first step will be to give notice for a Public Hearing and she discussed the requirements and necessary steps. Commissioner Pope asked if they have a summary of projects since 2006 and would like to have a list and photographs that shows how our constituents are benefiting from these funds. Mrs. Cvitanovich responded to his request and stated that they have helped at least 240 homes with past funding. Commissioner Gordon provided some context for this program and stated that he is on the Board for the Polk CDC and also served in Falls City during his time as Mayor. Commissioner Gordon stated that it might be beneficial to see a sampling of the projects that have been completed over the years and he discussed what kind of projects are completed within the Polk CDC. Commissioner Gordon asked how the Polk CDC advertises these grants funds are available to the public. Mrs. Cvitanovich answered his question and she stated that she could put together a sampling for the public hearing. Commissioner Pope stated that he can make a compromise going back 10 years of inventory and how much money was spent. Commissioner Mordhorst asked how many homeowners who benefited from these funds were inside of city limits and how many were in rural areas. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that he is concerned about how much of these funds goes to administration and Mrs. Cvitanovich stated that approximately 10% of projects are outside city limits and that the admin costs covers 3 FTE for 2 years. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that he is concerned on this timeline and Commissioner Gordon stated that he completely vouches for this program and the Polk CDC and he is happy to be the Certified Officer for helping manage it. Commissioner Gordon stated that the county has only sponsored this program one other time and he thinks it's important to bring these funds to our constituents. Mrs. Cvitanovich stated that she appreciates their interest in the reporting and she respects the idea that a report is needed and she will work on that for them. No decision was made at this time.

**5. USDA-APHIS UPDATE**

Matt Alex, Assistant Supervisor for Wildlife Services, provided an update to the Board and staff. Mr. Alex went over a handout that he sent over that went over their background information, wildlife management, County based programs in Oregon, funding mechanisms in Oregon, bird

management and threatened endangered species protection. Mr. Alex provided a breakdown of the costs for this program and how they treat Polk County and other jurisdictions who partially fund these programs. Mr. Alex stated that they appreciate the support they receive from Polk County. Commissioner Pope stated that he has always been supportive of this program but he has never seen any type of reporting that shows how his constituents are benefitting from these programs and he would like to see a report that shows that. Mr. Alex stated that he can work with Brian Thomas in order to put something together for the Board to review. Commissioner Mordhorst shared a success story from last year with someone's interaction with the trapper and thanked them for their hard work. Commissioner Gordon thanked them for their involvement with a recent issue in Multnomah County involving rats. Commissioner Pope asked what is the amount that they are requesting for FY 2024-2025 and Mrs. Pineda stated it is \$19,233.

Commissioner Pope suggested having Hannah Brickner present next so that they could get back to their office.

#### **6. APPEAL FOR PLANNING FILE FORD 23-01**

Hannah Brickner, Associate Planner for Community Development, stated that she was here today because an appeal has been made on planning file FORD 23-01. Ms. Brickner provided some background information on the file and stated that they are recommending that the Board set this matter for a hearing before the Public Hearings Officer.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST  
SECONDED TO SET THE MATTER BEFORE THE HEARINGS OFFICER IN A  
PUBLIC HEARING.**

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

#### **7. JCT LISTENING TOUR TALKING POINTS**

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, went over some JCT (Joint Committee on Transportation) Listening Tour Roundtable talking points and he stated this is an opportunity for Polk County to voice opinions or talk about current transportation for the next Legislative Session. Mr. Hansen provided background information on what this was for and gave an overview of what was on his handout. Commissioner Mordhorst provided his input and his concerns. Commissioner Pope stated that he hopes Commissioner Mordhorst has what he just said written down because that is exactly what he needs to say. Commissioner Gordon supports them on this and provided his input as well.

#### **8. 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 10:13 a.m.