

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES July 24, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Mordhorst was present and Commissioner Gordon was absent.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer  
Morgan Smith, County Counsel  
Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director

**2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Each meeting is held in the Courthouse 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 principle subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, The Board 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, Dallas, Oregon.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners will be attending the Polk County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council meeting on August 5, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., located at 850 Main St., Dallas, OR 97338.

The Land Use Public Hearing regarding planning files Comprehensive Plan Amendment (PA) 24-01 and Zoning Map Amendment (ZC) 24-01 that was going to originally be held on 7/24/2024 has been rescheduled for 8/14/2024.

The Polk County Fair will begin Wednesday August 7, 2024 at 2:00 PM located at the Polk County Fairgrounds and continue through Saturday August 10, 2024.

**3. COMMENTS**

Suzanna Asher shared a handout with the Commissioners and staff that shared some data and statistics for voter registration and she spoke about the last time they were here during the public comment portion and spoke about this issue.

Carmen Saunders provided public comment to share her concerns about the growing threats that are occurring in our world and with the voter rolls.

Patty McConville provided public comment to share her concerns with the Polk County voting rolls and she provided some examples of registered voters that have raised their concerns.

Kathy Alchen provided public comment to share her concerns with the voter rolls in Polk County not being accurate.

Linette Henshaw provided public comment to share her concerns about the voter rolls in Polk County not being accurate, specifically in the 70 and older age group.

Linda Robinson provided public comment to share her concerns regarding the voter rolls in Polk County and the efforts they are making to verify if the rolls are correct.

Dee Bryson provided public comment to share her concerns regarding the voter rolls and election integrity in Oregon.

Janira Branigan provided public comment to share her concerns regarding election integrity in Oregon.

Penny Ryan provided public comment to share her concerns regarding election integrity in

Oregon and that the State of Oregon has so much control over the voter process.

Virginia Hall provided public comment to share her concern with the accuracy of the voter rolls in Oregon.

Anna Munson provided public comment to share her concerns about the accuracy of the voter rolls in Marion County specifically and that she recently ran for the Marion County Clerk position. Commissioner Pope asked why we don't hear from people like her more about these anomalies more from other election workers and Ms. Munson responded to his question.

Roger Shipment provided public comment in regards to what Ms. Munson previously stated and wanted to answer the Commissioner's questions. Mr. Shipment shared his background in education and work experience and related that to his answer.

Ted Campbell provided public comment sharing his input on the mail in voter registration and voting.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.**

**MOTION PASSED BY VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF July 17, 2024**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF July 17, 2024.**

**MOTION PASSED BY VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**MOTION PASSED BY VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a) Polk County Contract No. 24-118, Wasco County  
(Morgan Smith, County Counsel)
- b) Polk County 24-119, Iris Telehealth Medical Group  
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- c) Polk County Contract No. 24-120(Amendment 1 to 23-177), Northwest Human Services  
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- d) Polk County Contract No. 24-121, Oregon Health Authority  
(Rosana Warren, Public Health)
- e) Polk County Contract No. 24-122, Oregon Health Authority  
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- f) Polk County Contract No. 24-123, Service Contract  
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)

At 9:42 a.m. County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations. And ORS 192.660(2)(p) To consider matters relating to cyber security infrastructure and responses to cyber security threats.

The executive session ended at 10:42 a.m. and Commissioner Pope directed staff to move forward as discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

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Craig Pope, Chair

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Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner

  
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Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner