

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES October 30, 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 and Commissioner Gordon were present.

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 November 4, 2024 at 12:00 p.m., located at 850 Main St., Dallas, OR 97338.

3. COMMENTS

Robert Greenway provided public comment continuing his comments from yesterday and last week in regards to District Attorney Aaron Felton.

Mandy Straus provided public comment continuing the prepared statement she had started to read aloud yesterday and is questioning why two of the Commissioners are endorsing the Sheriff. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Gordon responded.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 23, 2024

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF October 23, 2024.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

7. OPERATION GREENLIGHT 2024, RESOLUTION NO. 24-12 & VSO UPDATE

Eric Enderle, Veterans Services Program Supervisor, along with Nikki Rak, Assistant Veterans Service Officer, stated that they are proud that the County will be participating in Operation Greenlight for the third year in a row now and spoke about how the veterans in the community appreciate the Commissioners doing this for their community. Mr. Enderle stated that the VSO has 250 green light bulbs that can be picked up at their office to participate in Operation Greenlight. Mr. Enderle stated that they would also like to recognize a local veteran named Paul Duke as he was finally awarded his Purple Heart 58 years after being wounded in Vietnam and said it has taken their office 6 years to resolve this issue. Mr. Enderle, along with the Board of Commissioners, presented Mr. Duke with a signed certificate and thanked him for his service. Mr. Duke shared a short story about when he was in Vietnam and explained why he wasn't evacuated at the time of injury and how his family has been helping him to get his Purple Heart. He explained how he asked for Eric's help and explained everything he and the VSO did to help him finally get his Purple Heart. Commissioner Pope asked Mr. Enderle to explain a little bit more about Operation Greenlight for the public and provide the background and history on this initiative. Commissioner Pope read into the record Polk County Resolution No. 24-12.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 24-12

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

8. DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY & ORDER NO. 24-15

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented a memo along with Polk County Order No. 24-15, in the matter of declaring 945 SE Uglow Ave Dallas Oregon surplus property. Mr. Hansen provided background information on the property and explained why he is recommending the Board approve and sign Order No. 24-15.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE ORDER NO. 24-15

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

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

- a) Polk County Contract No. 24-174, Salem Health West Valley
(Rosana Warren Rivera, Behavioral Health)
- b) Polk County Contract No. 24-176, Salem Health West Valley
(Rosana Warren Rivera, Public Health)

At 9:25 a.m. County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (p) To consider matters relating to cyber security infrastructure and responses to cyber security threats.

The Executive Session ended at 10:53 a.m., Commissioner Pope directed staff to move forward as discussed and he adjourned the meeting.

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Craig Pope, Chair



Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner



Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner