

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES December 11, 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:

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.

3. COMMENTS

Miriam Forney provided public comment in regards to owning land on Fishback Rd and she wanted to share her concerns to a planning decision that was made in the Community Development Department on her neighbors property.

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 December 4, 2024

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF December 4, 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. LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS

The Polk County Board of Commissioners and staff recognized the following employees for their length of service:

- Laura Willcoxon, 10 years of service
- Kelvin Lowe, 10 years of service

8. POLK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS OPERATING LEVY & RESOLUTION NO. 24-13

Commissioner Pope stated that because Mr. Hansen was absent, he would be presenting the agenda item. Commissioner Pope provided some background information on the Polk County Fairgrounds Operating Levy and the discussions that have been happening. Next, he went over a memorandum that was prepared by Mr. Hansen. The memorandum recommends the following items:

1. To place a Local Option Tax (operating levy) measure on the ballot for the May 13th, 2025, general election to operate and maintain the Polk County Fairgrounds & Event Center.
2. A local option tax (operating levy) in an amount not to exceed \$0.15/\$1,000 assessed value for the duration of 5 years.
3. Approve Resolution No. 24-13, which sets public hearings to receive public comment on the above proposed local option tax.
4. Ratify the publication of the attached hearing notice.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO APPROVE ALL RECOMMENDATIONS LISTED ABOVE.

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. 24-190, Regence BlueCross BlueShields
(Rosana Warren, Public Health)
- b) Polk County Contract No. 24-191 (Amendment 1 to 24-190),
Regence BlueCross BlueShields
(Rosana Warren, Public Health)
- c) Polk County Contract No. 24-192, A5 Interpreting dba Bridges
Oregon, Inc
Rosana Warren, Health Services
- d) Polk County Contract No. 24-193, A5 Interpreting dba Bridges
Oregon, Inc
Rosana Warren, Health Services
- e) Polk County Contract No. 24-195, Willamette Health Council
(Morgan Smith, County Counsel)

There no need for an executive session and Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

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Craig Pope, Chair



Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner



Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: December 18, 2024