

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
November 26, 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):

Robert Greenway provided public comment in regards to his stance on the Polk County's DA's Office and stated that he has received some information on a thumb drive but is upset that the Commissioners aren't doing anything about his complaints.

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

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

4. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF November 19, 2024**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

5. INITIATION OF A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT

Eric Knudson, Community Development Senior Planner, stated that he was here today to talk to the Board about the initiation of a Legislative Amendment to amend the text of the Polk County Zoning Ordinance (PCZO) to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on lands located outside of an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and within the following zones: Suburban Residential (SR), Acreage Residential-Five Acre (AR-5), Acreage Residential-Ten Acre (AR-10), Agriculture and Forestry-Ten Acre (AF-10), Single-Family Residential (RS) and Grand Ronde Low Density Residential (GR/LDR.) Mr. Knudson provided background information on this topic and explained why they are asking that the Board direct staff to initiate this Legislative Amendment.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO DIRECT STAFF TO INITIATE A LEGISLATIVE
AMENDMENT OF THE POLK COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO
ALLOW FOR ADUS OUTSIDE OF THE UGB.**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

6. POLK COUNTY TREASURER DISCUSSION

Steve Milligan, Polk County Treasurer, introduced himself for the record and explained why he is here today. Mr. Milligan went over some documents that he had sent over to the Board to review last week, and proceeded to read aloud from the delivered documents. Mr. Milligan wanted to address something that was stated in a memo from Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, that was created in 2016 and Commissioner Pope responded to Mr. Milligan's statement. Mr. Milligan stated that in his four years of being the Treasurer he wanted to state for the record that he has not had

any cooperation from Mr. Hansen and he also wanted to point out there is a position in the Tax Office that the job description says they should be working under the treasurer and he wants to know why the Board is obstructing him from doing his job. Commissioner Gordon asked Mr. Milligan if the Judge had made a court decision in regards to the Administrative Officer from obstructing his duties and Mr. Milligan did not answer his question. Commissioner Gordon stated that he recommends that they start fresh and Mr. Milligan stated he wanted to talk about what happened in 2015/2016 and Commissioner Gordon stated that what happened in the past is irrelevant. Mr. Milligan responded to his statement of irrelevance. Mr. Milligan stated that in 2020 he showed the commission that they were not in compliance with the law and that he was told that they wanted to follow Mr. Hansen's lead on this decision. Mr. Milligan is asking the Board to admit that they were wrong and asked if they want to make it right and Commissioner Pope responded to his statement and question. Commissioner Pope stated that they are here today to understand what Mr. Milligan needs to do his job. Mr. Milligan stated that he wants access to the Finance/Tax Office and the Commissioners responded that he has an office that was built for him with all the tools necessary to do his job that he has never utilized. Commissioner Gordon stated that everything he needs to access to do his job as Treasurer is available digitally and he does not need to access the Tax Office in order to do his job and Mr. Milligan disagreed. Mr. Milligan stated he would be contacting his attorney and ended the discussion.

7. 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 9:27 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: December 3, 2024