

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
December 31, 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. 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 December 24, 2024**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

5. FALLS CITY LETTER OF SUPPORT

AJ Foscoli, City of Falls City Manager, is requesting a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners for the Legislative Water Caucus – Water Needs Assessment that his city is undertaking and he needs the letter by January 3, 2025. Mr. Foscoli provided background information on what this is for and why this is important to the City of Falls City. Commissioner Mordhorst asked a clarifying question about the dollar amount that was listed in his request and Mr. Foscoli answered his question. Commissioner Pope asked about the estimated value of \$500k-\$1.5 million and how he came up with that number and Mr. Foscoli explained how they came up with that number and how it is a very rough estimate. He stated that this is why this assessment is so important. Commissioner Pope shared his concerns with this request and Mr. Foscoli responded to his concerns. Commissioner Gordon shared his input and agrees that there is a need for work on this bridge, but he wonders if they are in the right place to be making this request at this time. Commissioner Mordhorst asked for some additional details on the bridge and Mr. Foscoli answered him. Commissioner Mordhorst shared his concerns that he thinks the amount they are asking for is too low and wanted to know what happens if they are awarded that money, but the total cost is \$2.2 million. How does he plan to cover the difference? Mr. Foscoli responded to his question. Commissioner Gordon made recommendations to amend the letter of support. Commissioner Pope recommended revising the letter as well.

6. FY2025-2026 BUDGET CALENDAR

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, presented the FY2025-2026 Budget Calendar to the Board and is recommending that they approve the calendar into the record. Mr. Hansen stated that it is normally at this time that they name a Budget Officer.

**COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO NAME GREG HANSEN AS BUDGET OFFICER**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE FY2025-2026 BUDGET CALENDAR**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

7. BOC CHAIR SELECTION FOR 2025

Commissioner Mordhorst nominated Craig Pope as BOC Chair for 2025

**COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER POPE AS BOC CHAIR
FOR 2025**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

8. NON-LISTED ITEMS - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

None.

The following items were approved on the Consent Calendar:

- a) Polk County Contract No. 24-207 (Amendment 14 to 23-109), Oregon Health Authority (Rosana Warren, Public Health)

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: January 7, 2025