

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
February 25, 2025
Courthouse Conference Room

THE LOCATION OF THIS MEETING IS ADA ACCESSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (503-623-8173) AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO ATTEND OR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING VIRTUALLY.

**Approximate
Time**

AGENDA

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| 9:00 a.m. | 1. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| | 2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda and limited to 3 minutes. We encourage all community members to engage with public comments to the Board of Commissioners. However, out of respect for our audience and a general sense of decorum please refrain from vulgar, threatening or inappropriate language.) |
| | 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA |
| | 4. APPROVE MINUTES OF February 18, 2025 |
| | 5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Aaron Felton |
| | 6. FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUEST FOR NWREC – Greg Hansen |
| | 7. NON-LISTED ITEMS (Pursuant to ORS 192.640) |

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. The meetings are held in the Board of Commissioners' 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 principal subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners 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 Compensation Committee will be meeting on February 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. located in the main conference room at 850 Main Street, Dallas, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the compensation for the Elected Officials for FY2025-2026.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

The Board sets aside a time at each regular meeting for comment by the public on subjects not appearing on the agenda. Individuals may come forward and make any statement they wish, but not to exceed three (3) minutes in length, except as is required to give concise answers to questions from Board members. If the subject will require a lengthier presentation, or merits inclusion as an item on the agenda of a future meeting, the Board may schedule it accordingly.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2025

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):

Greg Hansen announced next week at 9:30 is a compensation committee meeting and anyone who wants to attend can be there.

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

**ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED YES
MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

4. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF February 4, 2025 &
February 11, 2025**

**ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTED YES
MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.**

5. STAR RECOGNITION AWARD

The Polk County Board of Commissioner and staff recognized Brenda Dornbusch for the Special Thanks and Recognition (STAR) Award. The STAR award is a quarterly award where each department head can nominate someone from their department for going above and beyond. Ms. Dornbusch was presented with a framed certificate and a gift basket.

6. 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 9:05 a.m.



Hansen, Greg <hansen.greg@co.polk.or.us>

Request for FY25-26 Financial Support for NWREC

1 message

Angima, Sam <Sam.Angima@oregonstate.edu>

Wed, Feb 12, 2025 at 4:57 PM

To: "hansen.greg@co.polk.or.us" <hansen.greg@co.polk.or.us>

Cc: "POPE.CRAIG@co.polk.or.us" <POPE.CRAIG@co.polk.or.us>, "Simonich, Staci Lynn" <staci.simonich@oregonstate.edu>, "Riggs, Richard C" <richard.riggs@oregonstate.edu>, "Donkin, Shawn" <shawn.donkin@oregonstate.edu>, "Elliott, Kristopher" <kristopher.elliott@oregonstate.edu>

Dear Greg Hansen – Polk County Budget Officer,

I am writing on behalf of the OSU North Willamette Research and Extension Center (NWREC) in Aurora to express our sincere gratitude for the ongoing support Polk County has provided over the years to foster agricultural economic development for its residents. Our programs cover a wide range of areas, including fruit trees, nursery management, integrated pest management (IPM), agrivoltaics, berry crops, IR-4 pesticide research, small farms, plant pathology, Christmas trees, and vegetable crops. At NWREC, we are not just responding to challenges—we are driving progress, pioneering solutions, and shaping the future of agriculture in the Willamette Valley. We also have robust programs for youth who want to learn about farming and become farmers in the future. I would be pleased to present some of the cutting-edge research and Extension highlights of these programs during the Extension annual budget meeting with the commissioners.

We are very grateful for the financial support Polk County offered in fiscal year 2024-2025 of \$20,000, up from \$12,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024 – thank you. We really appreciate the trust you have put in us with this increased funding, knowing you have competing priorities in your county. We are continually faced with increased costs for conducting research, and for FY25-26, we are requesting our commissioners for financial support of \$23,000 from Polk County Economic Development to support NWREC in meeting our expanded research, outreach, and educational initiatives. This level of funding is 3% more than our request last year which was \$22,200.

Thank you for your time and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Sam Angima and Shawn Donkins

Interim Co-Directors

North Willamette Research and Extension Center

College of Agricultural Sciences

Oregon State University