

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 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):

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 February 25, 2025**

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

5. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Todd Whitaker, PW Director, provided a department update to the Board and staff. In his update he went over a list of projects that have either been completed or are on their way to completion. Next Mr. Whitaker talked about projects that they are working on with ODOT, like Clow Corner Road and 99W. Mr. Whitaker talked about a road that has a fish bearing stream that runs through it that needs to be repaired, but the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife are asking for a bridge to be placed instead of a fish passage culvert. Commissioner Pope stated that he wanted to make sure he stated on the record that we will not be pushed or bullied into placing a bridge when the cost of that is significantly higher than a culvert. Next, Mr. Whitaker talked about how they are going to be hiring a consultant to look at Polk County bridges to help analyze them, in a similar way that they analyze the roads. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that he met with Anna Henson and that they plan to come and present to the Board before summer. Next, Mr. Whitaker talked about the Spray Program. He talked about what happened last year with the contractors that were hired and then talked about what their plan is for 2025. Commissioner Gordon asked what the next steps will be after the consultant analyzes the Polk County bridges and Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, provided input on the next steps from a funding aspect.

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 9:17 a.m.