

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 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**

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

4. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF June 17, 2025**

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

5. IGA BETWEEN THE CITIES OF INDEPENDENCE, MONMOUTH & POLK COUNTY

Austin McGuigan, Community Development Director, is recommending that the Board review and approve for Legal Counsel to review the attached IGA between cities of Independence and Monmouth and Polk County. Mr. McGuigan provided background information on the IGA and explained what this is for and why he recommends moving forward with this. Commissioner Mordhorst asked Mr. McGuigan to clarify what and who GSI is and Mr. McGuigan answered his question. Commissioner Mordhorst asked for some information about the total cost of this project and Mr. McGuigan said this is not a for sure number but most likely half a million dollars over the last 25 years, which was not used from the general fund. Mr. McGuigan explained further. Commissioner Gordon wanted to voice his appreciation of his leadership for this project as well as

his appreciation to Commissioner Pope. Commissioner Gordon asked a clarifying question about phase 1 and phase 2 of the project and Mr. McGuigan answered his question. Commissioner Gordon asked questions about the planning process and how had these conversations with the cities and Mr. McGuigan answered his question. Commissioner Gordon stated he would like to schedule regular board updates if we move forward with this and would also like to hear from the project manager and Mr. McGuigan responded. Commissioner Pope told him good job and great presentation. Commissioner Pope said this is a long way in making but there is still a long way to go. Commissioner Pope shared his long-term goals for this project and stated to him this is what county government is supposed to do and this is what it is all about. Commissioner commended everyone involved with this project and he is so proud of everyone's hard work.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE IGA PENDING FINAL REVIEW OF
LEGAL COUNSEL**

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

6. MASTER FEE SCHEDULE FY25-26

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, stated that it is that time of year where the Board needs to look over the proposed changes from Polk County Departments for the FY2025-2026 Master Fee Schedule. Mr. Hansen stated that if the Board has any questions, he is happy to answer them. Mr. Hansen stated that if they are good with the proposed changes then this will be on the 7/2/2025 agenda. Commissioner Gordon stated he has no questions but thanked him for the update.

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

Commissioner Mordhorst stated that today is the first day that 99W and Clow Corner Road on the east side is open. Commissioner Mordhorst wanted to recognize the republicans who walked out yesterday during a committee meeting in protest to a very large tax increase.

Commissioner Gordon stated that he saw some work starting at HWY 22 and 51 and he appreciates them for all their hard work on these projects.

Matt Hawkins provided an update on the Annex Building over at the Academy Building which should open up right around September 1, 2025. The new parking lot is completed and they are waiting on landscaping.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.