

**TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA**  
**July 15, 2025**  
**Courthouse Conference Room**

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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 July 8, 2025   |
|           | 5. POLK COUNTY SHERIFF UPDATE – Mark Garton  |
|           | 6. PROPOSED SPEED ZONE ON SOUTH OAK GROVE RD. – Todd Whitaker  |
|           | 6. 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, Oregon.

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**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**  
**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.



# POLK COUNTY

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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Mark Garton

## Activity Summary: May 7 thru July 8, 2025

This report provides a summary of the Polk County Sheriff's Office's activities and calls for service over the specified period. Deputies responded to a wide range of incidents, from traffic enforcement and crash investigations to welfare checks and criminal investigations, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of the Polk County community.

## Noteworthy Incidents

### Community Assistance & Welfare Checks:

- Deputies responded to a 911 hang-up call and located a resident with developmental disabilities who had called because he believed he had done something wrong and needed to turn himself in. Deputies spoke with him and his mother, reassuring him and leaving him in better spirits.
- After a family reported being unable to reach a man with terminal cancer, deputies conducted a welfare check. They learned he was in his final days under hospice care and updated the concerned family.
- Deputies located a man who was the subject of a welfare check after he sent concerning text messages. He was found to be highly intoxicated and was transported to the hospital for his safety.
- A deputy provided two gallons of gas to a driver who had run out of fuel on the side of the road.
- Deputies assisted a citizen who was concerned about his wife, who had not returned from jury duty. The deputy checked the courthouse, found that the trial was still in session, and updated the husband.
- Deputies responded to a report of an RV fire that was dangerously close to a home. They assisted fire crews in ensuring the fire was contained and did not spread to the main residence.

### Crime & Investigations:

- Following a report of a stolen forklift, a deputy investigated, located the forklift at a nearby residence, and worked with the victim's family to address the theft.
- A male was taken into custody for Disorderly Conduct after deputies received a report of him throwing rocks in the roadway.
- A deputy arrested a male for domestic harassment after he allegedly slapped his girlfriend in the presence of their two-year-old daughter during an argument over a phone.

- After being called back by jail staff who found methamphetamine in an inmate's underwear, a deputy charged the inmate with Supplying Contraband and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine.
- Deputies investigated a report of a woman's purse being stolen at a swimming hole. After the victim received bank alerts, a deputy was able to use transaction information from local businesses to identify a suspect who the victim confirmed was at the location of the theft.
- A man was arrested for DUII and Reckless Endangering after a citizen reported a vehicle tailgating and failing to maintain its lane. The driver was found to have a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of .12%.

### **Traffic Safety & Enforcement:**

Deputies remain dedicated to ensuring the safety of Polk County's roadways. During this reporting period, deputies conducted **438 traffic stops** for various violations, including excessive speed, driving while suspended, and driving uninsured. In one notable instance, a driver was stopped for traveling 91 MPH in a 55 MPH zone.

Deputies also responded to **37 reported crashes**. It is important to note that a "reported crash" does not always meet the criteria for a state-reportable crash under Oregon law. These incidents ranged from minor, non-injury events to more serious collisions, including:

- Several vehicle versus deer crashes, a common occurrence in our rural areas.
- A single-vehicle rollover where the driver swerved to avoid a deer.
- A head-on collision that required one driver to be extricated from their vehicle.
- A unique incident where deputies and Grand Ronde Tribal Police worked together to safely stop a school bus with a stuck accelerator, preventing a potentially tragic outcome. The Oregon State Police took over the subsequent investigation.

### **Arrests and Agency Assists**

During this reporting period, deputies made a total of **103** physical arrests. Deputies also assisted other agencies during this period:

- **PCSO:** A subject was arrested on a Dallas Municipal warrant for disorderly conduct.
- **PCSO:** A driver was arrested for Driving While Suspended (DWS) - Misdemeanor.
- **PCSO:** A subject was taken into custody for violating a restraining order.
- **PCSO:** A male subject was arrested for DUII after a citizen's report of a driving complaint.
- **PCSO:** A subject was arrested for Assault IV - Domestic Violence and Strangulation.
- **PCSO:** A subject was arrested and lodged at the jail on warrants from Monmouth and Salem Municipal courts.
- **PCSO:** After a traffic stop, a driver was arrested on a felony parole warrant.
- **PCSO:** A driver was arrested for DWS - Misdemeanor and Driving Uninsured, and the vehicle was towed.

- **PCSO:** A driver was arrested for DWS - Misdemeanor, and cited for Failure to Install an Ignition Interlock Device (IID).
- **Dallas PD & PCSO:** Dallas PD took a subject into custody for Escape III and other charges after he fled from officers.
- **IPD/MPD & PCSO:** A suspect was taken into custody by Independence and Monmouth Police, with PCSO assistance, for Menacing with a Firearm and other related charges.
- **OSP & PCSO:** OSP arrested a driver for DUII, with a PCSO deputy providing cover during the investigation.

## Call and Traffic Stop Totals

Total Calls for Service		1,448	Total Traffic Enforcement		438
Call Type	Total	Call Type	Total	Call Type	Total
ALRMA	22	DOMDIS	14	ORDVIO	6
ANIMAL	83	DRIVING	80	P&PCK	13
AOA	36	DRUGS	3	PROWL	1
AOAOSP	11	DUII	11	RUN	4
AREACK	70	EDP	33	SEARCH	1
ARMPER	1	ELUDE	1	SHOTS	3
ASLT	6	EXPOSE	1	SPILL	1
ATL	6	FIGHT	2	STALK	1
BOAT	1	FIR	7	STLVEH	2
BURG	4	FNDPER	1	SUSACT	12
CAR	1	FNDPRO	3	SUSPER	9
CITCON	50	FOLLUP	90	SUSVEH	14
CIVIL	143	FRAUD	2	THEFT	12
CKWELF	39	GRASSH	1	TOW	2
COMEVT	4	GSW	1	TRAUMA	1
COVER	2	HANGUP	6	TRE	109
CPR	2	HARASS	5	TRESP	8
CRASH	37	HITRUN	6	TRF	329
CRIME	28	HOUSE	1	TRFASS	10
CRIMIS	5	INTOX	1	UNCON	2
DISTRB	6	MENACE	2	WEAPN	1
DOA	3	NOISE	6	WRNT	5
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# Polk County Sheriff's Office

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Activity Report: May 7 - July 8, 2025

## Operational Snapshot

A high-level summary of deputy-initiated activities and total calls for service during the reporting period.

Total Incidents Handled

1,448

Deputies responded to a wide array of calls, from urgent public safety threats to  
community service requests.

Proactive Traffic Stops

438

Focused patrols to ensure road safety, addressing violations like speeding and impaired driving.

# Overall Incident Breakdown

This chart provides a high-level overview of how deputy time was distributed across different categories of service during this two-month period.



**Traffic & Road Safety**



**Community & Civil Service**



**Property & Public Order**

## Traffic & Road Safety (40%)

Includes proactive traffic stops, crash investigations, and responding to driving complaints.

## Community & Civil Service (22%)

Non-enforcement calls including welfare checks, civil paper service, citizen assists, and helping other agencies.

## Property & Public Order (10%)

Calls for service involving theft, burglary, suspicious activity, disturbances, and other property crimes.

## Administrative & Patrol (28%)

Includes area checks, warrant service, transports, animal calls, and follow-ups.



# Top Call Categories

This chart highlights the most frequent categories of calls for service, providing insight into daily deputy activities.

