

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES February 26, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to be in session. Commissioner Mordhorst and Commissioner Gordon were present.

Staff present: Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer
Morgan Smith, County Counsel
Matt Hawkins, Administrative Services Director

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners are held on Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Each meeting is held in the Courthouse 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 principle subjects anticipated to be considered. Pursuant to ORS 192.640, The Board 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.

3. COMMENTS

E.M. Easterly provided comment in regards to celebrating the first anniversary of Ordinance No. 24-01 that he states is legally flawed and invites them to correct it. Mr. Easterly explained why he believes this was done incorrectly and how he believes they can correct it.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 19, 2025

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF February 19, 2025.

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

6. DALLAS CHAMBER DUES & UPDATE

Sam Dufner and Sarah McMaster, Dallas Chamber of Commerce, were present today to talk to the Board about their annual dues cover and to give a general update. They handed out some items to the Board that went over some highlights for the Chamber for their growth over the last year. Mr. Dufner talked about the Saturday Market successes and the increase in Board members. Ms. McMaster talked about their membership options and she talked about Polk County specifically being at the Business Level for membership. Commissioner Pope asked if the Fairground is paying dues and they stated that yes, they pay \$295. Commissioner Pope commented that they are getting paid twice by Polk County then and asked them why the dues are now at \$695 and do we need to be at that level. Ms. McMaster stated that Polk County is not a business but we have business aspects that they can tailor services to us. Commissioner Pope asked if they have an idea what they are charging other local governments and Mr. Dufner stated that the City of Dallas is paying the highest amount of \$3,000 and the nonprofits are paying the lowest amount of \$149.00. Mr. Dufner stated that if they wanted to appoint one of the Commissioners to sit on their board to be more involved that is something they would welcome. Ms. McMaster stated that their meetings are

very open and anyone from the public is welcome. Commissioner Mordhorst stated that as a businessman he wants to see Main Street Dallas thriving and he is fine maintaining the \$295 level, it was just a shock when we received a bill for \$695. Commissioner Gordon agrees with Commissioner Mordhorst and he also appreciates them coming in today and explaining to them what these dues cover.

7. MID YEAR BUDGET MODIFICATIONS & RESOLUTION NO. 25-05

Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, stated that every year the county modifies the current budget through resolution and that is what he is presenting to them today. This is something that happens at least once a year. Mr. Hansen explained what exactly this was for and how it was explained in detail in Polk County Resolution No. 25-05. Mr. Hansen is recommending the approval and signing of this resolution and stated it can be done today or they can direct staff to place it on next week's consent calendar. Commissioner Gordon asked if he foresees the county making more modifications before July 1 and Mr. Hansen stated that yes, we will most likely be doing this one more time.

**MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED, TO APPROVE AND SIGN RESOLUTION NO. 25-05**

ALL VOTED YES.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

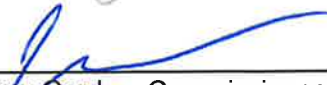
At 9:43 a.m. County Counsel announced that the meeting was recessed to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2) (h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

At 10:04 the Executive Session ended and Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting.


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Craig Pope, Chair



Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner



Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner