

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES April 2, 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

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ALL SAID YES.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 26, 2025

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF March 26, 2025.

ALL SAID YES.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

6. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROCLAMATION

Abby Warren, FCO, stated that they were here today to declare the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, which is something that Polk County has been doing for several years now. Mrs. Warren provided background information on this Proclamation and explained why it was so important to her and the FCO staff. Mrs. Warren stated that she was thankful to be here today with some of their community partners like Liberty House. Commissioner Pope invited a member of Liberty House, Max Goodfriend, to come up and speak about what they are doing in the community to help children and families in need. Mr. Goodfriend introduced himself and talked about some of the main issues that they are seeing with children right now and how they are trying to help those children. Mr. Goodfriend stated that they are going into the middle schools and have a program called "My Worth" and he explained what that entails, why he is proud of that curriculum and the types of discussions they are having with the youth. Next, Mr. Goodfriend talked about the other online safety training programs that they offer and stated that they are available in both English or Spanish and they are free. Mr. Goodfriend talked about a

program called, "Let's Talk," that is for adults and it helps parents talk to their children about difficult topics. Mrs. Warren wanted to say how lucky they are to have Max and to be partnering with Liberty House. Commissioner Gordon thanked them for a great presentation and stated that he plans to stay in touch with them. Commissioner Mordhorst also said thank you for the excellent presentation.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO APPROVE AND SIGN PROCLAMATION NO. 25-01 INTO THE RECORD.

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

Commissioner Pope read aloud Polk County Proclamation No. 25-01 into the record.

The following items were approved by Motion under **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**


N/A

There no need for an executive session and Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

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Craig Pope, Chair



Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner



Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner