

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
September 9, 2025
Courthouse Conference Room

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**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 August 26, 2025 |
| | 5. STAR RECOGNITION AWARD – Annie Buse |
| | 6. YOUTH CONFERENCE RECAP – Annie Buse |
| | 7. 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.

The Grand Ronde Sanitary District Board is meeting on September 17, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. The meeting will take place in the Polk County Courthouse, 850 Main Street, Dallas, OR, 97338.

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
August 26, 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 was present and Commissioner Mordhorst was absent.

2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):

None.

3. AGENDA: **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**BOTH VOTED YES
MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

4. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF August 19, 2025**

**BOTH VOTED YES
MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

**COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.**

**BOTH VOTED YES
MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

6. FLY SALEM

Brent DeHart, Fly Salem Co-Chair, was present today to talk to the Commissioners about the Salem Airport and the changes that have happened there recently. Mr. DeHart is looking for financial support from Polk County to secure a new airline out of Salem since Avelo has left. Mr. DeHart passed a hand out to the Commissioners and staff that went over some key points of why he was here today. Mr. DeHart shared a brief history of the Salem Airport, what happened with Avelo and he spoke about the economic development potential/return on investment for having a local airline. Mr. DeHart said their goal is to find another carrier to replace Avelo and Breeze is an interested carrier. Mr. DeHart explained why it is so important to get a carrier in there as soon as possible to at least establish a connection to the Burbank Airport. Commissioner Gordon said he appreciates him coming today and for them tracking all this information. Commissioner Gordon asked if Travel Salem was able to secure wine connoisseurs and if he had any information, he can share about

that and Mr. DeHart answered his question. Commissioner Gordon asked him to clarify about the 30% of funds that was left and Mr. Dehart answered his request. Commissioner Pope shared his concerns with the MRG and asked if there was anything they could do to place restrictions so prevent what happened with Avelo from happening again and Mr. DeHart answered his question. Commissioner Gordon asked about the ETA for when TSA can start pulling equipment and Mr. DeHart said potentially starting in November. Commissioner Pope asked what he needs today in regards to a pledge or funds and Mr. DeHart answered his question stating that this would not affect our budget until FY26-27.

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

Todd Whitaker, PW Director, stated that he received a proposal for the county bridges from a local agency and wanted to let them know that we should be getting some contracts back from them soon. Commissioner Gordon stated that he took a trip to the Valley of the Giants with the BLM and wanted to talk to Mr. Whitaker about a culvert near Valsetz that was completely destroyed and he talked about their plans to place a concrete bridge over it.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) **Polk County Contract No. 25-152, ODHS
(Rosana Warren, Developmental Disabilities)**
- b) **Polk County Contract No. 25-153, Oregon Health Authority
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)**
- c) **Polk County Monthly Treasurer's Report
(Steve Milligan, Treasurer)**

At 9:45 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.

The Executive Session ended and Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.