

**POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 16, 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 GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST  
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF September 9, 2025**

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

**5. SALEM HEALTH LETTER OF SUPPORT REQUEST**

Ruth Miles, Salem Health Government Relations, was present today to request a letter of support from the Board for an upcoming project at West Valley Hospital. Mrs. Miles provided background information on what the project is and explained why this was so important to them. Commissioner Mordorst thanked Mrs. Miles for all the work they have done in Polk County and also thanked her for hosting a tour of the facility. Commissioner Mordhorst supports this letter. Commissioner Gordon appreciates all the work being done at West Valley and stated that he also fully supports this letter. Commissioner Gordon asked about their EMS partners and asked if they will be involved in this process and Mrs. Miles answered his question. Commissioner Pope asked her how much money they are applying for and Mrs. Ruth said it is about \$75.4 million for all four phases. Commissioner Pope asked about the costs for capital construction and how much of this money would be going towards that and Mrs. Miles answered his question. Commissioner Pope asked where can he see the plans for all 4 phases and Mrs. Miles said she would send it to Nicole to distribute to the Board. Commissioner Gordon asked about the provider tax reductions starting in 2028 and what those impacts may look like and Mrs. Miles responded to his question.

**COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST  
SECONDED TO SIGN THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SALEM HEALTH.**

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

**6. NON-LISTED ITEMS** - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)  
None.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda  
Approved: September 23, 2025