

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES August 13, 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.

The Homeless Prevention Advisory Council (AKA P.A.T.H.S) will be meeting on August 13, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm located at 1407 Monmouth Independence Hwy, Monmouth OR 97361.

3. COMMENTS

None.

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 August 6, 2025

MOTION: COMMISSIONER GORDON MOVED, COMMISSIONER MORDHORST SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF August 6, 2025.

ALL VOTED YES.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ALL VOTED YES.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

7. PUBLIC HEARING – SURRENDERING JURISDICTION OF VARIOUS ROADWAYS TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

Commissioner Pope opened the public hearing and invited Darren Blackwell, Polk County Surveyor, to provide background information and state his request. Mr. Blackwell shared background information for the record and stated that he is requesting that the Board sign and approve Polk County Order No. 25-09. Commissioner Pope asked Mr. Blackwell to specifically name all the roadways that we are surrendering jurisdiction to and Mr. Blackwell answered his request. Commissioner Pope wanted to talk more about the portion of Hoffman Road and Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director, answered his questions from the audience. Commissioner Pope asked them to elaborate more on the annexation of Hoffman Road and Morgan Smith, County Counsel, answered his question.

Commissioner Pope stated that no one from the city or the public and closed the hearing.

MOTION: COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON SECONDED, TO APPROVE AND SIGN POLK COUNTY ORDER NO. 25-09 IN THE MATTER OF SURRENDERING JURISDICTION OF VARIOUS ROADWAYS TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE.

ALL VOTED YES.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

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

- a) Polk County Order No. 25-10, Haley Avenue Road Vacation
(Todd Whitaker, Public Works Director)
- b) Polk County LADPC Appointment Termination, Mark Davis
(Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director)
- c) Polk County LADPC Appointment, Frank Ehrmantraut
(Jodi Merritt, Community Corrections Director)
- d) Polk County Contract No. 25-142, Employment Agreement
(Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer)
- e) Polk County Contract No. 25-143(Amendment 7 to 24-36), OHA
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- f) Polk County Contract No. 25-144(Amendment 8 to 24-36), OHA
(Rosana Warren, Behavioral Health)
- g) Polk County Contract No. 25-145, Woodburn Construction, LLC
(Matt Hawkins, Admin Services Director)

At 9:12 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 asked staff to move forward as directed and adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

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Craig Pope, Chair

unavailable to sign

Jeremy Gordon, Commissioner



Lyle Mordhorst, Commissioner

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: August 20, 2025