TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA October 14, 2025 Courthouse Conference Room

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Approximate Time		<u>AGENDA</u>
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 October 7, 2025
	5.	THE WALL THAT HEALS RECAP – Brent DeMoe & John McArdle
	6.	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.

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 October 7, 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):

Leanna Deeters provided public comment to share that they are concerned that Polk County is supporting the Marion County Lawsuit seeking clarification on the Sanctuary Law in Oregon. Mrs. Deeters read aloud a prepared statement and stated that she has signed letters that she is going to leave for the Commissioners and Sheriff Garton.

Elise Strauss provided public comment sharing that she is disappointed that Polk County has signed on to the letter of support requesting clarification on the Sanctuary Law in Oregon and explained why.

Lisa Millavin provided public comment sharing that she understands that these are trying times but is hoping that there can be an open dialogue between the citizens of Polk County in regards to what is going on right now. Ms. Millavin read aloud a prepared statement listing what she is hoping the Commissioners can commit to in regards to the Oregon Sanctuary Law.

Mandy Strauss provided public comment in regards to her support for the Veterans Service's Officers and shared that she comes from a long line of veterans. Mrs. Strauss shared a personal story of her mother's while she was serving in the Air Force. Mrs. Strauss shared a positive experience that they had with Eric Enderle from the VSO.

Liam Storm provided public comment in regards to the staffing changes that have occurred in the Polk County Veteran Services Offices and he wanted to share that those employees have been valuable to the Polk County veterans.

Carol Christ provided public comment asking about how she can go about having an open dialogue with the Commissioners because she doesn't understand how to go about talking to them. Mrs. Christ stated that she would like to meet with them or with the Sheriff about setting up a meeting with them. Commissioner Pope stated that she is welcome to meet with any Elected Official and for the Commissioners to meet one on one with her, she is welcome to reach out to their Executive Assistant to set up a meeting individually.

Roberetta Lindenhauser provided public comment in regards to the Oregon Sanctuary Law.

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 30, 2025

ALL VOTED YES.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD.

<u>5. NON-LISTED ITEMS</u> - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

None.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda Approved: October 14, 2025