

TUESDAY WORK SESSION AGENDA
October 21, 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 October 14, 2025 |
| | 5. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS UPDATE -Jodi Merritt |
| | 6. NON-LISTED ITEMS (Pursuant to ORS 192.640) |

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.

ADJOURNMENT

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 14, 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 October 7, 2025**

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

5. THE WALL THE HEALS RECAP

Brent DeMoe, Family & Community Outreach Director, and John McArdle, The Wall That Heals Co-Chair, were present today to provide a recap of The Wall That Heals, which was hosted in the City of Independence September 2025. Mr. McArdle thanked the Board for all their support, thanked all the FCO staff and all the volunteers who helped make this happen. Mr. McArdle then presented the Commissioners with a memorabilia coin. He also had one for Greg Hansen, Administrative Officer, who was not present today. Next, Mr. McArdle thanked Commissioner Mordhorst for his connection with all the Les Schwab workers who helped with the setup of the wall. Mr. McArdle talked about the ceremonies that were held and the one that stood out the most to him was the Agent Orange Ceremony and he stood next to Beth Ritchey whose husband, Tom, was one who was impacted by agent orange. Mr. McArdle stated that over 8600 people attended. Mr. DeMoe recognized Sheriff Garton and his team and Tina Anderson, Polk County Fair Manager, for all their hard work with assisting for this event. Mr. DeMoe wanted to recognize how many involved people were volunteers and only a few were paid staff. Mr. DeMoe also thanked the Board for their sponsorship of this event. Mr. DeMoe also recognized leadership for all their support and investment with local veterans. Commissioner Pope thanked them, the committee members and all the volunteers. He said the City of Independence and Polk County should be very proud. Commissioner Gordon thanked them both, as well as Billy who wasn't able to be here today, for all their hard work and he wanted to recognize all 25 committee members. Commissioner Gordon would like to send a thank you letter to each of them. Commissioner Mordhorst thanked them all as well and talked about the Les Schwab workers who volunteered and shared that some of them were not local.

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 9:16 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: October 21, 2025