



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

1:00 PM

MONDAY October 16, 2023

Allen Room
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Anthony DeBone, Patti Adair and Phil Chang. Also present were County Administrator Nick Lelack; Deputy County Administrator Whitney Hale; Assistant County Counsel Kim Riley; and BOCC Executive Assistant Brenda Fritsvold.

This meeting was audio and video recorded and can be accessed at the Deschutes County Meeting Portal website www.deschutes.org/meetings.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair DeBone called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

CITIZEN INPUT:

- Kate Bailey encouraged the Board to modify the employee healthcare plan to cover abortion services as required by the State, saying she did not want the County to risk a lawsuit on this issue.
- Lynne Connelly urged the Board to approve the coverage for abortion services in the employee healthcare plan as recommended by the County's Employee Benefits Advisory Committee and mandated by the State.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Work Session: Road Dedication – Fryrear Butte Road

Haleigh King, Associate Planner, presented a request for Board approval of a deed of dedication for new public right-of-way on Fryrear Butte Road. King explained that this type of request is processed at the staff level, then brought to the Board for

final approval. In this case, the purpose is to provide for future road frontage for landlocked parcels. King said the application was publicly noticed and no comments were received opposing it.

Responding to Commissioner DeBone about the existing right-of-way which zigzags on the west side of the property, King said another pending application separate from this road dedication would straighten that section, which is currently unimproved. She confirmed that access to these properties is presently obtained via Forked Horn Drive, which is private, and no road construction is proposed at this time.

2. Work Session – Request for an Improvement Agreement Termination for Caldera Springs Destination Resort

Haleigh King, Associate Planner, said the Caldera Springs improvement agreement which was approved by the Board in January of 2023 required a certain ratio of single family residences to overnight lodging units (OLUs). Now that the construction of the last four required OLU's has been completed and certificates of occupancy issued, the developer has requested that a termination of the agreement be recorded and attached to the title to document that the improvement agreement is no longer an encumbrance on the property as all required terms have been met.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeBone reported on the Farmers Conservation Alliance meeting last Thursday where the possibility that an elevation drop in the lower unit canal could result in the ability to produce hydroelectricity was discussed along with the idea of pursuing a federal BRIC grant (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) for an in-conduit project.
- Commissioner Adair reported on the Chamber meeting in Sunriver last week, saying that Lieutenant Lopez will be sworn in as Sunriver's new chief of police in December.
- Commissioner Adair said Best Care reported 17 overdose deaths from fentanyl this year, including three people in one day. Additionally, St. Charles reported that five babies born in the last 60 days were addicted to fentanyl at birth.
- Commissioner Adair supported inviting Heather Dion from CASA to speak at a board meeting to share information about this program which matches trained volunteers with foster youth to serve as mentors and advocates.
- Commissioner Chang supported using effective communication techniques via appropriate channels to get critical information out to the public regarding the dramatic spike in overdose deaths.

- Commissioner DeBone said property tax bills have been published and will soon be mailed.
- Commissioner Chang said the State Legislature's Joint Water Caucus met in Bend last Thursday and Friday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN:

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.


DATED this 1st Day of Nov, 2023 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.



ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR

ATTEST:



PATTI ADAIR, VICE CHAIR

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PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER