



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

BARNES & SAWYER ROOMS
VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Anthony DeBone, and Phil Chang. Also present were Nick Lelack, County Administrator; Dave Doyle, County Legal Counsel; and Sharon Keith, Board Executive Assistant (via Zoom conference call)

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 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN INPUT:

- Charles Baer, citizen from Redmond, presented comment regarding his opinion of government fiscal transparency.
- Max Robertson, Bend resident living on Hunnell Road, provided comment on the increase of population and tourism causing traffic safety concerns and the proposed Hunnell Road improvement project.
- Thomas Andrade, resident living on Hunnell Road, presented comment on the Hunnell Road Improvement Project and thanked Commissioner Adair for

her dedication to the work she has done on behalf of the residents.

Commissioner Adair acknowledged the local businesses that donated locally produced items for the Deschutes County booth at the Association of Oregon Counties annual conference.

CONSENT AGENDA: Before the Board was consideration of the Consent Agenda.

ADAIR: Move approval of Consent Agenda
CHANG: Second

Discussion: Commissioner DeBone offered a few slight revisions to the minutes of November 1 and November 22 stating the revisions for the record.

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes
CHANG: Yes
DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

1. Consideration of Document Number 2021-902, a Revocable License between Deschutes County Health Services and Mosaic Medical, a nonprofit organization, to provide space to operate a Primary Medical Care Clinic as agreed upon through a Memorandum of Understanding located at the North County Services Building at 406 W Antler Avenue Redmond
2. Consideration of Board Signature for Order No. 2021-062, authorizing the Deschutes County Property Manager to execute the documents associated with accepting the donation of a 0.70-acre property
3. Consideration of Board Signature for Order No. 2021-063, authorizing the Deschutes County Property Manager to execute the documents associated with accepting the donation of a 0.11-acre property
4. Approval of Minutes of the November 1, 2021 BOCC Meeting
5. Approval of Minutes of the November 3, 2021 BOCC Meeting
6. Approval of Minutes of the November 8, 2021 BOCC Meeting
7. Approval of Minutes of the November 10, 2021 BOCC Meeting
8. Approval of Minutes of the November 15, 2021 BOCC Meeting
9. Approval of Minutes of the November 22, 2021 BOCC Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

Consent Agenda Item 1 as pulled for discussion: **Consideration of Document Number 2021-902, a Revocable License between Deschutes County Health Services and Mosaic Medical, a nonprofit organization, to provide space to operate a Primary Medical Care Clinic as agreed upon through a Memorandum of Understanding located at the North County Services Building at 406 W Antler Avenue Redmond**

Barrett Flesh, Health Services, presented clarification of the agreement via Zoom conference call.

ADAIR: Move approval of Document No. 2021-902
CHANG: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes
CHANG: Yes
DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

10. PUBLIC HEARING: and Consideration of Order No. 2021-061, Approving Annexation to Rural Fire District #2

County Counsel Dave Doyle presented the item and provided background of the annexation. Commissioner DeBone opened the public hearing and called for testimony and hearing none, closed the public hearing.

CHANG: Move approval of Order No. 2021-061
ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes
ADAIR: Yes
DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

**11. Consideration of Chair Signature of Document No. 2021-908,
Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority**

Kara Cronin, Health Services, presented the document for consideration via Zoom conference call explaining the services provided.

ADAIR: Move approval of Document No. 2021-908

CHANG: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes

CHANG: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

12. Oregon Living With Fire Update

Joe Stutler, Jodie Barram, and Dr. Jennifer Fenton (Zoom conference call) presented the update on the program that includes agreements with the counties of Crook, Jefferson, Klamath, and Deschutes. Grant opportunities were identified but the group has not submitted any applications as of yet due to their inability to timely submit paperwork. The group intends to apply for grants in the future. The Commissioners questioned why grant applications could not be submitted and why the group is deferring the opportunity until the end of next year. Commissioner Chang noted the importance of anticipating deadlines and to reach them as a priority for the program. The Board acknowledged many areas of overlap with the group's proposed project scope of work and where the Oregon Living With Fire group is planning to focus on the same work as the local fire agencies.

Commissioner Adair noted a year ago she asked for a commitment from Mr. Stutler to ask for membership on the steering committee from the Warm Springs Tribe. Mr. Stutler stated he is still working on that request.

Commissioner Chang stressed the importance of preparing applications for funding and not waiting any longer and work is being done by fire agencies for funding requests now. Commissioner Chang expressed the need for the group to support those agencies already doing the work for fire resiliency but to not replicate their work.

13. COVID19 Update

Health Services staff presented the COVID Update, presentation is attached to the record. Emily Freeland provided an update on the COVID19 case counts in Deschutes County. Present via Zoom were Health Services staff Dr. Rita Bacho, Eric Mone, and Dr. George Conway. Eric Mone provided the Environmental Health update on COVID19 outreach and inspections. Cheryl Smallman presented an update on the ARPA funds approved for use for response and recovery efforts and requested a transfer of \$725,000 from contingency to expenditures to be used for temporary staffing. Dr. Michael Johnson provided the St. Charles Health System update via Zoom conference call, presentation is attached to the record. Dr. Bacho presented the vaccination data via Zoom conference call. Dr. Conway reported via Zoom conference call on the status of the new variant.

RECESS: At the time of 11:35 a.m., the Board went into recess and reconvened the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

14. American Rescue Plan Funding Update

CFO Greg Munn and Budget Manager Dan Emerson presented the ARPA Funding update by introducing the first request from the City of Sisters. Present via Zoom were City Administrator Cory Misley and City of Sisters Mayor Michael Preedin and Molly Wells Darling, Health Services Program Manager to request ARPA funds to support Sisters County relative to rural houselessness. The City's request includes funding for a houselessness case manager coordinator for Sisters County and the La Pine community. Three requests were presented: a new outreach and case management position, support for the cold weather shelter and contribution for land acquisition and construction of affordable and workforce housing. Mr. Misley explained the position request to include a full time position to be split between the two communities. Ms. Darling reported on the outreach services that would be covered including staffing and a vehicle. Commissioner Chang inquired

whether the City of Sisters would consider agreeing to a shelter first for this population within the city limits before the County invests funds. Mayor Predeen noted they are open to ideas for an effective shelter however most of those that are living in the forest are doing so due to their choice of living and explained services that can be provided to them at this point would better inform them of services that are available. Mr. Misley noted the City is supportive but needs clarity on housing first as there are some that are living in the forest that don't want a shelter but want a home. Commissioner Adair commented on safety concerns for one staff person to travel out to the forest. Ms. Darling noted staff typically travel with the Forest Service staff. Mr. Misley expressed the need to help the people and look at options that fit with the community as a whole. Mayor Preedin spoke on the services based approach for the houseless people that need help in order to find out what their needs are. Commissioner Adair expressed concern for the upcoming cold weather. Commissioner DeBone expressed support of resources for six months. Commissioner Chang noted support of a new position for case management as well. Commissioner Adair is supportive of the new position dedicated for case management as well as support for the existing Sisters Cold Weather Shelter operations. Commissioner Chang requested to hold determination on the cold weather shelter at this time until further discussion. Mr. Misley requested the City of Sisters be involved in that conversation. Mr. Misely commented on the request for an allocation of \$500,000 towards funds to assist in the expansion of housing units in Sisters. Commissioner Chang would be inclined to hold \$500,000 until there is a specific project in mind.

Mr. Emerson inquired if the BOCC could determine the request of the \$725,000 conversion of funds.

CHANG: Move approval to convert the \$725,000 of ARPA Contingency as requested by Health Services

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes

ADAIR: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

Katrina VanDiss High Desert Food and Farm Alliance was present via Zoom conference call. A letter was submitted requesting funding in the amount of \$50,000 to reimburse farmers a fair wholesale market price for produce.

CHANG: Move allocation of \$50,000 ARPA funds to the High Desert Food and Farm Alliance

ADAIR: Second

Commissioner Adair pointed out the 7% administrative costs listed in the request document.

VOTE: CHANG: Yes

ADAIR: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried.

The Board requested a continued meeting on Friday, December 3 to further review the ARPA requests presented today. County Administrator Lelack offered a confirmation on the time of the continued meeting and possibly Monday morning if scheduling allows.

RECESS: At the time of 12:49 p.m. the Board went into recess and reconvened the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

15. Consideration of Board Signature of Document No. 2021-732, Amendment to Services Contract 20211-648 with Republic Services of Oregon for operational assistance at Negus Transfer Station.

Interim Solid Waste Operations Director Chad Centola presented the contract amendment and services included via Zoom conference call.

CHANG: Move approval of Document No. 2021-732

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes
 ADAIR: Yes
 DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

16. CORE3 Project Update (formerly the Regional Emergency Services and Training Coordination Center (RESTCC))

Property Manager Kristie Bollinger presented the update along with COIC Economic Development Officer Scott Aycock and Redmond Fire and Rescue Chief Ken Kehmna. Sheriff Shane Nelson present via Zoom conference call. Presentation regarding the facility is attached to the record. Chief Kehmna expressed support of the facility and the benefits that it would provide to Central Oregon region. Sheriff Shane Nelson expressed gratitude to the Commissioners for their support of this project.

A draft Memorandum of Understanding was presented to reflect Deschutes County's support to generally identify approximately 300 acres for the project and future expansion. COIC will provide the fiscal administration for the project.

17. Consideration of Acceptance of DEQ grant for Community Response Plan for Smoke

County Forester Ed Keith presented the item for consideration (via Zoom conference call) to accept the DEQ grant related to wildfire and prescribed fire smoke. The grant was applied for and staff has received the grant agreement to move forward. Morgan Emerson (via Zoom conference call) and Whitney Hale were also present for this item. Ms. Emerson has drafted a request for proposals for community education efforts. The grant includes \$75,000 of state funds and a match of in-kind services from Deschutes County staff. Commissioner DeBone acknowledged the input of the Health Services department on the impacts of wildfire smoke. Ms. Hale reported on the project application to include testing and monitoring of digital ads to ensure feedback on messaging. Mr. Keith noted with the community

response plan there was messaging on prescribed fire and a public survey was conducted and resulted in 1,000 responses.

ADAIR: Move approval of Document No. 2021-943

CHANG: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes

CHANG: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeBone brought up the scheduling of a continued discussion of ARPA updates for Friday December 3 at 10:00 a.m. County Counsel Doyle recommended to continue today's meeting to Friday rather than scheduling and noticing a new meeting.
- County Counsel Dave Doyle spoke on the December 16 joint meeting with Sunriver Service District and advised that a managing board agreement will be presented for consideration.
- Commissioner Chang reported on the emergency homeless task force meeting yesterday.
- Commissioner Adair expressed concern with the impacts of postponing surgical procedures at St. Charles.

18. Legislative Session Planning

Deputy County Administrator Whitney Hale presented the legislative session planning discussion for the 2022 legislative session. PAC West lobby staff Phil Sheuers and Ryan Tribbett were present via Zoom conference call and provided an update regarding the session and opportunities for Deschutes County. PAC West is the lobbyist firm for Deschutes County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None scheduled or presented*

RECESS: At the time of 3:16 p.m., the Board went into recess and reconvened the meeting on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ARPA Grant Agreements:

Chief Financial Officer Greg Munn presented an additional item asking the Board for authorization of the CFO or the County Administrator to sign ARPA grant agreements. County Counsel Doyle noted that signature authority for CARES Act grants was given to the County Administrator.

CHANG: Move approval of either County Administrator or County Chief Financial Officer signature authority on ARPA funding agreements approved by the Board.

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes
ADAIR: Yes
DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

2. Continued Discussion on ARPA Funding Update:

Chief Financial Officer Greg Munn presented the continued discussions. Molly Wells Darling and Colleen Thomas presented an ARPA request for an additional three staff, supplies, and vehicle for outreach services to the homeless population. Commissioner Adair inquired on actual numbers of the homeless in La Pine and Ms. Darling reported there are 44. Ms. Darling reported on the point in time count of the homeless in Deschutes County. At this time, there are two Deschutes County staff providing outreach services. Ms. Thomas reported on services available for the homeless population. Discussion held on substance use disorders found in this population and

outreach efforts. Ms. Thomas spoke on outreach done to assist with providing a safe place for these individuals that need behavioral health care. Ms. Thomas noted there is approximately 30% experiencing substance use disorder within the homeless population and 80% of the population reached by the behavioral health department have mental health issues and/or substance use disorders.

The financial ask is for a period of three years. Commissioner DeBone commented the services would only be able to provide a warm relationships for outreach and service but there is a need to provide a location for the homeless. Commissioner Chang would support the department's proposal as the local public health authority. Commissioner DeBone expressed the importance of participation by the City Councils. Commissioner DeBone noted that Deschutes County is taking many steps in this area and that the local cities need to step up as well to provide shelter for this population. Commissioner Adair acknowledges the growing problem with this situation in our County and inquired on experience levels required for the staffing requested. Janice Garceau, Behavioral Health Director reviewed the requirements.

Commissioner DeBone inquired on statistics of success and report of the outreach as an effort to provide information for the community. Commissioner Adair stressed the need to make progress. Commissioner Chang requested regular report to evaluate the service. Commissioner Adair inquired on the point in time count on a regular basis to determine if we are making a difference.

Commissioner DeBone inquired whether a full report specific to clients could be provided to the Commissioners. County Counsel Doyle noted there could be a report without individual client names or identifiers. Commissioner Adair requested the report every six months.

The Health Services request of \$1,065,000 is for homeless outreach countywide services through the ARPA funding and would support three full time employees through December 31, 2024.

CHANG: Moved to approve \$1,065,000 allocation of ARPA funds for three year period to support homeless outreach countywide services as proposed

ADAIR: Second

Discussion: Commissioner DeBone acknowledged discussions that may need to be had to find structural solutions.

VOTE: CHANG: Yes
ADAIR: Yes
DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

Commissioner Adair offered to allocate \$10,000 of ARPA funds to the City of Sisters as assistance for a winter warming shelter. Commissioner Chang stated this may not be helpful as the Sisters warming shelter board has not requested this as of yet. A request will be made to the City of Sisters for a written plan.

A letter will be drafted to announce to the cities in Deschutes County of their financial commitment to the homeless outreach.

ADJOURN: Being no business brought before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

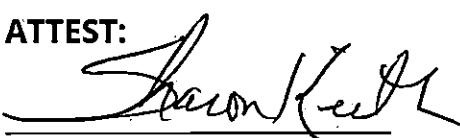
DATED this 20 Day of December 2021 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.



ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR



PHIL CHANG, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:


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PATTI ADAIR, COMMISSIONER