



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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# BOCC MEETING MINUTES

1:00 PM

**MONDAY February 26, 2024**

Barnes & Sawyer Room  
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Tony DeBone and Phil Chang. Also present were County Administrator Nick Lelack; County Counsel David Doyle; Assistant Legal 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 webpage [www.deschutes.org/meetings](http://www.deschutes.org/meetings).

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Adair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

### **CITIZEN INPUT:**

- Dorinne Tye said one recent day when she and her family were outside in their yard, they were harassed by private planes operating out of the Bend Municipal Airport. Adding that her dog recently died of cancer as did a neighbor of hers, she said flight schools are for the wealthy and their operations negatively affect others who live in proximity to airports.
- Jeff Hubley shared his support for allowing recreational vehicles (RVs) as residential dwellings, explaining his desire to live on a tiny house on rural land in Deschutes County. Although the Planning Commission had concerns and voted to recommend against implementing this proposal, he believed there are benefits that would be realized. Hubley concluded that many people cannot afford the high cost of housing in Bend.

Commissioner Chang said because the State authorizes leasing space on residential property to RVs which are registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles, this allowance may not extend to tiny homes such as the one owned by Hubley.

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **1. Memorandum of Understanding with COIC for the Coordinated Houseless Response Office**

Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp said this item will return to the Board for action at a future meeting.

*The Board convened as the Governing Body of the Sunriver Service District.*

### **2. Sunriver Service District Management Agreement Updates**

Jim Fister, Board Chair of the Sunriver Service District (SSD), presented proposed changes to the management agreement between the Governing Body of the SSD, the SSD Managing Board ("SSD Board"), and the Sunriver Owners Association (SROA). The proposed changes would affect who is eligible to serve on the SSD Board, and would also stipulate that the SSD Board Position 1 member who represents the Sunriver Owners Association cannot serve as an officer of the SSD Board.

Fister reviewed the other proposed changes to the sections governing Board terms and appointments, including a new requirement that any person nominated to the SSD Board must undergo a criminal and conflict of interest background investigation. In addition, it's proposed that membership on the SSD Board be expanded beyond Sunriver property owners to allow representatives of businesses in the District to serve on the Board.

Dave Doyle, County Counsel, confirmed there is no legal mandate that the SSD Board have a position designated for a representative from SROA.

On another subject, Fister shared an update on the progress of the public safety building which is on schedule to be completed in January of 2025.

*The Board reconvened as the governing body of Deschutes County.*

### **3. Treasury Report for January 2024**

Bill Kuhn, County Treasurer, presented the Treasury Report for January 2024, including a high-level economic overview.

#### 4. **Finance Report for January 2024**

Robert Tintle, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Finance Report for January 2024.

#### 5. **Deschutes County's Fiscal Year 2025 Goals and Objectives**

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager, reviewed the Board's FY 2024 goals and objectives, explaining that these are used to inform performance measures and budget development. She asked if the Board wishes to change any of these for 2025.

Saying that the language pertaining to the pandemic response seems dated, Commissioner DeBone suggested asking Health Services how to revise this to be more current. Commissioner Chang said the County should continue efforts to be prepared for possible future health concerns that may arise.

The Board was in consensus to modify the language pertaining to recruitment and retention initiatives.

Commissioner Adair said students need support and assistance towards gaining a solid education, and student absenteeism should be addressed. She added that a behavioral health facility is also needed.

Commissioner Chang spoke to inadequate childcare capacity in the region and the large number of students who are homeless.

Patterson indicated she will bring back draft edits as discussed.

#### **OTHER ITEMS:**

- Peter Gutowsky, Community Development Director, sought direction regarding the current recruitment to fill the vacant at-large position on the Planning Commission. The Commissioners decided to each select two candidates to interview.
- County Administrator Nick Lelack said the County will sponsor a table at the annual REDI luncheon on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioner DeBone referred to emails received regarding amendments to HB 4002, which relates to Measure 110. Commissioner Adair reported that District Attorney Stephen Gunnels has indicated his support for the amendments as currently worded.

- Commissioner Adair reported a meeting with Congressman Bentz last Friday and homeowners in the China Hat area who are concerned about their lives and property. Congressman Bentz agreed this situation presents a public safety issue and requires efforts to increase safety.

*A break was announced at 2:42 pm. The meeting resumed at 2:45 pm.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 2:45 pm, the Board recessed into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Litigation.

At 2:54 pm, the Board exited Executive Session with no action taken.

**ADJOURN:**

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

  
PATTI ADAIR, CHAIR

**ATTEST:**

  
ANTHONY DEBONE, VICE CHAIR

  
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PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER