



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

1:00 PM

MONDAY December 4, 2023

Allen Room
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Tony DeBone, Patti Adair and Phil Chang. Also present were County Administrator Nick Lelack; 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.

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

CITIZEN INPUT: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Rural, Bend, Sunriver Chambers Funding Requests

Nick Lelack, County Administrator, summarized requests submitted from the La Pine, Redmond, Sisters, Sunriver and Bend Chambers of Commerce for allocations of video lottery funds, adding that Finance has provided background information on the current and projected balances of this fund after forecasting revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025. Lelack said options before the Board include declining one or more of the requests; deferring decisions to the FY 2025 budget process; or supplementing the existing FY 2024 allocations for Sisters and Sunriver and considering new FY 2024 allocations for one or more of the other three chambers.

Commissioner DeBone stated his general support for discussing these requests next spring as the FY 2025 Budget is developed.

Commissioner Chang said while the proposals illustrate the amount of important work to be done by the chambers, he was concerned about the sustainability of making these investments and also that drawing down the video lottery fund balance could limit the County's ability to fund different asks in the future.

Commissioner Adair stated her appreciation for the important work done by the chambers, noted that video lottery funds are to be used for economic development, and suggested that the requests could be funded at a 50% level now and the Board could consider funding the remainder at a later date.

Laura Skundrick, Management Analyst, confirmed that the County expects to end the year with \$1,003,075 in unallocated video lottery funds.

Commissioner DeBone echoed the support for the County's Chambers of Commerce and the work they do on behalf of small businesses. While he wanted small businesses to continue operating and generate profits, he noted that video lottery dollars also go to EDCO along with other service partners such as the Deschutes Water Collaborative and non-profit organizations which provide emergency food, shelter and clothing to community members.

Commissioner Chang said while the chambers, EDCO and various non-profits utilize video lottery funds for eligible economic development activities, one of the biggest constraints on economic development in Deschutes County is workforce availability which itself is impacted by the lack of affordable housing or needs for food assistance.

Commissioner DeBone asked to know what if any deliverables the County could expect from awarding the requested funding.

Eric Sand, representing the Redmond Chamber of Commerce, spoke to promoting businesses beyond Redmond out to Terrebonne and Crooked River Ranch.

Katy Brooks, Bend Chamber CEO, said the Bend Chamber seeks assistance in funding its workforce housing initiative.

Ann Gawith, Executive Director of the La Pine Chamber, said every chamber has far-reaching benefits beyond the limits of its geographic community.

Commissioner Chang said he would want to review a work plan for each of the funding requests along with its expected impacts. Later, he would want to know that specific implementation had occurred.

The Board was in consensus to direct staff to incorporate these requests into the FY 2025 Budget process. Commissioner Chang asked that all of the chambers be notified of the Board meeting when FY 2025 video lottery allocations will be discussed when that has been determined.

2. Work Session: Draft 2020-2040 Tumalo Community Plan Update

Senior Transportation Planner Tarik Rawlings briefed the Board on a public hearing scheduled for December 6, 2023 on the update of the Tumalo Community Plan (TCP) from the current 2010-2030 version to a replacement 2020-2040 plan. Rawlings explained that a community plan expresses an overall vision for a specific geographic area and establishes policies to achieve desired goals over the next two decades.

Rawlings referred to maps showing the identified boundaries and zoning of Tumalo along with built and vacant lots. Noting that the County funded a request for a sewer feasibility study for this area, he added that ODOT is currently constructing a two-lane roundabout at US 20 and O.B. Riley-Cook road. He described the public outreach conducted for the TCP update and summarized various topics and concerns shared by the public.

Senior Transportation Planner Peter Russell reviewed changes made from the 2010-2030 plan to the draft 2020-2040 plan, including the addition of three new goals and 17 new policies and revisions to existing goals and policies.

Rawlings reported the recommendations of the Planning Commission with regard to the update, as follows: remove policies #10 and #11 from the Natural Resources, Open Space and Recreation Policies section; add a policy to explore legislative changes to limit multi-family housing to a maximum of four units; support public art; and encourage residents and community groups to reach out to Deschutes County for updates and information.

Discussion ensued regarding the policy to limit multi-family housing to a maximum of four units. It was noted that there is not much undeveloped land left in Tumalo and previously, the lack of sewer served as a check on the number of residential units that could be built on any one property.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager, presented a request to add the County's logo to a letter asking the State legislature to prioritize funding for community restoration programs which provide essential services to persons who are charged with a crime and unable to assist in their own defense due to mental illness or a substance use disorder.

ADAIR: Move to authorize adding the County's logo in support of this request as presented

CHANG: Second

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

- Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator, presented a request from Mountain View Community Development for a letter supporting its application for a grant which would be used to conduct donor outreach and development for the planned RV park at Oasis Village. The Commissioners directed edits to the draft letter.

ADAIR: Move approval of a letter supporting the grant application of Mountain View Community Development as discussed and edited

CHANG: Second

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

- County Administrator Nick Lelack said on Wednesday, he will present a letter to the Board for its consideration seeking support from the area's Congressional delegation for raising the \$100 million cap on loans made through the federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act to \$200 million for rural projects such as the expansion of the Redmond Municipal Airport.
- Commissioner DeBone shared that Commissioner Adair's float won an award in the Bend Christmas Parade last weekend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN:

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm.

DATED this 20th day of December 2023 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.



ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR

ATTEST:



PATTI ADAIR, VICE CHAIR



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PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER