



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY June 4, 2025

Barnes Sawyer Rooms
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Anthony DeBone, Patti Adair and Phil Chang.
Also present were County Administrator Nick Lelack; Senior 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 website www.deschutes.org/meetings.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair DeBone called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN INPUT: None

Chair DeBone acknowledged and welcomed David Loveall, Chair of the Lane County Commission who was present in the audience.

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

1. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-019 extending a limited duration 1.0 FTE Peer Support Specialist position through June 30, 2026
2. Approval of an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Stevens County (WA)
3. Approval of Order No. 2025-013 vacating a portion of NW Helmholtz Way

4. Approval of Document No. 2025-556, a Second Amendment to the IGA with Oregon Judicial Department regarding courthouse improvements
5. Approval of Audit Committee Appointments
6. Consideration of Board Signature on letter appointing Julie LaFrance for service on the Newbery Estates Special Road District
7. Consideration of Board signature of letter reappointing Johnny Leason to the Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Committee
8. Approval of the minutes of the May 5, 2025 BOCC meeting
9. Approval of the minutes of the May 23, 2025 BOCC Legislative Update

ADAIR: Move Board approval of the Consent Agenda as presented

CHANG: Second

VOTE:	ADAIR:	Yes
	CHANG:	Yes
	DEBONE:	Chair votes yes. Motion Carried 3 – 0

ACTION ITEMS:

10. National Medal of Honor Highway Act Briefing

Dick Tobiason, Chairman of the Bend Heroes Foundation, said the Medal of Honor Highway program originated in Deschutes County, and Oregon was the first state to have a Medal of Honor Highway across it which was approved by the Legislature and Governor in 2017. After other states subsequently also established Medal of Honor Highways, in 2024 Congress approved a bill sponsored by Oregon Senator Ron Wyden designating a National Medal of Honor Highway on US Highway 20 coast to coast.

Tobiason recognized staff from the Oregon Department of Transportation who have helped install Medal of Honor Highway signs across the State.

Commissioner DeBone expressed his appreciation for Tobiason's efforts and for bringing people around the nation together.

Commissioner Chang appreciated the work done to honor veterans.

In response to Commissioner Adair, Tobiason said his next project may involve the placement of white crosses at the site of every highway fatality.

11. Work Session – Preparation for Public Hearing - Deschutes County Code Title 12 Text Amendments

Cody Smith, County Engineer / Assistant Road Director, presented draft amendments to Deschutes County Code Title 12 (“Roads, Sidewalks, and Public Places”) for consideration by the Board. Smith explained the reasons for the changes and reviewed current text and proposed amendments for each affected subsection, summarizing those as follows:

- DCC 12.04 “General Provisions and Definitions”– This chapter currently provides general provisions and definitions pertaining only to utilities within public rights-of-way which are under the County’s jurisdiction. The proposed amendments would modify and modernize this section to provide general provisions and definitions for all of Title 12.
- DCC 12.08 “Utilities Within the Public Right-of-Way”– This chapter, together with DCC 12.12, 12.16, and 12.20, currently addresses utilities within public rights-of-way under the County’s jurisdiction. The proposed amendments consolidate relevant language into a single chapter, update certain provisions to align with current practices and standards, and provide for clarification and ease of use and interpretation.
- DCC 12.12, 12.16, and 12.20 – These chapters are proposed for repeal, as applicable provisions from these chapters are moved to DCC 12.08 as previously explained.
- DCC 12.25 “Road Design and Construction Specifications” – This is a new proposed chapter that moves the County Road Standards from Title 17 (“Subdivisions”) to Title 12. As that’s being done, it’s proposed that some text be updated to align certain provisions with current practices and standards and provide for clarification and ease of use and interpretation.
- DCC 12.28 – “Driveways and Access to Public Roads” – This chapter provides regulations and standards regarding access to public roads under the County’s jurisdiction. The proposed amendments include the addition of certain access-related provisions that are proposed for repeal in Title 17. Additionally, the proposed amendments update certain provisions to align with current practices and standards and provide for clarification and ease of interpretation and use.

In response to Commissioner Chang, Smith said no policies or regulations are being changed as text is reorganized and clarified. Smith concluded that a public hearing has been scheduled before the Board on June 11th.

12. Spay & Neuter Grant Requests

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager, reviewed the background of the Spay & Neuter Grant Program which utilizes funds from dog license contributions to help fund the work of organizations which offer spay and neuter services. Six applications were received for this year's round of grant funding; the requests total \$9,000. The County has \$4,928 to distribute.

Discussion ensued about the services provided by the applicants and the fact that in prior years the Board allocated additional General Fund revenues to this program to augment the funds donated by persons obtaining or renewing pet licenses.

ADAIR: Move to allocate \$1,000 each to Brightside Animal Center, the Humane Society, Furry Friends Foundation, and Street Dog Hero and allocate \$500 each to the Council on Aging and Ember's Wildflower Animal Sanctuary and Bunny Rescue

CHANG: Second

VOTE:	ADAIR:	Yes
	CHANG:	Yes
	DEBONE:	Chair votes yes. Motion Carried 3 - 0

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Chang said a recent fire north of Redmond may have originated from an outdoor pile burn at a private residence. Saying that more than half of the fires that have occurred so far this year in Oregon escaped from pile burns, he supported making it easier and less costly to dispose of yard waste without having to burn it.
- Commissioner Adair advocated for the passage of HB 3135 which would provide financial assistance for juniper removal. She urged homeowners to clean up their properties and apply shield material to dried-out wood fences.
- Commissioner DeBone attended the ribbon-cutting and 25th anniversary celebration of the purchase of the Latino Community Association's Empowerment Center and also Dr. Chesley's retirement celebration from COCC.
- Commissioner DeBone missed yesterday's Public Health Hero event but will attend the COIC meeting tomorrow.
- Commissioner Adair attended the dedication of the new playground at Mountain View Fellowship in Redmond for the safe parking program.
- Commissioner DeBone noted that this year's AOC Board Retreat was held this past Monday in Sisters. Commissioner Adair attended that as well.
- Commissioner Chang reported on Monday's Coordinated Houseless Response Office and Regional Housing Council meetings.
- Saying it was "Try Transit" week, Commissioner Chang encouraged others to utilize public transit as he did this morning.

- Commissioner Adair reported that the Legislature is expected to finish its 2025 session in two weeks.
- Commissioner Adair commented on a stabbing incident at a mission in Salem by a resident of Deschutes County which involved 12 victims.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:15 am, the Board entered Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Real Property Negotiations and ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Litigation.

The Executive Session concluded at 11:20 am.

ADJOURN:

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am.

DATED this 28th Day of July 2025 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.


ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR

ATTEST:


RECORDING SECRETARY


PATTI ADAIR, VICE CHAIR


PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER