BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM  Wednesday, December 8, 2021  BARNES & SAWYER ROOMS VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Anthony DeBone, and Phil Chang. Also present were Erik Kropp, Deputy 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:

Ron Boozel, local political activist, thanked the Commissioners for their service and spoke on transparency in government.

Toby Bayard, resident near Hunnell Road, spoke on preservation of rural lifestyles and concern with quality of life. Ms. Bayard requested consideration of safety measures with the proposed Hunnell Road improvement project.
Edward Pitera, resident of Sunriver, and spoke on recycling services that may be available to rural residents.

Commissioner DeBone acknowledged eight receipt of eight email communications sent to Citizen Input expressing support for the Joint Office of Homelessness.

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

ADAIR:       Move approval of Consent Agenda
CHANG:       Second

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

1. Consideration of Board Signature of Resolution No. 2021-082, Increasing 0.1 Regular Duration FTE within the Health Services Fund and 2021-2022 Deschutes County Budget
2. Consideration of Board Signature of Letter Thanking Carolyn Chase for Service on the Cascades View Estates Special Road District

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Notice of Intent to Award Contract for Owner’s Representative Services, Courthouse Expansion Project

Facilities Director Lee Randall and Project Manager Dan Hopper presented the item for consideration. A Request for Proposal was issued and a panel conducted interviews with the firms that submitted proposals. Commissioners thanked Dan for his time with Deschutes County.

CHANG:       Move approval of Document No. 2021-980
ADAIR:       Second
VOTE: Chang: Yes
Adair: Yes
Debone: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

4. Construction Manager/General Contractor Findings of Fact for the North County Campus 236 and 244 Kingwood Remodel Project

Facilities Director Lee Randall presented the item for consideration and provided the project scope of work.

Adair: Move approval
Chang: Second

VOTE: Adair: Yes
Chang: Yes
Debone: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

5. Staff Report – 2021 Housekeeping Amendments Work Session

Kyle Collins, Community Development Department Associate Planner, presented a staff report regarding proposed housekeeping amendments to Deschutes County Code. A public hearing is scheduled for December 15 and Mr. Collins stated the staff recommendation is to adopt just the portion addressing office hours and appeal timing by emergency, with an effective date of January 3. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments at a public hearing on November 18, 2021 and unanimously recommended approval.

6. Cannabis Advisory Panel/Quarterly Agenda

CDD Director Peter Gutowsky presented a draft agenda for the next
Cannabis Advisory Panel meeting. The meeting is scheduled for January 24. The Board gave recommendations of various topics and presenters that should be included in the panel's upcoming agendas. Discussion held on marijuana tax revenue. Commissioner DeBone recommended including a public safety report reflecting activity of the drug team. Commissioner Chang recommended that Dr. Berry's presentation of psychotic outcomes associated with marijuana be presented at a Board meeting rather than a CAP meeting. The Board expressed support.

7. Request to Apply for COHC Grant for the Central Oregon Regional Childhood Immunization Rate Quality Improvement Project

Dr. Rita Bacho and Adrea Rodriguez Lovejoy Health Services, Supervisor presented (via Zoom) data on childhood immunization rates and request for permission to apply for a grant to improve the immunization rates. The funding award would cover three years in the amount of $419,428 and the department is requesting to hire a limited duration staff person to support the programs. Commissioner Adair requested additional information regarding childhood immunizations and suggested for staff to consider posting this important piece of public awareness on a high visibility billboard. The role of the new staff person will be a liaison with participating clinics.

CHANG: Move approval of the grant application, in the amount of $419,428
ADAIR: Second

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

OTHER ITEMS:

- Continued discussion was held on the proposed letter to the Association of Oregon Counties/League of Oregon Cities for a Joint Office for Homelessness
to be operated by the City of Bend and Deschutes County. A revised draft was reviewed and further recommendations were made.

CHANG: Move approval of the letter with revisions
ADAI R: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes
ADAI R: Yes
DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

Commissioner DeBone expressed concern with Commissioner Chang’s comment during Monday’s BOCC meeting that Commissioners Adair and DeBone did in fact have a voice in the ongoing homelessness process. Commissioner Chang explained that he kept the Board informed. Commissioner DeBone reminded Commissioner Chang that public meeting rules impact participation of Commissioners. Commissioner DeBone noted that the Strategic Plan has not been shared and the implication that Commissioners Adair and DeBone have ignored this process is not accurate. Commissioner DeBone requested that Commissioners work together.

- Commissioner Chang commented on the 11-acre property outside of Bend and supported Commissioner Adair’s suggestion that the County explore that as a solution for Deschutes County homelessness. Commissioner Chang asked that the Commissioners do the work on surveying adjacent land owners relative to support or opposition before investing additional time on this concept. Commissioner Adair noted this item is planned for discussion at the December 15th BOCC meeting. Commissioner Chang also commented on the possibility of using 10-acres outside of Redmond for the houselessness effort.

- Commissioner DeBone presented a request from the Mayor of the City of La Pine for a letter of support to the State Parks and Recreation department for funding to establish an ATV staging site. Commissioner DeBone will follow through on the letter.

- Commissioner Adair requested a conversation for funding for the Chambers. Commissioner DeBone noted the discussion is planned for a future meeting and requested an update from COIC.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None presented

ADJOURN

Being no business brought before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

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

ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR

PHIL CHANG, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST: PATTI ADAIR, COMMISSIONER

RECORDING SECRETARY