



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

1:00 PM

MONDAY August 19, 2024

Allen 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; 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 Adair called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Application for Oregon Health Authority M110 BHRN grant

Holly Harris, Behavioral Health Director, presented background information on this grant, which previously was applied for and received in conjunction with other entities. For the upcoming round of funding, each entity is applying individually; DCHS is proposing to apply to receive \$11.5 million over four years. Harris explained that, if awarded, the funds would be used to continue recovery services for adults, youth, and the adult intensive and unhoused populations. Funding would support continuation of 13.3 existing full-time equivalent (FTE), barrier removals, harm reduction supplies, and 15% for indirect costs.

In addition, Behavioral Health would seek approval to add two positions (1.0 FTE Peer Support Specialist and 1.0 FTE Behavioral health Specialist II) to staff a mobile treatment team serving unsheltered individuals. This team would offer assessment services as well as medication management, therapy, case management, peer supports, and harm reduction interventions. One additional vehicle would be needed to support the team's outreach efforts in South County.

DEBONE: Move approval of an application for a Measure 110 BHRN grant from the Oregon Health Authority

CHANG: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes

DEBONE: Yes

ADAIR: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

2. **Treasury Report for July 2024**

Bill Kuhn, County Treasurer, presented the Treasury Report for July 2024.

3. **Finance Report for July 2024**

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

4. **Mountain View Community Development Safe Parking Program and options for permanent shelter**

Rick Russell, executive director of Mountain View Community Development (MVCD), presented a proposal for a permanent supportive housing village and asked for a 65-year lease from the County for 8.77 acres in Redmond adjacent to Oasis Village. Russell spoke to the need for this kind of shelter, particularly for persons over the age of 50 who lack housing and have very limited incomes, sometimes due to disabilities, and are not expected to return to employment.

Michelle Cross added that MVCD has researched communities which have successful permanent supportive housing developments and has also been working to establish partnerships with Housing Works and Hayden Hornes/Simplicity Hornes on a possible project in Deschutes County. MVCD believes that funding from Oregon Housing and Community Services' Local Innovation and Fast Track program could pay for the initial capital costs of a project.

Referring to broad community support for this project, Russell said the proposal would result in 60 housing units ranging from 400 to 600 sf in size.

In response to Commissioner Chang, Russell anticipated that construction could begin in the fall of 2025.

Responding to Commissioner Adair, Russell assented to including a reversion clause in the requested lease.

Commissioner Adair asked if a tenant would pay rent if he or she receives disability income. Russell said it's proposed that all tenants pay up to 30% of their income for the housing.

Responding to Commissioner Chang, Cross said in the interest of minimizing costs, all 60 units would likely be built at once instead of in phases.

Saying that the County has already leased this land to the City of Redmond and noting that the property is within Redmond's jurisdiction, Commissioner DeBone believed the City should head up any project such as this.

Russell said the City has expressed its willingness to support the County leasing property directly to MVCD for this project. He characterized the relationship between the City and MVCD as mission-oriented and productive, and expected that to continue.

(See page 5 for Board action following the Executive Session.)

5. **Deliberation #5: Deschutes County 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update – Review of draft document**

Nicole Mardell, Senior Planner, reviewed the process undertaken by the Board to deliberate on changes to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and presented the draft redlined document as revised according to the Board's deliberations.

Mardell referred to an email seeking the opportunity to present additional comments to the Board on this matter and asked if the Board wishes to re-open the record or have it remain closed. If the record remains closed, some comments already received would not be able to be considered in the Board's deliberations of this subject.

Discussion ensued regarding received comments and the logistics of allowing or not allowing comments for a legislative process outside of the record. Commissioner DeBone said the process to update the Comprehensive Plan has been lengthy, with many opportunities to provide input. Neither he nor Commissioner Adair supported re-opening the record at this point.

Commissioner Chang did not either see a compelling reason to re-open the record since comments submitted in the last few days have been stated previously. He encouraged the Board to carefully consider comments received before the record was closed.

DEBONE: Move approval of Board Order 2024-031 denying the request to re-open the record for the submittal of comments on the draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan update

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: (abstained)

DEBONE: Yes

ADAIR: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried 2 – 1 – 0

The Board proceeded to conduct its deliberations of the draft redlined document.

Commissioner Adair said the photo of a dairy cow should be replaced with a picture of a Galloway cow. On page 90 of chapter 5, she said poaching should be added to the list of factors affecting the decline in mule deer populations.

Referring to a previous statement from Commissioner Chang indicating he would not vote for the update as determined by the Board, Commissioner DeBone reminded that the Board is the governing body representing the public, the update has been formulated using a public process, and all sides have been represented in the process of developing the draft update.

Commissioner Chang responded that the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to serve as a vision for the future of the community, and he did not believe that the input of many community members has been sufficiently considered. Adding that he has suggested revisions to reflect input from the community with regard to the protection of farmland, groundwater supplies, and the rural character of the county, he estimated that about 90% of his suggestions were rejected by his fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner DeBone said much property zoned as resource land has either never been farmed or never been farmed for profit. While he understood the value of vista views and open space, he noted that more than 75% of the land in Deschutes County is publicly owned.

Commissioner Chang said with certain practices, much land not currently farmed could be used for agriculture.

Commissioner DeBone believed that the latest iteration of the draft update balances competing interests very well. He asked to see the document formatted without the redlines.

Commissioner Chang presented his suggested changes to the document and moved that these be incorporated into the final draft. The motion was not seconded.

Mardell said staff will return on September 11th with the draft document in final form.

OTHER ITEMS:

- County Administrator Nick Lelack reported that the latest ten-week session of County College starts next week.

Kim Katchur, Public Information Officer, added that she provided the Commissioners with a draft presentation for the Board to use to open the initial session on August 27th.

- Commissioner Adair reported on last week's Behavioral Health Advisory Board and Audit Committee meetings.
- Commissioner DeBone reported on a well-attended community clean-up at Jackpine Loop Road in La Pine. The event, coordinated by the Newberry Regional Partnership and involving Republic Services and the Public Land Stewards, resulted in approximately 2.5 acres being cleaned up.
- Commissioner DeBone shared that the Public Land Stewards seek financial support to remove and dispose of vehicles abandoned in the forest. Discussion ensued regarding contracting for this work or otherwise extending financial assistance.
- Commissioner Adair attended a ceremony in Sisters acknowledging the loss of 19 veterans this year.

A break was taken at 3:12 pm. The meeting resumed at 3:15 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 3:15 pm, the Board entered executive session under ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Real Property Negotiations.

At 3:30 pm, the executive session concluded and the public was invited to return to the room. The Board first directed staff to proceed as discussed during the executive session, then took the following action:

CHANG: Move to direct staff to prepare a 65-year lease with Mountain View Community Development for 9.27 County-owned acres in Redmond to be used to develop permanent supportive housing

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes
DEBONE: No
ADAIR: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried 2 - 1

Commissioner DeBone explained his preference that the City of Redmond take the lead on this effort.

ADJOURN:


Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm.

DATED this 25th day of Sept. 2024 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.



PATTI ADAIR, CHAIR

ATTEST:



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ANTHONY DEBONE, VICE CHAIR



PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER