



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY August 31, 2022

Barnes Sawyer Rooms
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Anthony DeBone, and Phil Chang. Also present were David Doyle, County Counsel, Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator and (via Zoom) Angie Powers, Administrative Assistant.

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 Adair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN INPUT:

- Commissioner Adair recognized eight Citizen Input forms received via email in opposition to the conversion of Worrell Wayside Park in Bend to a parking lot.
- Commissioner Adair observed a moment of silence to honor the two innocent lives lost on Sunday evening during the eastside Bend Safeway shooting incident, Mr. Glenn Bennett and Mr. Donald Surrett Jr. She recognized the bravery of the first responders and of Mr. Surrett Jr., the Safeway employee who put his life at risk to save others.

- A Community Assistance Center is currently set up at Pilot Butte Middle School to assist community members who are grieving.

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

DEBONE: Move approval of Consent Agenda
 SECOND: CHANG

VOTE: DEBONE: YES
 CHANG: YES
 ADAIR: Chair votes YES. Motion passes

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 2022-061 Increasing Appropriations within the Health Services Fund and the 2022-23 Deschutes County Budget
2. Consideration of Resolution No. 2022-057 Initiating Vacation Proceedings for an Unused Portion of Fryrear Road
3. Approval of Minutes of the August 14, 2022 BOCC Meeting
4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 17, 2022 BOCC Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

5. Proclamation: Labor Day

The revised Proclamation was read by Commissioners DeBone, Chang and Adair. This Proclamation recognizes Labor Day, which falls on Monday, September 5th this year, and is an important holiday that pays tribute to America’s workforce. Commissioner DeBone recognized the economic contributions made by the construction trades and apprenticeships, and the important opportunities they provide. He recognized labor unions, and their important role in acknowledging worker’s rights and benefits. Commissioner Chang suggested revisiting the County’s policy on awarding bids to contractors who offer apprenticeships, sometime in the future.

CHANG: Move approval
 SECOND: DEBONE

VOTE: CHANG: YES
 DEBONE: YES

ADAIR: Chair votes YES. Motion passes

6. Board decision to hear or not to hear an appeal of the Hearings Officer’s approval of a Declaratory Ruling to determine whether a Guest Ranch has been initiated.

Avery Johnson, Assistant Planner for the Deschutes County Planning Division, discussed the appeal. The Guest Ranch, consisting of 10 overnight lodging units, was approved. Approximately \$900,000 was spent on site improvements and construction. The Hearings Officer concluded that this represented a good-faith effort in time, labor and costs, concluding that the Guest Ranch use was initiated. Central Oregon Landwatch appealed the Hearing’s Officer’s decision. Will Groves, Planning Manager for Deschutes County, added that this matter will likely go to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

Staff recommends the Board not hear this appeal.

DEBONE: Move approval of Order declining to hear appeal

SECOND: Chang

VOTE: DEBONE: YES

CHANG: YES

ADAIR: Chair votes YES. Motion passed

7. Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Program

Deputy Deschutes County Administrator, Erik Kropp presented background on this proposed program. This year, a single wolf, then another adult wolf with five pups, were confirmed in our area via ODFW trail cams. The program aims to provide financial assistance to ranchers for livestock kills and will also fund deterrence and monitoring techniques. The program stipulates a 10% match of County funds. There are three options before the board: Establish a committee, create a committee at a later date when the need arises, or not to move forward with creating a committee.

All commissioners were supportive of the creation of this committee, and Commissioners DeBone and Chang both expressed an interest in possibly serving on this committee. No citizen input was given on the issue.

DEBONE: Move approval

SECOND: Chang

VOTE: DEBONE: YES

CHANG: YES

ADAIR: Chair votes YES. Motion passed

8. Consideration of Board approval and Chair signature of document #2022-735, an Oregon Health Authority BHRN grant agreement #177290

Janice Garceau, Director of Behavioral Health for Deschutes County Health Services, proposed acceptance of the funds for the Measure 110 BHRN (Behavioral Health Resource Network) grant. Funds will go towards increased access to substance abuse treatment, peer support, mentoring and recovery services. The community is experiencing a crisis in substance abuse and overdoses. Commissioners Adair and Chang asked how the demand for treatment services has changed over time. Janice responded that this is an effort to divert people who would normally encounter law enforcement and incarceration towards community outreach and engagement. There has been an increase in the number of Peer Support Specialists, and these are critical players in getting people to seek out and accept treatment options. Housing supports is another critical piece.

DEBONE: Move approval

SECOND: Chang

VOTE: DEBONE: YES

CHANG: YES

ADAIR: Chair votes YES. Motion passes

Janice briefly discussed the Community Assistance Center, and how it serves our community following the mass violence event that occurred on Sunday. The Crisis Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team deployed behavioral

health professionals to the community following the event. Partners of the Community Assistance Center include: Deschutes County Health Services, St. Charles Health System, Deschutes County DA's Victims' Assistance Program and Bend La Pine Schools. Counseling services are available in Spanish. Yesterday, the center received approximately 45 community members seeking assistance. Planned debriefs are being scheduled with Safeway staff, the City of Bend and other individuals who were directly impacted by Sunday's events. The commissioners thanked the team for serving the needs of our community.

9. **Item Pulled** ARPA Grant Status Update: ReVillage Childcare Expansion

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeBone has been reappointed to the National Association of Counties Telecommunications Technology Committee.
- Commissioner DeBone also serves on the Association of Oregon Counties and a By-Law Committee has been created. The election process will be examined by this committee.
- Commissioner DeBone participated in the flag raising ceremony in La Pine yesterday.
- County College kicked off yesterday evening. There are still a few open slots for interested community members. County College meets on Tuesday evenings for ten weeks.
- Commissioner Chang attended the community vigil in Drake Park honoring the victims of the Safeway shooting. He described it as brief, intense and healing. The vigil helped the community in its grieving process. Commissioner Adair was also in attendance.
- Commissioner Chang discussed the recent Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative meeting. Focus was on upper Deschutes River, Tumalo Creek and Whychus Creek. The plan is for substantial water conservation activities in response to drought.

- Commissioner Chang received a request to make a Proclamation recognizing the anniversary of the Death with Dignity Act on October 27th, and asked if there was support amongst the Board. Neither Commissioner DeBone nor Commissioner Adair are supportive of the proposed Proclamation.
- Commissioner Adair also attended the community vigil.
- Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator received an invoice for the Eastern Oregon Counties Association, in the amount of \$12,500 for a basic annual membership. An additional and optional amount of \$5,000 towards the Blue Mountain Intergovernmental Committee and an optional suggested contribution of \$1,000 to \$5,000 towards the Eastern Oregon Economic Summit were additional items on the invoice. Commissioners DeBone and Adair were supportive of paying only the base invoice amount of \$12,500. Commissioner Chang was not supportive, and questioned the value of this membership. Due to public meeting laws, only one commissioner is able to participate.

DEBONE moved approval payment of the base amount for the Eastern Oregon Counties Association
 SECOND: Adair

VOTES: DEBONE: YES
 CHANG: NO
 ADAIR: Chair votes YES. Motion carries


Labor Day Proclamation Photo was taken with all three commissioners and John Hanner, Business Representative for Laborers' International Union of North America Local 737.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the time of 10:24 a.m. the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (a) Consideration of Employment. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:51 a.m. to direct staff to proceed as directed.

ADJOURN: Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

DATED this 21 Day of September 2022 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.



PATTI ADAIR, CHAIR



ANTHONY DEBONE, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:



RECORDING SECRETARY



PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER