



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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# BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

BARNES & SAWYER ROOMS  
VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Anthony DeBone, and Phil Chang. Also present were Tom Anderson, County Administrator; David Doyle, County 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 <http://deschutescountyor.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair DeBone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**CITIZEN INPUT:**

*Shawn Hartfield* presented testimony and comment on her view of local control relative to mask mandates.

Commissioner DeBone acknowledged various emails received through the Citizen Input email address regarding face mask mandates and concerns of homeless camps.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** *None presented on this agenda.*

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**1. Addition of Three FTE Landfill Site Attendant Positions to the Department of Solid Waste**

Interim Director Chad Centola via Zoom conference call presented the staffing need for the Solid Waste Operations Department. Discussion held on hours of operation and on temporary staffing help. Commissioner DeBone requested a future discussion on staffing implications regarding operations and volume of the department to review possible needs of expansion. The Board expressed support of an authorizing Resolution to be presented at the BOCC meeting on August 25, 2021.

Commissioner Adair inquired on the next Fire Free event. Mr. Centola noted there is a cost discount during an upcoming Fall Half Off event for yard debris.

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**2. House Bill 3295 / Marijuana Tax Revenue / Cannabis Advisory Panel**

Planning Manager Peter Gutowsky presented a follow-up discussion regarding formation of the Cannabis Advisory Panel. Mr. Gutowsky presented a list of potential members from the public expressing interest in appointment as well as several members of the Deschutes County staff to participate on the panel. Mr. Gutowsky will present the appointments for consideration during the month of September. The Board supported a solicitation period for members of the public that may be interested in participating on the panel. Mr. Gutowsky presented a draft Charter for the panel. The panel would meet for the first time during an evening in October. The Board expressed support of attending that first meeting of the panel.

### **3. COVID19 Update**

Commissioner DeBone reported he was able to job shadow with the contact tracing staff yesterday.

Dr. George Conway and Public Health Director Nahad Sadr-Azodi presented the update. Via Zoom conference call was Response and Recovery Supervisor Emily Freeland. Presentation is attached to the record. A record high number of cases were confirmed in Deschutes County last week. Dr. Conway spoke on the various types of face masks. Ms. Freeland presented a report on the vaccination status in Deschutes County.

Dr. Michael Johnson, St. Charles Health System, presented via Zoom conference call. Dr. Johnson expressed concern of the increase of positive cases. Dr. Johnson explained the strain of the Delta virus and the need to increase the vaccination rate.

*Note:* At the time of 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Chang left the meeting to attend the Senator Wyden Infrastructure Press Event.

Dr. Richard Fawcett, Deschutes County Health Officer, presented via Zoom conference call and reported on the use of therapeutics and treatments for COVID19.

Commissioner DeBone proposed a statement from the BOCC as the local public health authority and advocates for more rigorous uptake in the vaccination rate. Commissioner Adair explained she feels KN95 masks protect people.

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### **4. Preparation for Public Hearing: Marijuana Retail and Annual Reporting Text Amendments**

Community Development Department Sr. Long Range Planner Tanya Saltzman presented the discussion to prepare the Commissioners for the scheduled public hearing on Wednesday, August 25. A hearing was held

before the Planning Commission on Thursday, July 22, 2021. Ms. Saltzman reviewed the proposed text amendments.

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**RECESS:** At the time of 11:34 a.m. the Board went into recess and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

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**OTHER ITEMS:**

- The Commissioners reviewed a draft statement regarding COVID19 presented by Communications Director Whitney Hale (present via Zoom conference call). The Board recommended several revisions to the draft.
  - County Administrator Anderson presented the County College options for this fall due to possible modifications based on the COVID19 Pandemic. The first date of the County College program begins on August 31. Commissioners Adair and DeBone recommended postponing this year's program to provide safety to the community and to staff. Commissioner Chang would prefer to not postpone and stated if there were ways to have safety and a bigger space or outdoors he would like to meet some of the demands for education and awareness. The Board offered support to find alternate spacing and changing the schedule to find a safe distancing. County Administrator Anderson recommended reviewing a condensed version of the program and ensure participants, departments, and space are available. Applicants are still being reviewed and background checks are being conducted. Commissioner Chang recommended some type of communication to the applicants that the program is still being considered and the background checks are still in process.
  - Commissioner Chang reported on the press event that was held today by Senator Wyden regarding the infrastructure bill recently passed.
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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At the time of 1:28 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property Negotiations. At the time of 1:54 p.m., the Board came out of Executive Session and directed staff to proceed as discussed.

At the time of 1:55 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Litigation. At the time of 2:23 p.m., the Board came out of Executive Session.

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**OTHER ITEMS Continued:**


- Another draft version of the Commissioner's proposed COVID statement was reviewed. Additional revisions were recommended. Communications Director Whitney Hale will submit this statement as a press release.

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**ADJOURN**

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

DATED this 25 Day of August 2021 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

  
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**ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR**

  
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**PHIL CHANG, VICE CHAIR**

  
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**PATTI ADAIR, COMMISSIONER**

**ATTEST:**  
  
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