



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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# BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

**WEDNESDAY August 13, 2025**

Barnes Sawyer Rooms  
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Anthony DeBone, Patti Adair and Phil Chang.  
Also present were Deputy County Administrator Whitney Hale; 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](http://www.deschutes.org/meetings).

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### CITIZEN INPUT:

- Jason Bynon said the hearing held last week before the Dog Control Board of Supervisors was unfair. He requested a new hearing before the order which requires the euthanization of five Rottweilers owned by Michael Winner is enacted.

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

1. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-037 adding 1.00 Assistant Planner regular FTE
2. Approval of Document No. 2025-815, a Notice of Intent to Award a contract for the Deschutes Service Building HVAC system Roof Top Unit #2

- ~~3. Authorization to apply for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Behavioral Health Deflection Program grant (removed for separate consideration—see below)~~
4. Authorize the sale of real property located at 4481 NE 29th Street, Redmond to Dorothy Pierce
5. Authorize the sale of real property located at 2675 NW Norse Drive, Redmond to Kindred, LLC
6. Approval of a Revocable License with Central Oregon Vet Center for use of space at 244 NW Kingwood Avenue, Redmond
7. Consideration of Board Signature on letter appointing Eric Berlin, for service on the Deschutes County Investment Advisory Committee
8. Approval of the minutes of the BOCC July 21, 2025 meeting

ADAIR: Move Board approval of the Consent Agenda as amended to remove item #3 for separate consideration

CHANG: Second

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

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3. **Authorization to apply for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Behavioral Health Deflection Program grant**

Captain Michael Shults reminded that HB 4002 allows for the deflection of certain low-level crimes by eligible persons who are addicted to drugs and who agree to enter into a treatment plan. The Sheriff's Office partners with service providers Ideal Options and BestCare to administer this program. Shults said in addition to persons who are taken into custody for criminal activity, the program also treats others by referral.

Jessica Vanderpool, Management Analyst, said the grant from the Criminal Justice Commission will be received in two phases, with the first one amounting to \$311,000 and the second one becoming available in October.

ADAIR: Move to authorize the application for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Behavioral Health Deflection Program grant

CHANG: Second

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

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **9. Public Hearing: Text Amendments for Repeal of the State Wildfire Hazard Map**

Will Groves, Planning Manager, said because Oregon's statewide Wildfire Hazard Map has been repealed by the Legislature, the County must now update its Code to align with the changed regulations and remove associated language which is no longer applicable.

Discussion ensued regarding the opportunity now before the County to establish local standards for wildfire resiliency. Groves said the updated R327 standards (State building code) can only be applied to new construction. The State Fire Marshal is working to develop recommended regulations for local jurisdictions to consider regarding defensible space requirements.

*The public hearing was opened at 9:18 am. There being no one who wished to testify, the public hearing was closed at 9:18 am.*

Noting the consensus of the Board to immediately proceed to deliberations, Commissioner DeBone said when Deschutes County formerly compiled a county-wide wildfire hazard map, the conclusion was that the entire county is at high risk for wildfire. It therefore does not make sense to distinguish between adjacent properties in terms of higher or lower wildfire risk as the State's map did.

Commissioner Adair urged implementing local regulations as soon as possible so that fire hardening standards are applied to new construction. Groves agreed this is a high priority item for the Planning division.

Commissioner Chang advocated for the opportunity to add ADUs to increase housing availability and supported the development of local regulations to ensure that property owners take action to create and maintain defensible space for the benefit of themselves and their neighbors.

Noting that houses in rural areas are much farther apart than they are in cities, Commissioner Adair said under the State's map, over 21,000 properties were labeled as high risk for wildfire, yet all properties in Deschutes County are at high risk. She agreed that property owners must keep their land clear of yard debris and further should treat wood fencing with protective coating to deter burning.

Commissioner DeBone supported heightened awareness of constructing structures to resist fire and of the need to reduce flammable fuels, saying that on red flag warning days such as today, any spark or ember could potentially start a fire.

Saying it is important to build homes as safe as possible, Commissioner Adair suggested offering incentives for the removal of juniper trees and shared that property owners can rent goats to help rid land of unwanted vegetation.

ADAIR: Move approval of first and second reading of Ordinance No. 2025-015 by title only

CHANG: Second

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

Chair DeBone read the title of Ordinance No. 2025-015 into the record two times.

CHANG: Move adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-015 amending Deschutes County Code Title 18, Zoning Ordinance, and Title 19, Bend Urban Area Zoning Ordinance, to repeal nonconforming Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Standards in compliance with State law and declaring an to take effect immediately

ADAIR: Second

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

#### **OTHER ITEMS:**

- Commissioner Chang stated his desire to attend a First Story by Hayden Homes event next Wednesday to celebrate the transfer of a new home to a selected family.
- Discussion ensued of the request from Leadership Redmond for \$600 in video lottery funds to support its program. This request will come back to the Board for formal action.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

#### **ADJOURN:**

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 am.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Sept. 2025 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

  
ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR

ATTEST:

  
RECORDING SECRETARY

  
PATTI ADAIR, VICE CHAIR

  
PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER