



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

Wednesday, August 11, 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.igmp2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN INPUT:

- Richard Clough provided comment on the mask mandate and stated the face masks do not work and the vaccines are not effective.
- Lance Avery explained he has had COVID and did not want to have the vaccine because it wasn't proven effective.

Commissioner DeBone acknowledged there is a Governor's press conference scheduled for today regarding a statewide mandate for face masks to be worn

indoors. Commissioner Chang noted there was a chance for the full Board to support wearing of face masks indoors and now the Governor has stepped in since many local public health authorities had not. Commissioner Adair spoke on the lack of nursing help at health care facilities.

CONSENT AGENDA: Before the Board was Consideration of Approval 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 to Appoint Toni Williams to the Deschutes County Planning Commission
 2. Approval of Minutes of the August 2, 2021 BOCC Meeting
 3. Approval of Minutes of the August 4, 2021 BOCC Meeting
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ACTION ITEMS:

4. **Consideration of Board Signature of Document No. 2021-498, PPC Solutions, Inc.**

Holly Harris, Health Services, presented the item via Zoom conference call. The contract provides security services at the stabilization center.

CHANG: Move approval of Document No. 2021-498
ADAIR: Second

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

5. Discussion of CDD Building Safety and Environmental Soils Staffing Request

Community Development Director Nick Lelack and Senior Management Analyst Sherri Pinner presented the request for additional staffing in building safety and environmental soils due to increased case volume. Discussion held on department capacity.

ADAIR: Move approval of staff request
CHANG: Second

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

6. Planning Division Work Plan Update / Long Range Planning / FY 2021-22

Planning Manager Peter Gutowsky presented projects that relate to long range planning. Discussion held on land use issues and the marijuana and hemp grow industry. The cannabis advisory panel discussion will be held at a BOCC meeting next week and the Board considered assigning oversight for that advisory panel to another department (possibly Administration) instead of the Community Development Department in order to free up time for CDD to focus on pressing and long range projects. Commissioner Chang commented on the possibility of a natural resources stewardship position and doesn't see that as a part of the project list. Commissioner DeBone doesn't support hiring a specific position holding that responsibility but notes that those issues should be included in the managed capacity in long range planning. Discussion held on a potential expansion of long range planning division in order to manage the on-going and planned projects of the division's work plan. Community Development Department Director Nick Lelack stated the department will come back with a staffing proposal. Commissioner DeBone also requested further information regarding opportunities for RV spaces for housing options. Commissioner DeBone also requested information preparing for TGM grants for the City of La Pine. The

Board supported removing the natural resource stewardship position concept from the on-going long range planning.

7. American Rescue Plan Funding Update – Public Health Request

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Greg Munn presented the update and request from Health Services. Public Health Director Nahad Sadr-Azodi and Business Officer Cheryl Smallman presented a request for \$2 million of ARPA funding for temporary staffing associated with the COVID19 Response and Recovery Efforts. Present via Zoom were Dr. George Conway and Environmental Health Specialist Emily Freeland.

Commissioner DeBone proposed support of the minimum request of \$700,000 to fund six months of temporary staffing and offered further review of this program with the department.

DEBONE: Move approval of ARPA funds in the amount \$700,000 for the Public Health request for COVID19 Response and Recovery Efforts

ADAIR: Second

Discussion: Commissioner Chang commented on the department's request of \$2 million and would support approval of the full request. Commissioner Adair commented on the expenses of contact tracing. Commissioner Chang suggests quarterly status reports. Ms. Smallman offered monthly reports. Dr. Conway commented on the staff morale and burden which are sometimes associated with limited duration positions. Commissioner DeBone noted the pending motion and supports regular updates and identifying a possible pool of \$2M for this project. Commissioner Adair supported the motion and review process. Commissioner Chang asked Mr. Munn to block out the remainder of the \$2 million to prevent allocation to another purpose.

DEBONE: Amended the motion to move approval of a \$2 million reserve bucket with a \$700,000 allocation at this time

ADAIR: Second

ADAIR: Move approval of the recommended spay and neuter grant awards in the amount of \$13,000

CHANG: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes

CHANG: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

The Board thanked the Dog Board for their review and recommendations.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner DeBone acknowledged the community input on the need for wearing face masks while indoors.
 - Commissioner Chang noted the community appreciation of the investment of farm efficiency.
 - Commissioner Adair thanked the Fair and Expo Director for the attendance of this year's fair and the community support of our youth for the livestock auction.
 - Commissioner DeBone attended the Sunriver La Pine Economic Development meeting yesterday. He also toured the Levi's Sawmill Services on Russell Road.
 - Commissioner Chang reported on SB762 large landscape fuels reduction and meetings with County Forester and Forest Service for possible eligible properties for the project. Commissioner DeBone commented on the opportunity of biomass projects.
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EXECUTIVE SESSION: *None scheduled*

ADJOURN

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

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



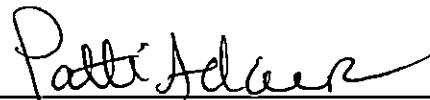
ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR



PHIL CHANG, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST: 

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PATTI ADAIR, COMMISSIONER