



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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# BOCC MEETING MINUTES

1:00 PM

**MONDAY December 6, 2021**

Barnes Sawyer Rooms  
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Anthony DeBone, and Phil Chang. Also present were Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator; David Doyle, County Counsel; and Sharon Keith, BOCC Executive Assistant (via Zoom conference call).

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 12:59 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **1. Public Health Modernization Funding Application Request**

Public Health Manager Tom Kuhn, Environmental Health Supervisor Eric Mone, and Public Health Director Nahad Sadr-Azodi presented the item via Zoom conference call. Staff requested approval to apply for funding for modernization efforts to provide public health services for Deschutes County that include protecting communities from acute and communicable diseases,

strengthening areas of service, protect communities from environmental health threats, and full implementation of modernization. Discussion held on public health programs and goals.

Mr. Kuhn reported on the various levels of requests of funding for services provided through this effort. The total request is \$2.1 million. The department is requesting additional staffing for the program. Presentation is attached to the record.

CHANG: Move approval for staff to submit application for public health modernization funding

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes

ADAIR: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

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## **2. Request Approval to Apply for Measure 110 Behavioral Health Resource Network Grant Funds**

Behavioral Health Director Janice Garceau presented the item for consideration via Zoom conference call. The application will be submitted in partnership with Best Care. The grant seeks funding of \$2,403,156. Commissioner Adair noted the vehicle listed in the request and questioned if this is the same vehicle that was approved in the ARPA funds allocation on Friday. Ms. Garceau stated this vehicle will serve a different population and provide different services. Ms. Garceau stated this service would be providing assistance to the population with substance abuse disorders.

ADAIR: Move approval to apply for Measure 110 Behavioral Health Resource Network grant funding

CHANG: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes

CHANG: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

**3. Consideration of Request to convert a .5 Peer Support Specialist to a .6 Peer Support Specialist for weekend day shift at the Deschutes County Stabilization Center**

Holly Harris, Program Manager Crisis Services, presented the request explaining the current issues with staffing at the Stabilization Center. Commissioner Adair inquired whether St. Charles was supportive of a financial investment in the Stabilization Center. Commissioner Chang reported on recent meetings and his assessment that St. Charles is not supportive at this time. The Board expressed support. A formal Resolution will be submitted at a future BOCC meeting.

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**4. Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (CPACE)**

Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp presented the item and described CPACE as a funding mechanism to pay for clean energy projects. CFO Greg Munn commented on the process of placing assessments on the property tax bill and the methods of running this type of program. County Counsel explained the process involved in implementing the program including drafting an Ordinance. He noted that at this time (due to recent resignation of one of the Assistant Legal Counsel) that County Legal is short staffed and he may need to contract this task out to private legal counsel. Commissioner Chang is supportive having an outside contractor complete the work. Commissioner Adair would feel more comfortable having County Legal assess this process. County Counsel Doyle noted there is an administrative and financial aspect involved. The Board supported further review. County Counsel Doyle will review the ordinance adopted by Benton County. A summary will be brought back to the BOCC for a future meeting.

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**5. Discussion of Joint Office on Homelessness – Formal Letter of Interest**

Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp presented the item seeking Board direction on a letter of support for a joint homelessness office.

Representative Jason Kropf is drafting legislation to fund five pilot city and county coordinated offices. The application for the letter of support for the pilot project is due to be submitted to the Association of Oregon Counties and League of Oregon Cities by Friday, December 10, 2021. The joint office is intended with City of Bend and Deschutes County however the other cities in the county are also interested in participating. Commissioner Adair expressed concern for the community and pointed out the 11+ acres outside of Bend that could be used for the homeless and services could be provided there for them. Commissioner Chang wants to support indoor and outdoor concepts for the homeless population and use the joint office to coordinate the services. Commissioner DeBone is supportive of a letter for the pilot project but noted the draft plan needs revision. Commissioner DeBone supports moving forward and looks for a vision to be included for the future.

Commissioner Chang has been participating alone in the discussions with the City of Bend regarding this plan and mentioned that he invited Commissioners Adair and DeBone to the public meetings (but if two Commissioners are present then it may create a quorum issue). Both Commissioners Adair and DeBone had hoped Commissioner Chang would report back after the emergency homeless task force meetings. Commissioner Chang noted that he has provided updates to the Board.

Commissioner DeBone proposes the letter include terminology acknowledging the offer of land for a homeless solution. Commissioner DeBone recommended the letter could be reviewed on Wednesday's meeting agenda and offered some language revisions. Commissioner DeBone will contact Mayor Russell regarding the concept of the joint office.

Bend City Councilor Anthony Broadman presented comment on the draft letter noting all that needs to be stated is interest and willingness for the City and County to work together on a joint task force. Molly Wells Darling presented via Zoom conference call and commented that the limited purpose of the letter is to express interest in participating in the pilot program.

Commissioner Adair acknowledged the need to find a solution and feels that using County land outside of the UGB is a positive move. The pilot program is a legislative concept and the Board will consider a draft letter for continued review on Wednesday, December 8.

**6. BOCC briefing of grant for Tumalo Community Plan Update; rural trails by Sisters**

Senior Transportation Planner Peter Russell presented the item for discussion. The Community Development Department has received a grant in the amount of \$75,000 for work to update the Tumalo Community Plan transportation element and implementation of rural trails portion of the Sisters County Vision Action Plan. The project is anticipated to start in January. Mr. Russell reported on the community involvement and support on proposed trail plans. The planning process is estimated for 12 – 18 month period.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At the time of 3:30 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Litigation. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:50 p.m. to direct staff to proceed as discussed.

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**OTHER ITEMS:**

Mr. Kropp reported on the American Rescue Plan Assistance press release and letters sent to the City of Bend, Sisters and La Pine.

CHANG: Move approval of Board Signature of the letters regarding the ARPA allocation

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: CHANG: yes

ADAIR: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

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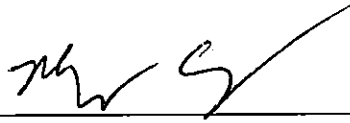
**ADJOURN**

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

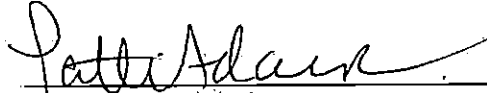
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**ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR**

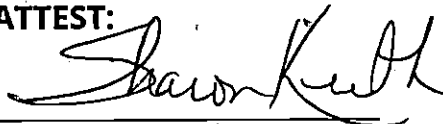


**PHIL CHANG, VICE CHAIR**



**PATTI ADAIR, COMMISSIONER**

**ATTEST:**



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