



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY October 1, 2025

Barnes Sawyer Rooms
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Anthony DeBone, Patti Adair and Phil Chang. Also present were County Administrator Nick Lelack; 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.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN INPUT: None

COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Chang reported attending a veteran's suicide prevention event last Friday which featured a documentary "Battlegrounds and Backroads" followed by a question-and-answer segment. He noted that the County's Behavioral Health Division offers suicide prevention services.

Commissioner Chang also described attending a workshop on modular housing and shared how factory-built modular designs may shorten construction timelines and reduce costs. He explained that a range of modular configurations exist, said that

template designs are offered free of charge, and concluded that this type of housing is not subject to many local building requirements if constructed offsite and then moved to its selected location.

Saying that she too attended Friday's event which was hosted by Together with Veterans, Commissioner Adair reported that the rate of veteran suicides in Oregon is high and recognized the work of Veterans Village to house veterans and assist with transitions to permanent housing.

CONSENT AGENDA: Before the Board was consideration of the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of 5310 agreements with ODOT accepting grants from the Public Transportation Division
2. Approval of an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with the Department of Education for Juvenile Crime Prevention funds
3. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-042 transferring appropriations in the Campus Improvement Fund
4. Approval of Resolution No. 2025-041 adopting a supplemental budget and increasing appropriations in the General Fund
5. Approval of an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Health Authority to accepting funding of Young Adult Hub Programs
- ~~6. Approval of an amendment to the agreement with Central Oregon Guardian Assistance to extend the term and provide more funding in FY2026 (removed for separate consideration—see below)~~
7. Consideration of Board signature on letter appointing MaCayla Arsenault for service on the Public Health Advisory Board
8. Consideration of Board signature on letter appointing Rich Parker for service on the Four Rivers Vector Control Board
9. Approval of the BOCC meeting minutes of September 8 and 10, 2025

ADAIR: Move Board approval of the Consent Agenda as amended to remove item 6. for separate consideration

CHANG: Second

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

6. Approval of an amendment to the agreement with Central Oregon Guardian Assistance to extend the term and provide more funding in FY2026

Commissioner Adair acknowledged that the County's Health Services Department is providing more funds to this program, which helps many people.

Shannon Brister-Raugust, Behavioral Health Deputy Director, confirmed the support of Health Services for this program and said the County recognizes how it benefits those who receive needed support.

In response to Commissioner Chang, Brister-Raugust said the funds being allocated are Medicaid funds received from the Central Oregon Health Council.

Commissioner DeBone summarized that the Central Oregon Guardian Assistance program offers *pro bono* and low-cost guardian services to assist elderly and indigent persons who are experiencing a health-related crisis.

Noting that this organization originated with an initial allocation from the BOCC, Commissioner Chang expressed his appreciation for its work.

ADAIR: Move approval of an amendment to the agreement with Central Oregon Guardian Assistance to extend the term and provide more funding in FY2026

CHANG: Second

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

ACTION ITEMS:

10. Authorization to apply for an Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Jail-based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Grant

DSCO Captain Michael Schults described the grant application and outlined the jail's partnership with Ideal Option which has provided medication-assisted treatment services since 2023. He stated that the average length of stay in the jail is 12 to 14 days and that more than 90% of the jail population presents with substance use disorders, mental health conditions, or both.

Noting that demonstrated outcomes of these efforts would support future funding, Commissioner Chang asked how the effectiveness of this program is being determined.

Eden Aldrich, Medical Director, described monthly metrics shared by Ideal Option regarding program enrollment and post-release follow-up with outside medical providers, as well as ongoing review of medication efficacy within the program.

ADAIR: Move to authorize an application for an Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Jail-based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Grant in the amount of \$238,057.88

CHANG: Second

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

11. Amendment to the City of Sisters ARPA Grant Agreement

Laura Skundrick, Management Analyst, explained that the Board had allocated \$500,000 in ARPA funds to the City of Sisters to support development of 40 multifamily rental units. As the occupancy date of this project was revised to March 2027 due to funding delays, staff recommends formally revising the agreement's project performance language accordingly.

Clayton Crowhurst, NW Housing Alternatives, added that 501(c)(3) bonds are being used to fund construction of this project, which will offer middle-income and workforce housing.

ADAIR: Move approval of Document No. 2025-953, an amendment to the ARPA grant provided to the City of Sisters for multi-family rental housing to revise project performance language

CHANG: Second

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

12. Consideration of Ordinance No. 2025-016: Farm and Forest Housekeeping Amendments

Nicole Mardell, Senior Planner, reviewed the background of proposed amendments to integrate changes to state rule resulting from the State's Farm and Forest

Modernization Project into County code. She reminded that following the public hearing on September 10th, the Board left the record open for one week to enable staff to revise the proposed verbiage in 18.16.040(A) which involves the application of the farm impacts test to conditional uses, and to address the possible misinterpretation of the language as originally drafted. Staff has since amended the draft ordinance for clarity.

CHANG: Move approval of first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-016 by title only

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes

CHANG: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried 3 – 0

Chair DeBone read the title of the ordinance into the record.

13. Consideration of Ordinance No. 2025-015: McKenzie Meadow Village Plan Amendment and Zone Change

Jacob Ripper, Principal Planner, provided background on this application and the Board's approval of a decision document which included two added conditions.

Referring to the work currently being done by the City of Sisters to expand its Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), Commissioner Adair stated her support to adopt this ordinance by emergency to facilitate considering including this property in the expanded UGB.

Saying he supported the requested Goal 4 exception with the added protective conditions, Commissioner Chang encouraged the City of Sisters to consider including this property in the expansion of its UGB.

Commissioner DeBone agreed this property seems like a natural extension of the City's UGB.

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

ADAIR: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes

CHANG: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried 3 – 0

Chair DeBone read the title of the ordinance into the record two times.

CHANG: Move adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-015 amending Deschutes County Code Title 23, to adopt an exception to Goal 4 and to change the Comprehensive Plan Map Designation for certain property from Forest to Rural Residential Exception Area, and amending Deschutes County Code Title 18, the Deschutes County Zoning Map, to change the Zone Designation for certain property from Forest Use 2 to Multiple Use Agricultural and declaring an emergency to take effect immediately

ADAIR: Second

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

William Willetts, property owner, thanked the BOCC and committed to delivering 36 lots to Habitat for Humanity and 12 lots to provide housing for families of developmentally disabled children. He further planned to establish an apprenticeship program in Sisters High School and to work with Hayden Homes, a local builder, to provide housing for teachers.

14. Board Support Letter- DLCD Technical Assistance grant application for the Terrebonne Community Plan

Will Groves, Planning Manager, sought Board approval to apply for an Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Technical Assistance grant to support development of the Terrebonne Community Plan Update. If awarded, the expected grant duration would be from January 2026 to June 2027. Groves noted that CDD will undertake work on the Terrebonne Community Plan regardless of whether this grant is received.

CHANG: Move approval of a letter from the Board supporting the submittal of an application for a Technical Assistance grant from DLCD for the Terrebonne Community Plan

ADAIR: Second

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

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Adair reported on yesterday's Visit Central Oregon meeting, which County Administrator Nick Lelack also attended, saying that one topic of discussion

was a possible change to State law with respect to how Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) revenue can be used.

Discussion ensued of the upcoming session in the Legislature and how to possibly best advocate for any desired changes to how lodging tax revenues can be used. Commissioner Chang relayed a suggestion to consider taking a proactive role on a legislative approach that would pay heed to the significance of tourism in Deschutes County's economy. Lelack agreed that a collaborative approach with other stakeholders is needed. Commissioner DeBone encouraged keeping a watchful eye on any proposed TLT legislation with the aim of quickly determining its potential effects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN:

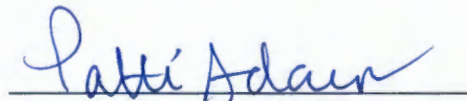
Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

DATED this ^{27th}
~~27th~~ 22nd Day of October, 2025 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.
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ATTEST:


RECORDING SECRETARY


ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR


PATTI ADAIR, VICE CHAIR


PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER