



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY April 9, 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:

- Ron Boozell spoke to the decision of the Elected Officials Compensation Board to reject the recommendations from staff and the compensation consultant with respect to the salary of the Commissioners. Saying he did not support reducing the salary paid to Commissioners as he believed they should receive fair compensation, he noted this matter will ultimately be decided by the full BOCC.

Commissioner Adair reminded that she opted out of the State PERS pension plan seven years ago, which has saved taxpayers more than \$150,000 to date.

Commissioner Chang reminded that in 2023 when the Elected Officials Compensation Board recommended that BOCC compensation be increased, he refused to accept the full 11% increase.

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

1. Approval of amendment No. 12 to Oregon Health Authority intergovernmental agreement PO-44300-026008 for the funding of Behavioral Health Services
2. Approval of Policy Updates: Reimbursement for Miscellaneous Expenses Incurred While Travelling on County Business (F-1), Bank Accounts and Cash Handling (F-7), and Custom Software Development Standards (IT-3)
3. Consideration of Board Signature on letter thanking Valarie Reiners for service on the Deschutes River Recreational Homesites Special Road District #1
4. Approval of the minutes of the BOCC February 12, 2025 meeting
5. Approval of the Minutes of the March 7 and 28, 2025 BOCC Legislative Update meetings

CHANG: Move Board approval of the Consent Agenda as presented

ADAIR: Second

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

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Deschutes County Sheriff's Office vehicle fuel purchases

DCSO Captain Ty Rupert said the Sheriff's Office had budgeted \$600,000 for vehicle fuel purchases in the current fiscal year. As more than \$400,000 has been spent thus far, DCSO asks that the Board authorize an additional \$250,000 for this purpose in FY 2025.

Commissioner DeBone noted that the DCSO's patrol vehicles idle for entire shifts. Rupert agreed this is the case, except for when the deputies are working inside a substation, in which case the cars are turned off until used.

In response to Commissioner Chang, Rupert said Pete Martin, DCSO Fleet Manager,

is coordinating with the County's Purchasing Manager Heather Herauf on a new fuel purchase contract which may include a volume discount.

In response to questions, CFO Robert Tintle referred to policy which states that any purchase over \$250,000 must be approved by the Board. Discussion ensued of the contract workflow and approval process.

ADAIR: Move to authorize the Sheriff's Office to expend more than \$250,000 annually on fuel for vehicles

CHANG: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes

ADAIR: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried 3 – 0

7. Deschutes County Sheriff's Office purchase of Mobile Data Terminals for patrol cars

Jonathan Spring, DCSO IT Manager, explained the need to replace the Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) currently in the patrol cars as these run on Windows 10, which will no longer be supported by Microsoft after October 2025. Spring added that in addition to providing necessary security features, the new units offer monitors which are more customizable for better display options. The department will purchase units from Dell, which will cost less than the units purchased in the past.

ADAIR: Move approval of Document No. 2025-346 relating to the purchase of updated Mobile Data Terminals for the Sheriff's Office

CHANG: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes

ADAIR: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried 3 – 0

8. Acceptance of grant funds for Wolf Depredation and Financial Compensation

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager, reminded that the Oregon Department of Agriculture opens a grant opportunity once a year for funding to compensate for wolf depredation incidents or for preventive measures against wolf depredations. As Deschutes County did not have a confirmed wolf depredation of livestock or working dog(s) from February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025, the County applied for \$132,800 to use for preventative measures and was awarded \$50,000.

Commissioner Adair noted the reference to working dog(s) and asked if a pet owner would be compensated for the loss of a non-working dog to wolf depredation. Patterson said the Committee could consider a request for compensation for this kind of loss and make a determination to move that forward in a grant application to the State.

In response to Commissioner Adair, Patterson said the owner of a dog attacked by a wolf should report this to ODFW.

Commissioner Adair said a collared wolf killed 12 livestock animals in Lake and Klamath counties before it was captured and killed by ODFW.

Responding to Commissioner Adair, Patterson verified that a confirmed depredation occurred in March outside of Brothers, and the owner of that animal can apply for compensation in the next round of grant funding as well as for the current available preventative funds.

Commissioner Chang said it appears that prevention dollars have been effectively deployed to reduce the amount of concerning wolf activity and conflicts.

CHANG: Move to accept \$50,000 in grant funds awarded by the Oregon Department of Agriculture to implement livestock management activities and nonlethal wolf deterrence techniques to limit or prevent interactions between wolves and livestock or working dogs

ADAIR: Second

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

9. FY 2026 Video Lottery Fund Allocations

Strategic Initiatives Manager Jen Patterson reviewed the decisions made by the Board last week for FY 2026 video lottery fund allocations and presented a chart depicting the final allocation amounts for the Board's formal approval.

CHANG: Move to accept the proposed allocations of video lottery funds for FY 2026 as presented

ADAIR: Second

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

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Adair reported meeting with homeowners in Deschutes River Woods and said that some of the 100 miles of county roads in Special Road Districts have deteriorated to the point where they cannot be used by vehicles.
- Commissioner Adair spoke to the need to remind property owners about burning regulations and how to safely burn so a fire does not escape and spread.
- Commissioner Adair attended the Rascal Rodeo on Saturday and acknowledged Jesse Brown, a Baker native who is ranked third in the nation in steer wrestling. She added that the circuit finals were brought back seven years ago from Yakima to Redmond.
- Commissioner Chang spoke to the Ways and Means listening session in Warm Springs last week where he urged that the committee develop an adequate firefighting package for the next biennium.
- Commissioner Chang shared his comments during the hearing on SB 1154 which communicated the need for an option to extend water and wastewater district services beyond UGBs and incorporated communities.
- Commissioner DeBone reported that last Thursday's COIC Board meeting was well attended.
- Commissioner DeBone attended the High Desert Stampede Rodeo and the Sunriver La Pine Economic Development annual luncheon, the latter with the other two Commissioners.
- Commissioner DeBone said at the listening session of the Ways and Means Committee, he encouraged prioritizing funding for a juvenile secure treatment facility and the CORE3 project.
- Commissioner DeBone attended the town hall hosted by Representative Janelle Bynum in Sisters on Saturday.
- Commissioner DeBone reported on SLED and EDCO's Strategic Planning meeting.
- Nick Lelack, County Administrator, introduced the topic of the restrictive covenant on property purchased from the County by the Foundation For Affordable Housing (FFAH).

Kristie Bollinger, Property Manager, said the County currently has proposed a 60-year restriction on the property to require its long-term use as affordable housing. If a foreclosure happened, however, that restrictive covenant would be extinguished no matter its time length due to the subordination agreement FFAH is requesting the County sign for its project financing. The Board was supportive of agreeing to this term in the subordination agreement.

Commissioner Adair appreciated that FFAH added ten Veteran units to this project.

- Lelack reminded that four proclamations will be presented at the Board's meeting next Wednesday: Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Dark Sky Week, National County Government Month, and National Emergency Telecommunicators Month.
- Commissioner DeBone shared plans to recognize that the end of April will mark the 50-year anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

Commissioner Adair noted her attendance at the recent Vietnam Veterans Memorial event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 10:07 am, the Board entered Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations, ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Real Property Negotiations and ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Employee Evaluation.

At 11:55 am, the Executive Session concluded.

ADJOURN:

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

DATED this 5th Day of May 2025 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.


ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR

ATTEST:


RECORDING SECRETARY


PATTI ADAIR, VICE CHAIR


PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER