



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY May 17, 2023

Barnes Sawyer Rooms
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Tony DeBone (via Zoom), Patti Adair and Phil Chang. Also present were Nick Lelack, County Administrator; Kim Riley, Assistant County Counsel; and Brenda Fritsvold, BOCC Executive Assistant.

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: Vice Chair Adair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN INPUT:

- Carl Shoemaker said a few weeks ago, he was having tea in a coffee shop in downtown Bend when three sheriff's deputies entered the shop and spoke to the person working there. Mr. Shoemaker said this occurred the same day he had provided citizen input to the Board at its meeting.
- Marc Stokamp objected that at a recent hearing before the Planning Commission, persons providing testimony via Zoom were given priority over those who wished to testify in person. He said this policy devalues in-person participation in civic matters and was concerned about not discouraging active public engagement.

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

1. Approval of Board Order No. 2023-21 to establish a no-parking zone in Oregon Water Wonderland II
2. Authorization to grant a Public Utility Easement to the City of Bend over a portion of County-owned property
3. Approval of Board Order No. 2023-019 to rename Pronghorn Club Drive to Juniper Preserve Drive
4. Approval of a Notice of Intent to Award a contract for inmate food and commissary services to Summit Food Services, LLC
5. Approval of minutes of April 17 and 19, 2023 BOCC meetings

DEBONE: Move Board approval of the Consent Agenda as presented
 CHANG: Second

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

Commissioner DeBone expressed appreciation to the Road Department and others who worked through the process to establish the no-parking zone in Oregon Water Wonderland.

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Presentation from Visit Central Oregon

Julia Theisen, CEO, Visit Central Oregon (Central Oregon Visitors Association/COVA) and Mackenzie Ballard, Vice President of Marketing, presented key initiatives and results from COVA's current fiscal year and shared information on the organization's budget for the upcoming year. Among the information provided was the 2022 economic impact of tourism on Central Oregon, historical and current Transit Room Tax collections in Deschutes County, and hotel occupancy rates in the region as well as average daily room rates looking back to 2019. COVA's strategic goals were also shared along with marketing highlights and results of recent promotional campaigns.

Responding to Commissioner Chang, Theisen said Visit Central Oregon has approximately \$1.1 million in reserves.

Commissioner DeBone relayed his support for increasing the amount allocated to COVA's Future Fund program by \$100,000, if possible, to facilitate more high-value investments as were accomplished this year.

Commissioner Adair asked that COVA consider contributing to the proposed trust fund for affordable housing to assist in workforce development.

Commissioner DeBone noted that technology has facilitated persons living in recreational or other vehicles by choice, which allows them to move from place to place. This recent phenomenon has increased the demand for places to temporarily park such vehicles. Theisen said COVA is willing to explore partnering with the County on how to market the various facilities which cater to this population.

Commissioner Chang expressed appreciation for the Future Fund program, saying it enables reinvestment in what makes Central Oregon an attractive place to visit.

Theisen reported questions received from a member of the County's Budget Committee and shared her answers, which included information on COVA's efforts to attract business from assorted markets such as persons with accessibility challenges and those interested in astrotourism (stargazing).

7. Grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for Community Behavioral Health Clinic Improvement and Advancement

Behavioral Health Director Holly Harris explained the request to apply to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Improvement and Advancement grant. The program will award funding up to \$1,000,000 per year for up to four years. If received, Health Services would use the funds to expand treatment of behavioral health, physical health, and substance use disorder conditions. Harris described the specific staff additions that would be made along with related expenses such as computer hardware, training, and a vehicle.

Cneryl Smallman, Health Services Business Manager, summarized that this grant would be used to target specific health issues such as diabetes and hypertension.

DEBONE: Move to authorize staff to apply to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Improvement and Advancement grant as described

CHANG: Second

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

8. Approval of Oregon Health Authority grant amendment #173133-9 for Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

Behavioral Health Director Holly Harris said this amendment corrects a previous amendment which OHA found to contain errors (omissions and duplications). The corrected amendment results in a net funding increase of \$161,280.91 to the County for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2023.

CHANG: Move approval of Board signature of Document No. 2023-472, an amendment to a grant agreement with the Oregon Health Authority for Mobile Crisis Intervention Services
DEBONE: Second

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

9. FY 2024 Proposed Fee Schedule Changes

Laura Skundrick, Management Analyst, reviewed the proposed FY 2024 changes to fee schedules for Deschutes County and the County Service Districts in preparation for a public hearing in June before the budgets are adopted.

Commissioner Chang asked for clarification about the fees charged for appeals of land use applications. Sherri Pinner, Senior Management Analyst for the Community Development Department, said the fee to file an appeal of a land use decision is \$250. If a matter is appealed to the Board, a deposit equal to 20% of the original application must be made against which staff costs are posted, with any remaining balance refunded. The deposit for an appeal to LUBA is \$5,000. Beginning July 1st, the County will no longer require deposits on applications which staff anticipates may be appealed to the Hearings Officer.

Chief Financial Officer Robert Tintle and Deputy Tax Collector Judi Hasse said pet license fees now offer a senior discount, which was not offered before.

With respect to charges for public records, Assistant County Counsel Kim Riley said the County cannot charge more than the actual cost of providing the records.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp and County Assessor Scot Langton relayed a request from EDCO to add the County's logo to a letter opposing certain amendments to HB 2199, the bill which would extend the state's enterprise zone program. Langton explained the amendments are undesirable as they would exclude school district taxes and shorten the extension sunset date. EDCO and the County both support HB 2199 as unamended, which would extend the sunset date of the enterprise zone program from June 25, 2025 to June 30, 2035.

CHANG: Move to modify the County's position of support on HB 2199 to oppose the proposed -1 (dash-one) amendment and add the County's logo to the letter opposing this amendment

DEBONE: Second

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

- Commissioner Chang reported on the REDI Board meeting this morning and said he will not be able to attend the Made in Redmond Tour on June 9th.
- Commissioner Adair said Bend Mayor Pro Tem Megan Perkins attended yesterday's FireFree meeting; she hoped that next time elected officials from Sisters, Redmond and La Pine will attend as more Firewise communities are needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN:

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

DATED this 12th day of July 2023 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.



ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR



PATTI ADAIR, VICE CHAIR



PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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