



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

1:00 PM

MONDAY September 19, 2022

Barnes Sawyer Rooms
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Anthony DeBone, and Phil Chang. Also present were Whitney Hale, Deputy County Administrator; Kimberly Riley, Assistant Legal Counsel; and Angie Powers, Administrative Assistant (via Zoom).

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 Adair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ARPA Grant Status Update: Mountain Star Childcare Expansion

Laura Skundrick, Deschutes County Management Analyst and Dan Emerson, Deschutes County Budget Manager, were in attendance. Laura gave some background information on the ARPA grant. Kara Tachikawa from Mountain Star, provided a brief update.

A portion of the \$600,000 grant went towards expansion of the Redmond site. Construction is complete, and it is currently being furnished for preschool children

ages 3 to 5. Their hope is to have classrooms occupied by end of the month for Preschool Promise, and 10 children will be served.

A larger portion of the funding went towards the site in La Pine. Lots have been purchased and consolidated into one large lot. A modular manufactured building, from Modern Building Systems out of Aumsville, is currently being permitted. Site preparation and concrete work will commence after permits are issued. The La Pine project nearly doubled in cost from their initial estimate. Additional grant funds will make up the difference. The three modular units will be connected to form two classrooms, kitchen and laundry facilities, and office space. Up to 18 children will be served (8 infants and toddlers in one classroom, and up to 10 preschool-aged children in the other classroom).

The Redmond facility will host an Open House on Thursday, September 29th at 4:30 p.m. Kara invited the Commissioners and Deschutes County staff to attend.

2. Improving Criminal Justice Response to Domestic Violence Grant - HIV Award Condition

Kathleen Meehan Coop, Deschutes County Management Analyst, and Stacy Neil, Deputy District Attorney, were in attendance. Kathleen asked the Board for approval/signatures on a letter about required HIV testing if bodily fluids may have been exchanged between the person charged with a crime and the crime victim, meeting time requirements consistent with 34 U.S.C. 10461(d). The letter addresses how Deschutes County plans to address the HIV testing requirement, and how it will come into compliance with the requirements.

CHANG: Move Board approval and signature to the letter

DEBONE: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes

DEBONE: Yes

ADAIR: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

3. Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) Restorative Justice Grant Award for the Emerging Adult Program

Kathleen Meehan Coop shared with the Board that the grant has been awarded to the Emerging Adult Program. This program aims to help improve the way the criminal justice system handles young adults who have engaged in criminal activity, and is a partnership between the District Attorney's Office and community organizations.

Commissioner Chang asked about the scope of Phase I, and how Phase II will build upon Phase I. Kathleen explained that Phase I was a pilot, with the goal of getting 12 young adults entered into the program. Accountability plans were developed and 6 months after entry into the program, the young adults met with their facilitators. 13 people ended up being entered into the program. 7 young adults graduated from the program. Phase II will be offered to 50 young adults. Of the 50 cases, 25 of the cases will follow a similar model to Phase I. The remaining 25 cases will deal with more significant crimes, and will require a professional facilitator. Community Solutions will be the facilitator. Kathleen highlighted that many of the case subjects (ages 18 to 24) do not have a driver's license nor a vehicle, and this has been an obstacle in helping them to graduate from the program.

DEBONE: Move approval of acceptance of the grant

CHANG: Second

VOTE: DEBONE: Yes

CHANG: Yes

ADAIR: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Adair received a letter from a guide business who has experienced canceled trips due to the Cedar Creek fire. They inquired about any potential financial assistance to businesses affected. Whitney Hale, Deputy County Administrator, will follow up. Commissioner Chang recalled that when the Gorge was recovering from the Eagle Creek fire, resources were available in connection with the emergency declaration.
- Commissioners DeBone and Adair attended Pendleton Round-Up. Also in attendance were Dr. Murphy, the new President of Oregon State University, candidates for Governor and the sitting Governor. He commended the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) President for putting the AOC activities together in conjunction with the Round-Up.

- Commissioner Chang visited the Incident Command Post of the Cedar Creek fire on Wednesday, where he was briefed on fire behavior. Thankfully, the worst-case scenario is much less likely due to the weekend rain.
- Commissioner Chang attended an event of the Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA) in the gorge on Friday. Community-scale renewable energy projects were highlighted.
- Commissioner Adair reported that approximately sixty China Hat residents met recently, regarding the many homeless camps in the area and the increased risk of wildfires due to the proximity of homes. Kevin Larkin, representing Deschutes National Forest, was also in attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the time of 1:44 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Litigation. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:01 p.m. to direct staff to proceed as directed.

ADJOURN: Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

DATED this 28 Day of September 2022 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.



PATTI ADAIR, CHAIR



ANTHONY DEBONE, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:



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PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER