



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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DESCHUTES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

8:00 AM

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

A virtual legislative update meeting was held on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform, for a weekly scheduled event during this 2023 Legislative Session.

Deschutes County Attendance:			
	Commissioner Anthony DeBone		Nick Lelack, County Administrator
	Commissioner Patti Adair	x	Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator
x	Commissioner Phil Chang	x	Whitney Hale, Deputy County Administrator
	Dave Doyle, Legal Counsel		Kim Riley, Assistant Legal Counsel
	David Givans, Internal Auditor	x	Robert Tittle, Chief Financial Officer
x	Chris Doty, Road Department Director	x	Janice Garceau, Health Services Director
x	Kristie Bollinger, Property Manager		Stephen Gunnels, District Attorney
x	Peter Gutowsky, Community Development Director	x	Kathleen Hinman, Human Resources Director
	Keith MacNamara, Veterans' Services Manager	x	Deevy Holcomb, Community Justice Director
x	Lee Randall, Facilities Director	x	Kevin Moriarty, Forester
x	Chad Centola, Solid Waste Director		Tim Brownell, Incoming Solid Waste Director
	Shane Nelson, Sheriff		Sara Crosswhite, 9-1-1 Director
	Steve Dennison, Clerk	x	Cheyenne Purrington, Houseless Strategies and Solutions Director
	Geoff Hinds, Fair & Expo Director		Scot Langton, Assessor
	Charles Fadeley, Justice of the Peace		Will Groves, Planning Manager
x	Holly Harris, Behavioral Health Director		Tania Mahood, IT Director

x	Tom Kuhn, Public Health Program Manager	x	Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant
x	Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager	x	William Kuhn, Treasurer
	Heather Kaisner, Public Health Director		
Others Present:			
	Doug Riggs, NW Policy Advocates President		Gabriel Velásquez, NW Policy Advocates Legislative Coordinator

1. Introductions

Whitney Hale called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. Commissioner DeBone was unable to join this meeting due to schedule conflict.

2. Update from NW Policy Advocates

There were no representatives from NW Policy Advocates available to join this meeting.

3. Department Updates on Priority Bills

Commissioner Chang discussed **SB 847**. There has been discussion of siting outdoor shelters outside of the city of Bend's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), on land zoned as Exclusive Farm Use (EFU). He shared that the Gales family owns 9 acres between two churches near the new Ward/Hamby roundabout on Highway 20. The family and neighboring churches are supportive of creating outdoor shelter in this area. Commissioner Chang supports a letter to the Governor, the State Legislature and the Department of Land Conservation and Development, asking for flexibility allowing us to site outdoor shelter in resource lands, such as lands zoned EFU. Currently, emergency shelters can only be sited on rural residential and urban lands within the UGB. Central Oregon Villages and the City of Bend have been in discussion with the Gales family.

Erik Kropp believes this is a great opportunity to get an amendment to SB 847. Peter Gutowsky echoed his sentiments. Cheyenne Purrington shared that the Coordinated Houseless Response Office (CHRO) would strongly support SB 847 as priority 1, adding that the bill would also allow for SRO creation to help house low-income individuals. She shared that other cities in Deschutes County have an interest in this bill as well. Ms. Hale said that staff will draft a letter to present to the Board under "Other Items" on Monday, to get further direction from the Board.

Mr. Gutowsky brought attention to **HB 3197**, which pertains to clear and objective procedures and regulations pertaining to housing. If this bill is adopted and signed into law, it takes effect July 1, 2025, and the Community Development Department

(CDD) would need to expend significant resources to amend numerous codes. This is an unfunded mandate which would be applied to CDD, and would require significant resources to get their regulations and clear and objective procedures in alignment with the bill.

Mr. Gutowsky spoke briefly about **HB 2516**, which is a cannabis industry tourism bill. If this bill were signed into law, it would allow marijuana production sites to operate similarly to wine tasting facilities. Due to the fiscal impact of this bill, Mr. Gutowsky doesn't believe it will pass, but wanted to bring it to everyone's attention. Commissioner Chang said that AOC is actively opposing this bill. Mr. Gutowsky will continue to track and monitor this bill.

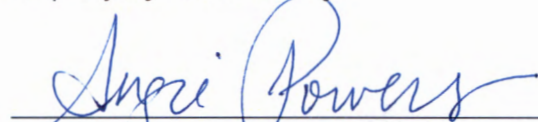
4. Other Items:

- No other items were discussed.

Next Meeting: The next legislative update meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjourn: Ms. Hale adjourned the meeting at 8:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Angie Powers, BOCC Administrative Assistant