



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

BARNES & SAWYER ROOMS
VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Anthony DeBone, and Phil Chang. Also present were Tom Anderson, County Administrator; David Doyle, County Counsel (via Zoom conference call for the morning session; in-person for the afternoon session); and Sharon Keith, Board Executive Assistant (via Zoom conference call).

This meeting was audio and video recorded and can be accessed at the Deschutes County Meeting Portal website <http://deschutescountyor.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN INPUT:

Commissioner DeBone acknowledged the emails received through the Citizen Input email address regarding face masks, homeless population. Chair DeBone called for any citizen input from those present in the room for any topic that is not on the meeting agenda.

- *Deborah Lee*, resident near China Hat, commented on safety issues in their neighborhood.

- *Morgan Smith* resident just moving to Bend and expressed her concern of safety based on the homeless camps at China Hat.
- *Jonna Pahlisch*, resident, commented on the lawlessness in the China Hat area due to the homeless camps.
- *Ray Miao*, resident at Woodside Ranch provided a comment of gratitude of the Commissioners support of defensible space.
- *Caroline Marks*, resident commented on the history of homeless issues in the China Hat area.
- *Clark Gorrell*, resident commented on the dangers of wildfire and the risks associated with homeless in the area.
- *Wendy Gorrell*, resident commented on the costs of the homeless in China Hat regarding natural habitat or quality of life and law enforcement time and dangers.
- *Cheryl Bregante*, resident commented on the negative impacts of the homeless in the China Hat area.
- *Stella Larson* resident commented on the lack of public health and safety in her own home due to the homeless population at China Hat.
- *Helen Webre*, resident commented on the concern of safety in their neighborhood.
- *Mike Regan*, resident commented on the concerns of fire in their neighborhood based on the homeless camps.
- *Roy Reft*, resident expressed concern that the Forest Service has not done anything about the fire concern on China Hat.
- *Tyler Smith*, resident commented on the amount of open fires and chaos of the homeless camps at China Hat.
- *David Mock*, resident commented on the problem of the homeless camp at China Hat.
- *Megan WoodRuff*, resident of Sisters provided testimony via Zoom conference call and the issues of homeless camps in Sisters.
- *Dennis Krackhow*, resident provided testimony via Zoom conference call and safety concerns in the China Hat area.

Commissioner Chang assured the residents that the Board of Commissioners is aware and concerned of the issues addressed and is working on a resolution. Commissioner Adair thanked everyone for coming in to provide comment today. Commissioner DeBone acknowledged the need to be able to empower public safety to remove homeless camps by the steps to move forward to help the people in need and provide safety for the community. Commissioner Chang encouraged the community to speak with members of Congress and the Forest Service.

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

ADAIR: Move approval of Consent Agenda
CHANG: Second

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

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 2021-057, Converting 14.5 Health Services Limited Duration FTE to Regular Duration FTE within the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Deschutes County Budget
2. Consideration of Board Signature to Thank Colleen Halverson of Deschutes River Recreation Homesites Special Road District #8
3. Consideration of Board Signature to Appoint Brenda Collette to the Deschutes River Recreation Homesites Special Road District #8
4. Approval of Minutes of the July 21, 2021 BOCC Meeting
5. Approval of Minutes of the July 26, 2021 BOCC Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Consideration of Board Signature of Order No. 2021-035, Whether to Hear Appeal of a Hearings Officer Approval of an Application for a Replacement Dwelling

Cynthia Smidt, Community Development Department presented the item for consideration and reviewed reasons to hear or not hear the appeal.

CHANG: Move approval of Order No. 2021-035 declining the appeal
ADAIR: Second

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

**7. Consideration of Chair Signature of Document No. 2021-640;
Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Health Authority**

Cheryl Smallman and Greg Munn presented the contract for consideration.

ADAIR: Move approval of Document No. 2021-640

CHANG: Second

VOTE: ADAIR: Yes

CHANG: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

8. COVID19 Update

Health Services Dr. George Conway, Emily Freeland, and Crystal Sully presented the COVID19 Update via Zoom conference call. Presentation is attached to the record.

Commissioner Chang recommends a statement from the Commissioners encouraging the wearing face masks indoors during the current increase in the cases of COVID in our community. At this time Commissioner DeBone noted he is relying on CDC guidance. Commissioner Adair acknowledged the contagious nature of the Delta variant but doesn't see the benefit of cloth masks and would like to see more data. Commissioner Chang requested data from Dr. Conway about the effectiveness of face masks. Commissioner DeBone thanked the community for their efforts in respecting space and health. Commissioner Chang thanked the community for the measures they have taken and supports a recommendation by the Board that people wear face masks indoors. Commissioners Adair and DeBone do not support such a recommendation at this time.

Dr. Conway commented on the types of mask to wear to protect others noting the best options are either a multi-layer cloth mask or a surgical mask.

RECESS: At the time of 11:20 a.m. the Board went into recess and reconvened at 11:27 a.m.

9. American Rescue Plan Funding Update

Chief Finance Officer/Treasurer Greg Munn and Budget Manager Dan Emerson presented the update on the American Rescue Plan funding opportunities. Further discussions on the childcare business requests will be presented during the BOCC meeting of Monday, August 16.

Kate Fitzpatrick, Deschutes River Conservancy, provided information regarding on-farm efficiency investment benefits by possible use of ARPA funds. Commissioner Chang requests Board consideration of this proposal sooner than later.

CHANG: Move approval of support of the Deschutes County on-farm efficiency water conservation investment project in the amount of \$1,450,000 of ARPA funds

ADAIR Second

Discussion: Commissioner Adair requests a report on the project update.

VOTE: CHANG: Yes

ADAIR: Yes

DEBONE: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

Colleen Thomas, Health Services Homeless Services Coordinator, presented a request from NeighborImpact and Housing Works and the F.U.S.E. for ARPA funds to be used towards capital funding for the development of the Cleveland Avenue Commons permanent supportive housing. Ms. Thomas stated there would be an owner and developer for the project and then also an operator that would be on site. Commissioner DeBone would appreciate input from NeighborImpact and Housing Works. Representatives from both organizations will be invited to the August 25, 2021 BOCC meeting for further discussions.

Mr. Emerson reported on the outreach for community input regarding ARPA

funding and requests received.

Commissioner DeBone supported a path to support public safety in consideration of the homeless population and any requests for funding relative to high barrier/low barrier concepts including proposed incentives to RV parks to consider adding to their capacity.

Mr. Munn provided the list of eligible projects. Commissioner Chang noted the one item that is time sensitive is contact tracing funding. Commissioner Adair commented on contact tracing and doesn't see the system has been effective. Commissioner DeBone would recommend discussions with the Health Services staff. Mr. Munn suggested a conversation with Health Services.

LUNCH RECESS: At the time of 12:52 p.m. the Board went into recess and reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Adair reported on the event yesterday in Hood River with Congressmen Westerman and Bentz regarding forest management. Commissioner DeBone also attended and met with Board of Commissioners chairperson from Hood River.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the time of 1:40 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Real Property. The Board came out of Executive Session at 1:46 p.m. for the following motion:

CHANG: Authorize Board Chair Signature to the Amendment.
ADAIR: Second

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

At the time of 1:48 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:33 p.m. to direct staff to proceed as discussed.

At the time of 2:33 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Litigation. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:44 p.m. to direct staff to proceed as discussed.

At the time of 2:44 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Pending Litigation, ORS 192.660 (2) (f) Considering Information Exempt from Disclosure, and ORS 192.355 (9) (a) Public Records Exempt from Disclosure. The Board came out of Executive Session at 3:18 p.m.

ADJOURN: Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

DATED this 11 Day of August 2021 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.



ANTHONY DEBONE, CHAIR



PHIL CHANG, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:



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PATTI ADAIR, COMMISSIONER