



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

Barnes Sawyer &
VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Anthony DeBone, and Phil Chang. Also present were Nick Lelack, County Administrator; Dave Doyle, County Legal Counsel; 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 www.deschutes.org/meetings

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZEN INPUT:

Commissioner Adair acknowledged emails received through the Citizen Input email address opposing Worrell Park, Simpson Avenue RFP, and the Thornburgh development.

Alice Elshoff provided comment in opposition of destroying Worrell Park.

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

CHANG: Move approval of Consent Agenda
DEBONE: Second

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

1. Approval of Minutes of the February 23 2022 BOCC Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes of the February 28 2022 BOCC Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes of the March 2 2022 BOCC Meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

4. Consideration of Resolution NO. 2022-015 to convert a limited duration FTE to regular FTE, Health Services

Behavioral Health Deputy Director Janice Garceau and Budget Manager Dan Emerson presented via Zoom conference call. Commissioner DeBone inquired on the position conversion for an outreach opportunity and wondered how many peer support specialist there are in the department. Ms. Garceau noted there are approximately 24 FTE regular positions. The long term funding for the position will be included in the Behavioral Health budget. Discussion held on funding sources.

CHANG: Move approval of Resolution No. 2022-015
DEBONE: Second

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

5. Consideration of Request for new Administrative Assistant position in the Community Development Department

Community Development Department Director Peter Gutowsky and Planning Manager Will Groves presented the request to authorize a recruitment for a second administrative assistant position in the Planning Division and reported on the significant turnover in the department along with the increased workload due to land use applications. The Board expressed support. A resolution will be included on next week's BOCC meeting agenda for approval.

DEBONE: Move support of proceeding with the recruitment process
CHANG: Second

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

6. Legislative Update

County Administrator Nick Lelack indicated that a future discussion is necessary to determine whether to extend the current lobbyist contract in preparation for the 2023 legislative session. PAC West lobby staff Phil Scheuers and Ryan Tribbett presented the update via Zoom conference call.

7. COVID19 Update

Health Services staff Public Health Director Nahad Sadr-Azodi, COVID19 Response and Recovery Manager Emily Freeland presented the COVID19 update along with Dr. Michael Johnson, St. Charles Health Services, via Zoom conference call. Presentation is attached to the record.

8. Consideration of COHC grant award acceptance

Public Health Manager Dr. Rita Bacho presented (via Zoom conference call) the grant services and staffing provided through the funding of this award.

DEBONE: Move approval of Board Signature of Document No. 2022-222 and Board Order No. 2022-013

CHANG: Second

VOTE: DEBONE: Yes

CHANG: Yes

ADAIR: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

9. American Rescue Plan Funding Update

Chief Financial Officer Greg Munn presented the update on the COIC small business assistance grant program. Budget Manager Dan Emerson presented via Zoom.

CHANG: Move approval of ARPA allocation of \$2.5 million to the small business and non-profit assistance with a cap of \$20,000 for full funding support.

DEBONE: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes

DEBONE: Yes

ADAIR: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

Commissioner Chang acknowledged the internal audit report that was recently completed for contact tracing through the Health Services department relative to the COVID19 response.

Commissioner Chang commented on whether a proposal had been submitted by Saving Grace to increase staffing to provide services for domestic violence victims. Commissioner Adair inquired whether a funding

request from the Redmond Senior Center was received and will contact them. Commissioner DeBone commented on the Chambers of Commerce requests for support. Commissioner DeBone also suggested to contact the La Pine Community Center regarding a funding request. Commissioner DeBone noted the Sisters Rodeo Association had also submitted a request for funding.

Mr. Munn will produce the funding distribution list. Discussion held on the method to present the funding to our local businesses and organizations that have been impacted by the COVID19 pandemic.

Mr. Munn noted there will be an ARPA update during the City of Sisters meeting this evening.

Commissioner Chang commented on a funding concept to cover funeral expense for a local family and would like for the County to make a meaningful contribution.

10. Consideration of Board Signature of Document No. 2022-219, Collective Bargaining Agreement between Deschutes County, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, and Deschutes County Sheriff Employees Association

Human Resources Director Kathleen Hinman and County Administrator Nick Lelack presented the documents for consideration. Commissioner Chang expressed lack of support for the 2% increase in addition to COLA since that same benefit is not being provided countywide to departments that are struggling with comparable or higher recruitment and retention issues. Commissioner Chang feels all Deschutes County departments should benefit from a 2% increase to assist with employee retention issues and in order to ensure staffing for adequate services to our community. Commissioner DeBone feels that many employees work for the County in order to follow their dream of public service and doesn't see the 2% increase as a motivator. Commissioner Adair inquired on the average salary of Deschutes County employees and Ms. Hinman noted she will report back. Commissioner Adair expressed lack of support for a 2% increase across the board.

DEBONE: Move approval of Document No. 2022-219
ADAIR: Second, but stated she did not support going down to 25 years.

Discussion: Commissioner Chang explained he supports all of the provisions of the contract but wants to see the 2% benefit extended to all Deschutes County departments. Commissioner DeBone noted the historic vote of the people approving the two law enforcement districts. Commissioner Chang noted that one of the law enforcement taxing district budgets had fallen short and had to be supported by transient room tax.

VOTE: DEBONE: Yes
CHANG: No
ADAIR: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

**11. Consideration of Board Signature of Document No. 2022-220,
Memorandum of Understanding between the Deschutes County
Sheriff's Office and the Deschutes County Sheriff's Employees
Association**

HR Director Kathleen Hinman presented the document for consideration that would align the pay period for fiscal year 2023.

CHANG: Move approval of Document No. 2022-220
DEBONE: Second

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

RECESS: At the time of 12:08 p.m. the Board went into recess and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Mr. Lelack reported that the Association of Oregon Counties Federal Land Management subcommittee is meeting on March 31 and they are looking for a representative from each Oregon Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Chang is interested in the appointment. The Board supported his appointment.
- Mr. Lelack reported applications have been received for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Commissioner DeBone offered to participate in the selection process. Commissioner DeBone shared interest from neighboring counties on siting a new landfill.
- Commissioner Adair reported on funding news for Connect Oregon projects.
- Commissioner DeBone met with the Deschutes County Historical Society last evening and reported on upcoming events.
- Commissioner DeBone interviewed with KNBD radio this morning.



EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At the time of 1:10 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Real Property Negotiations. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:28 p.m. for the following motion:

CHANG: Move to accept the submitted proposals of DR Horton regarding sale of Quadrants 2a and 2d in Newberry Neighborhood.

ADAIR: Yes

VOTE: CHANG: Yes
DEBONÉ: No
ADAIR: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

At the time of 2:31 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Real Property Negotiations. The Board came out of Executive Session at 2:46 p.m.

The Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Employee Evaluation will be rescheduled to Wednesday, March 16, 2022

ADJOURN

Being no business brought before the Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

DATED this 6 Day of April 2022 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.


PATTI ADAIR, CHAIR


ANTHONY DEBONE, VICE CHAIR

ATTEST:

RECORDING SECRETARY


PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER