



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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# BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY April 17, 2024

Barnes Sawyer Rooms  
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Tony DeBone and Phil Chang. Also present were County Administrator Nick Lelack, Assistant County Counsel Kim Riley and BOCC Executive Assistant Brenda Fritsvold.

This meeting was audio and video recorded and can be accessed at the Deschutes County Meeting Portal webpage [www.deschutes.org/meetings](http://www.deschutes.org/meetings).

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair DeBone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and noted the excused absence of Chair Adair.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### CITIZEN INPUT:

- Carl Shoemaker said schools must accept every student who lives in their district, except for charter/voucher schools which can legally exclude some students. He objected that this results in unequal education opportunities since students can be excluded based on disability, religion, English proficiency, and other factors.
- Dorinne Tye reported that the County sprayed weed killer at the Bend Airport. She noted the compounding negative effect of lead emissions and herbicides and urged watching out for citizens.

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

1. Approval of Board Signature of Order No. 2024-014 appointing Health Services Director's Designees

2. Approval of Resolution No. 2024-012 authorizing the application for an assessment and taxation grant from the Oregon Department of Revenue
3. Consideration of Board Signature on Letters Appointing Mark Close, John Pfeiffer and Will "Dan" Turner, for service on the Deschutes County Facility Project Review Committee
4. Approval of minutes of the BOCC April 1 and 3, 2024 meetings

DEBONE: Move approval of the Consent Agenda.

CHANG: Second

VOTE: CHANG: Yes

DEBONE: Vice Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**5. Oregon Department of Energy Community Renewable Energy Grant Program**

Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager introduced the request to apply for a Community Renewable Energy Grant from the Oregon DOE for the installation of a solar photovoltaic system at the Fair & Expo to provide continuous power for emergency operations staging and also to a new water well. Part of the grant would be used to install EV charging stations.

Facilities Director Lee Randall said the County is currently at 30% design for this project. He reported that the North Unit Irrigation District is sharing information regarding a project the District is planning near the Fairgrounds as there may be an opportunity for inter-connection or other synergistic benefits between the Fair and District projects.

Brent Harding, Project Coordinator, said this project would add approximately 1800 kilowatt hours and 48 hours of backup energy storage. Solar panels would be installed on a new structure at the Fairgrounds. The project would result in ten EV charging stations and the capacity to add another ten in the future.

CHANG: Move to authorize the submittal of an application for a Community Renewable Energy Grant from the Oregon Department of Energy for solar power and EV charging stations at the Fair & Expo

DEBONE: Second

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

**6. Application for Oregon Criminal Justice Commission grant to establish a deflection program in accordance with HB 4002**

Holly Harris, Behavioral Health Director, summarized the action by the Oregon Legislature which created a new misdemeanor category for possessing a controlled substance and simultaneously allowed jurisdictions to establish a deflection program to avoid charges being filed, or dismiss or expunge these. Explaining that the State is now offering funding to establish deflection programs, Harris shared the basic goal of diverting people from entering the criminal justice system and instead guiding them into substance disorder use treatment.

Harris then described how the funding can be used, saying if approved, DCHS would develop, coordinate and implement a deflection program with public and community partners, and hire a new 1.0 regular FTE Deflection Program Coordinator to help oversee the program. She explained that persons arrested with a small amount of certain drugs would be referred to Best Care or Ideal Options and be offered follow-up services. Charges could be dismissed if a program participant successfully met follow-up requirements.

Responding to questions, Harris said deflection is for those who have received a citation; diversion is intended to guide people away from actions where they may receive a citation. She said it is hoped that deflection happens outside of the court system.

In response to Commissioner Chang, Harris confirmed that the District Attorney's Office and Community Justice would both be involved in these efforts.

Responding to Commissioner DeBone, Harris envisioned that some of the funding would be used to add capacity to the programs offered by Best Care and Ideal Options with the aim of ensuring treatment availability sooner rather than later.

Responding to Commissioner Chang, Harris confirmed that the County's original IMPACTS grant funding for the Stabilization Center will not be affected by this new funding.

CHANG:       Move approval of an application for Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Deflection Program grant funding to establish a deflection program in accordance with HB 4002

DEBONE: Second

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

## **7. Oregon Criminal Justice Commission IMPACTS Grant funding and term Extension**

Behavioral Health Director Holly Harris explained that the County was not required to re-apply for these funds. At this time, then, staff seeks approval to accept the offered additional funding for the Stabilization Center and extend the term of this grant for another year.

Commissioner Chang expressed interest in reviewing all of the costs involved in operating the Stabilization Center for one year as well as all of the revenue sources for the facility and program.

CHANG: Move to accept additional grant funding from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to support the Stabilization Center and extend the term of the IMPACTS grant through June 30, 2025

DEBONE: Second

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

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

- Commissioner Chang attended a presentation on Whychus Creek and related water issues hosted by the Sisters Park & Recreation District and the Council on Aging.
- Commissioner DeBone stated his support for sending a letter to US Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer supporting CORE3's application for \$2 million in funding from the Department of Homeland Security Account – FEMA Emergency Operations Center Grant Program.

Saying this request may be for Congressionally-directed funding, Commissioner Chang also supported this funding request. He noted that any awarded funds would be used for emergency services training and an emergency operations center.

DEBONE: Move to send a letter supporting CORE3's request for \$2 million from the Department of Homeland Security Account – FEMA Emergency Operations Center Grant Program

CHANG: Second

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

- Commissioner DeBone served free ice cream yesterday at Ben & Jerry's annual free cone day.
- Commissioner DeBone helped work on a community project in La Pine to replace toddler equipment at a playground.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURN:**

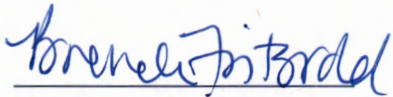
Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

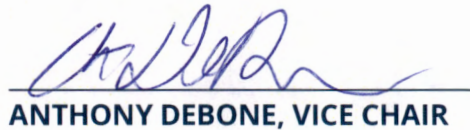


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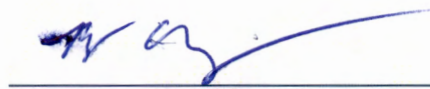
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**ANTHONY DEBONE, VICE CHAIR**



**PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER**