



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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BOCC MEETING MINUTES

9:00 AM

WEDNESDAY May 1, 2024

Barnes Sawyer Rooms
Live Streamed Video

Present were Commissioners Patti Adair, Tony DeBone and Phil Chang. Also present were County Administrator Nick Lelack, Assistant Legal 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.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN INPUT:

- Carl Shoemaker said as the State of Idaho has prohibited all abortions, some women have had to be life-flighted to another state for emergency medical care.
- Jim Murphy reported complications in trying to install solar panels on his house due to the fact that no inspections were conducted on the original 47-year-old building permit. Adding that research has shown that no original construction inspections were conducted on any of the houses built on his street, he said other, post-construction permits were applied for and granted in 1999 and 2011. He questioned why this situation required a third-party investigation/report at a cost of nearly \$200 instead of an inspection from CDD staff at the cost of \$110.
- Ed Muir said the current apartment vacancy rate in Bend is about 10%, and he expected this will rise as units currently being built are finished and become

available. Referring to the need for rapid rehousing of homeless persons, he proposed that empty apartment units be used for this purpose. Saying that the cost of these could be supplemented by the County, City or other entity at \$600-\$700/month, he concluded that this would be much more economical than buying an entire hotel and using it for this purpose.

- Karen Farley, a member of the advisory board for Trinity Lutheran's Oregon High School Equestrian Team (OHSET), said OHSET previously held events at the Fairgrounds but have learned they must pay more than they had been paying. She said these events must be in proximity to medical care and listed other needs including multiple arenas in poor weather, adequate seating and parking, camping accommodations, and easy access to hotels and restaurants. She asked for the Board's assistance in facilitating OHSET's use of the Fairgrounds for these events.
- Daniel Taug, a member of the advisory board for Lakeview's OHSET team, said the Rimrock facility is too small and costs \$15,000 whereas OHSET was paying the Fairgrounds \$10,000. Saying he did not want to pass on increased costs to participating youth, he sought assistance in getting these events back to the Fairgrounds.
- Mackenzie Hughes said the Fairgrounds is the most central location for all of the OHSET teams, but the Fair has indicated it is scheduled out for the next five years. She said as OHSET has struggled to find an alternate venue that is sufficiently large, 4H and FFA have also experienced difficulty in securing accommodations at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Adair said this equestrian program is dear to her heart. Noting that every high school in Deschutes County has a OHSET team, she agreed that Rimrock is too small for these events.

- Jenny Lingard expressed appreciation for the letters of support submitted by the Commissioners and DCSO for a \$60,000 Resilience Hubs and Networks grant which would be used for equipment that would provide critical information during emergencies or natural disasters.

Commissioner Adair announced that a test of the emergency notification system will be conducted today at 1:00 pm.

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

1. Approval of GA-25 Volunteer Email Policy
2. Approval of Audit Committee member reappointments
3. Approval of Board Signature of Order No. 2024-014 appointing Health Services Director's Designees

4. Approval of minutes of the BOCC April 10, 2024 meeting

DEBONE: Move approval of the Consent Agenda as presented
CHANG: Second

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

ACTION ITEMS:

5. Proclamation: Stroke Awareness Month

Carol Stiles from Stroke Awareness Oregon (SAO) explained the information and services provided by SAO, stressing that 80% of strokes can be prevented with lifestyle changes and medical treatment of underlying conditions.

The Commissioners read the proclamation declaring the month of May 2024 to be "Stroke Awareness Month" into the record.

DEBONE: Move adoption of the proclamation declaring the month of May 2024 to be "Stroke Awareness Month" in Deschutes County
CHANG: Second

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

6. Public Hearing and Order Considering Skyline Ranch annexation to Rural Fire Protection District #2

David Doyle, County Counsel, summarized that Skyline Ranch Development seeks to annex this subdivision into Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2. The District has approved the submitted petition and the County Clerk has certified that the number of landowners and voters signing the petition meets the threshold requirements in ORS 198 for dispensing any challenge for an election. Community Development also reviewed the petition for land use compatibility.

The public hearing was opened at 9:33 am.

Tia Lewis, attorney for the applicant, stated her availability to answer questions from the Board.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed at 9:34 am.

In response to Commissioner Chang, Lewis said the subdivision has interim fire protection until the annexation is finalized. Pre-construction, fire protection was provided by ODFW.

CHANG: Move to adopt Order No. 2024-015 approving the annexation of Skyline Ranch to Rural Fire Protection District #2

DEBONE: Second

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

7. Resolution No. 2024-014, adopting recreational immunity as provided by ORS and SB 1576

County Counsel Doyle explained the purpose of this action is to limit the County's liability exposure while simultaneously allowing for expanded recreational opportunities. As an example, some County-owned land accesses Tumalo Creek, and the County has received claims for damages or injuries incurred as persons utilize this land. He advised it is best to avail the County of such immunity when possible.

DEBONE: Move adoption of Resolution No. 2024-014 adopting recreational immunity as provided by ORS and SB 1576

CHANG: Second

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

Responding to Commissioner Chang, Doyle confirmed that this immunity will be in effect through January 2026, unless and until the Legislature takes additional action or one or more court decisions come to bear.

8. Consideration of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Request – Mountain View Community Development Safe Parking Program

Rick Russell, Executive Director of Mountain View Community Development, presented a request for \$250,000 in ARPA funding to be used for the administration and operations of the safe parking program in Redmond. Pastor Russell recapped

statistics demonstrating the success of the program, saying that between 45-55 persons are sheltered on any given night. On average, 15 of these are children.

Colton Hill shared his experience with the safe parking program, saying it enabled him to detox, get clean from his opioid addiction, and address his mental health. He now lives in a mobile home in Redmond and serves as a peer support specialist to encourage others.

Redmond Police Captain Aaron Wells listed benefits of the safe parking program, saying it offers homeless persons a chance to be sheltered in a safe environment. He characterized the funding of this program as imperative, given its significant positive impact and value to participants, the Redmond Police Department, and the community at large.

Russell shared other funding sources of the program and said MVCD will continue to advocate for MAC funding in future years.

Commissioner DeBone referred to the weeks he spent camping among those who are living on the County-owned 45 acres on 17th in Redmond, saying this experience gave him a feel for the culture of the campers.

Commissioner Chang said the safe parking program has been an important piece of the response to homelessness and part of the reason for the decline in homelessness in Central Oregon. He noted the need for funding to clear and clean up the County-owned parcel on 17th so the desired property exchange with the Department of State Lands can proceed.

In response to Commissioner Chang, Deputy County Administrator Erik Kropp said seven responses were received to the Request for Qualifications concerning the establishment and operations of alternate shelter options such as a managed camp for homeless persons. None of the responses involves the property on 17th.

Commissioner Adair said it is important to help the safe parking program continue to succeed.

CHANG: Move to allocate \$200,000 in ARPA funds to continue the safe parking program in Redmond operated by Mountain View Community Development

DEBONE: Second

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

9. FY 2025 Video Lottery Fund Allocations

Laura Skundrick, Management Analyst, reviewed that on April 22nd the Board decided allocations for video lottery fund in FY 2025. She confirmed that the provided spreadsheet has been updated to reflect the \$5,000 allocation for the Newberry Regional Partnership.

Commissioner Chang was concerned that based on the preliminary allocations, some of the service partners may not receive the full funding they had been awarded in past years. Noting this fund has a \$1.1 million contingency, he proposed to use part of that to fully fund the service partners in accordance with their FY 2024 allocations and aid their efforts to accomplish important community goals.

Commissioner Adair noted this proposal would require allocating \$75,850 from contingency funds. She stated her support for allocating an additional \$20,000 to United Way.

- CHANG: Move approval of FY 2025 Video Lottery fund allocations as determined by the Board at its April 22nd meeting, along with an additional \$75,850 of contingency funds to bring service partner funding levels to those awarded in FY 2024, and further allocate an additional \$20,000 to United Way
- DEBONE: Second
- VOTE: CHANG: Yes
DEBONE: Yes
ADAIR: Chair votes yes. Motion Carried

10. FY 2024 Q3 & Q4 Discretionary Grant Application Review

Laura Skundrick presented the applications submitted to the County’s Discretionary Grant Program. The Commissioners reviewed the applications and determined allocations.

County Administrator Nick Lelack expressed appreciation to Skundrick for her outstanding work on these items as well as materials for the upcoming budget meetings.

OTHER ITEMS:

- Commissioner Adair announced another public hearing on the draft Comprehensive Plan will be held at the County offices next Wednesday, May 8th at 5:30 pm.
- County Administrator Lelack shared a request from the City of Redmond for a Commissioner to participate on a committee regarding the State’s South Redmond

Tract Large Lot Industrial Infrastructure Masterplan and Financing Plan, adding that Road Director Chris Doty, Fair & Expo Director Geoff Hinds and Senior Transportation Planner Tarik Rawlings also will serve. Each of the Commissioners expressed interest in serving, depending on the days and times of the meetings.

- Assistant County Counsel Kim Riley said the owner of the Moon Pit property which has been identified as a finalist in the search for a site for the next County landfill has invited the Commissioners to view the property in person. The Commissioners agreed these visits will be conducted individually.
- Commissioner DeBone attended the Jungle Live musical at La Pine High School with his wife.
- Commissioner Chang attended a fundraiser for RootedHomes.
- Commissioner DeBone announced the Mosaic Medical luncheon today.
- Commissioner Adair attended an event at Mountain View High School involving the school's ROTC program. She praised the young cadets and encouraged community support for this program.
- Commissioner DeBone said he will attend the Spotlight on Homelessness event in Tetherow on May 7th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURN:

Being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

DATED this 26th day of June 2024 for the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.



PATTI ADAIR, CHAIR

ATTEST:



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ANTHONY DEBONE, VICE CHAIR



PHIL CHANG, COMMISSIONER