

MINUTES FOR THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MARCH 3, 2021

The Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting was opened by Commissioner Rick Dyer on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 9:31 a.m. by videoconference. Those participating were:

Rick Dyer, Chair
Dave Dotterrer, Commissioner
Colleen Roberts, Commissioner
Danny Jordan, County Administrator
Joel Benton, County Counsel
Mark Decker, Director, Information Technology Department
Connie Theiral, Project/Program Coordinator IV, Information Technology Department
Alycia Hartley, Recording Secretary
Kacie Kinney, Executive Assistant
Members of the Public and Press

Commissioner Dotterrer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Employee of the Month: Chase Crook, Information Technology Department

Commissioner Dyer welcomed Mr. Crook, Mr. Decker, and Ms. Theiral to the meeting. He read about the many ways Mr. Crook has been an asset to the County's Information Technology (IT) Department, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. He spoke about the technology challenges that have been faced throughout the year in 2020 and thanked Mr. Crook for all of his assistance. Commissioner Roberts congratulated him and noted the vast amount of work he has accomplished to be deserving of this award. Commissioner Dotterrer said that Mr. Crook has made his transition into office very seamless. Mr. Decker noted his appreciation of Mr. Crook and that they receive a large amount of positive feedback. Ms. Theiral spoke about how Mr. Crook single-handedly manages all of the County's mobile devices. She stated that she could not do her job without him. Mr. Crook stated his appreciation for the recognition. He thanked his fellow IT staff and said that he could not do his job as efficiently as he does without them. Everyone works together, especially during 2020.

10.00 Request for and Discussion of Non-Agenda Items (5-Minute Limit)

Rich Cardwell, Medford, thanked the Board for their service. He asked questions of the Board and asked for a response at a later date. He noted that he feels there is not an emergency in place due to COVID-19, and asked the Board to reject the Governor's mandates.

Gregg Marchese, Phoenix, thanked the Board for arranging public testimony to be taken regarding the COVID-19 restrictions. He was disappointed to see the amount of people that were in favor of the restrictions in place. He stated that the cost of playing hockey in the County has now tripled.

Clark Mangelsdorf, Ashland, spoke about the County having a unique place in the Pacific Northwest. He feels that the true spirit of the people is not being addressed and that significant action needs to be taken to handle the lockdown situation.

Jim Jordan, Ashland, spoke about health issues taking place in the community due to mask wearing and the mandates in place. He feels that the real problem is that there is no rational basis for the policies in place, and that all branches of government in Oregon are violating the rights of the people.

Commissioner Dyer noted that the cutoff time for those providing written testimony for the Public Hearing on the Oregon Health Authority's Sector Risk Level Guidance Chart is 5:00 p.m. today.

Daniel Grasso, Medford, spoke about the extremely low number of serious COVID-19 cases worldwide, and that 99.6 percent of cases are mild. He feels that face masks do not do anything to prevent the spread and spoke against the harmful lockdowns.

Elena Cardwell, Medford, thanked Commissioner Roberts for a prompt response to her correspondence. She spoke about County Counsel's Memorandum regarding the Home Rule Charter and feels that the unconstitutional lockdowns and mandates are a matter of County concern. She wants the State to open as others have, to free the people and the division that has taken place.

Commissioner Dyer reiterated that the County Commissioners have not instituted the restrictions in place, and the County does not have the ability to allow or disallow them. Amending the County's Home Rule Charter would not be a successful strategy in stopping the Governor's mandates. The Board is, however, always advocating for the people and businesses of the County. The legislature is who would have the immediate power to end the restrictions.

20.00 Consent Calendar

20.01 Minutes of Meetings

BoC Work Session, February 16, 2021

BoC Regular Meeting, February 17, 2021

Commissioner Dotterrer made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Dyer. Motion passed.

Following the motion and roll call vote, Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Dyer each authorized the use of his/her electronic signature on the minutes presented, pursuant to Order No. 1-21.

30.00 Public Hearings

No public hearings were scheduled.

40.00 Discussion/Deliberation

No discussion or deliberation items were scheduled.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dyer adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:19 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Rick Dyer

Rick Dyer, Chair

/s/ Dave Dotterer

Dave Dotterer, Commissioner

/s/ Colleen Roberts

Colleen Roberts, Commissioner

/s/ Alycia Hartley

Alycia Hartley, Recorder

Approved on: 03/17/2021

Due to the existing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the need to promote physical distancing, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners is conducting meetings through electronic and telephonic means. On January 5, 2021, the Board of Commissioners approved Order No. 1-21 authorizing the use of their electronic signatures on Ordinances, Orders, and other documents. Following the motion and roll call vote, Commissioners Dyer, Dotterer and Roberts authorized the use of his/her electronic signature on these minutes of March 3, 2021.