

MINUTES FOR THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
AUGUST 25, 2021

The Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting was opened by Commissioner Rick Dyer on Wednesday, August 25, 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
Alycia Hartley, Recording Secretary
Members of the Public and Press

Commissioner Dyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Gregg Marchese, Phoenix, spoke about the Pfizer vaccine receiving full Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval, and how boosters prove that vaccines do not work. He spoke against all of the states and companies who are issuing vaccine mandates, which he said are deadly. He feels that the Board needs to declare home rule in Jackson County. He also spoke about a people's assembly taking place for healthcare workers.

Joanna Wnorowski, Ashland, spoke against a letter sent to the Board from former Elected Officials. She spoke against vaccine and mask mandates, and noted the importance of constitutional rights. She feels there will be a collapse in the County if people are not able to live their lives how they choose to.

Matt Vogel, Ashland, asked the Board not to support any vaccine mandates and spoke about the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS). He said that, in the last eight months, there have been over 13,000 deaths due to COVID-19 vaccines. He said that people should have full information and informed consent, and to mandate something that carries such a level of risk is very irresponsible.

John Hamilton, Ashland, said that unvaccinated people do endanger him, and his family. He said that there will not be jobs if staff in hospitals and other facilities are burned out, and people will not move to the State for fear of contracting the disease. He urged the Board to disregard threats and said that each Commissioner should strongly endorse vaccination.

Kevin Christman, Talent, supports the Board in making a clear decision where freedoms lie. He supports them to stand firm against unconstitutional mandates. He said that natural immunity is proven to be just as much, if not more, effective than vaccines, and the science depends on whose version is being presented.

Meryl Roberts, Ashland, said that she is an autism and trauma informed specialist who wants to stand in solidarity and support of the Board. She spoke about staffing issues already occurring in the school systems, and how having unconstitutional vaccine mandates will only worsen that. She spoke about the need to have more conversations around treatments for COVID-19.

Richard Ulrich, Ashland, said that he is a retired nurse and, as this is his first time addressing the Board, it shows how serious all of this is. Based on his hospital experience, and the size of COVID-19 virus particles, he stated that masks have never worked. He also spoke about the psychological effects of everyone wearing masks.

Gwendolyn Terra, Ashland, thanked the Board for everything that they are doing. She feels very strongly about mandates as they have an indefiniteness to them. She feels that there are a lot of cases in the County now, but it is because there is no trust due to how everything has been handled.

Catherine Paul, Medford, said that constitutional training is essential and it is missing. She said that people's inalienable rights come from God, and the government is trying to say that they come from them.

20.00 Consent Calendar

20.01 Minutes of Meetings

BoC Work Session, August 10, 2021

BoC Regular Meeting, August 11, 2021

BoC Staff Meeting, August 12, 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

40.01 *Order Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement No. 14704 Between the State of Oregon, Oregon Youth Authority, and Jackson County. Order No. 148-21*

Commissioner Dyer read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that the mission of the State of Oregon, Oregon Youth Authority (OYA), is to protect the public and reduce crime by holding justice-involved youth accountable, and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments. The OYA provides funding to focus on preventing and reducing juvenile crime, and to improve collaborative efforts with county juvenile departments. Jackson County Community Justice provides basic crime prevention and diversion services for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Program, and wishes to continue providing these services with funding made available through this Agreement. In order to fulfill all the terms of this Agreement, the County may contract out portions of these services.

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve Order No. 148-21 as read. Commissioner Dotterrer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Dotterrer, and Commissioner Dyer. Motion passed.

Following the motion and roll call vote, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Dotterrer, and Commissioner Dyer each authorized the use of his/her electronic signature on Order No. 148-21, pursuant to Order No. 1-21.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dyer adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:18 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Rick Dyer
Rick Dyer, Chair

/s/ Dave Dotterrer
Dave Dotterrer, Commissioner

/s/ Colleen Roberts
Colleen Roberts, Commissioner

/s/ Alycia Hartley
Alycia Hartley, Recorder
Approved on: 09/08/2021

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, Dotterrer and Roberts authorized the use of his/her electronic signature on these minutes of August 25, 2021.