

MINUTES FOR THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
NOVEMBER 18, 2020

The Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting was opened by Commissioner Roberts on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. by videoconference. Those participating were:

Colleen Roberts, Chair
Rick Dyer, Commissioner
Bob Strosser, Commissioner
Harvey Bragg, Senior Deputy County Administrator
Joel Benton, County Counsel
Peter Philbrick, Senior Assistant County Counsel
Jennifer Drake, Recording Secretary
Alycia Hartley, Recording Secretary
Members of the Public and Press

Commissioner Strosser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Gregg Marchese, Phoenix, spoke about circumstances becoming worse in the community. He questioned the reasons behind more hospitalizations occurring, and whether it is due to actual COVID-19 symptoms, or other circumstances. He spoke about testing and the "Great Reset," he believes to be taking place.

At 9:38 a.m., Mr. Benton left the meeting and Mr. Philbrick joined the meeting.

Eric Dziura, Medford, implored the Board to follow the recommendation of Mr. Jordan to endorse mask wearing, social distancing, and hand washing. He feels it is critical that leaders at all levels speak with a coherent message. He stated that the County is in a red flag COVID-19 pandemic due to the tremendous strain on the medical system.

Commissioner Dyer asked about updating the public on any new information that may have become available. Commissioner Roberts and Mr. Philbrick stated that this could not be done as it would constitute a discussion.

Jack Gibbs, Ashland, stated that he is a local business owner and implores the Board to be a beacon of hope. He feels there is an aggressive and damaging fear mongering agenda, and that the Board has a duty to uphold the Constitution and the rights of the people.

Andre, Ashland, stated that this is a difficult issue for all based on what is presented through the media and what is happening in the world. He spoke about the SARS-CoV-2 virus and that it has not been isolated. He spoke about the make-up of the virus and feels that the testing being done is misleading. He also stated that the mandates put into place by the Governor are not law.

Sharon Coniff, Ashland, read from an affidavit she is currently working on which states that the Board took an oath to hold up the Constitution, not to oppose it. She spoke about the restrictions and mandates that harm people through mask wearing and business closures. She urged the Board to uphold their oath.

At 9:59 a.m., Mr. Benton returned to the meeting and Mr. Philbrick left the meeting.

Kathy Hathaway, Medford, questioned the statistics of hospitalizations and asked for information on where the public can access this data.

Christo Hart, Ashland, stated that people are being lied to by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and he feels COVID-19 is being used as an unconstitutional excuse for lock downs. He spoke about the Governor working on *Agenda 21*. He stated that the Oregon Health Authority is not in a position above the Sheriff, and that Executive Orders and mandates are not law.

Commissioner Roberts welcomed the members of the public who could not connect to audio due to technical difficulties, and encouraged them to reach out to the Board with their statements.

20.00 Consent Calendar

20.01 Minutes of Meetings

BoC Work Session, October 20, 2020

BoC and Jackson County Planning Commission Joint Meeting and BoC Work Session, October 27, 2020

BoC Regular Meetings, October 21, 2020, and October 28, 2020

BoC Staff Meeting, October 22, 2020

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

Following the motion and roll call vote, Commissioner Dyer, Commissioner Strosser, and Commissioner Roberts each authorized the use of his/her electronic signature on the minutes presented, pursuant to Order No. 52-20.

30.00 Public Hearings

There were no public hearings scheduled.

40.00 Discussion/Deliberation

There were no discussion or deliberation items scheduled.

There being no further business, Commissioner Roberts adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:17 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Colleen Roberts
Colleen Roberts, Chair

/s/ Rick Dyer
Rick Dyer, Commissioner

/s/ Bob Strosser
Bob Strosser, Commissioner

/s/ Alycia Hartley
Alycia Hartley, Recorder
Approved on: 12/02/2020

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 April 8, 2020, the Board of Commissioners approved Order No. 52-20 authorizing the use of their electronic signatures on Ordinances, Orders, and other documents. Following the motion and roll call vote, Commissioner Strosser, Commissioner Dyer, and Commissioner Roberts each authorized the use of his/her electronic signature on these minutes of November 18, 2020.