

MINUTES FOR THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
OCTOBER 20, 2021

The Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting was opened by Commissioner Rick Dyer on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. by videoconference. Those participating were:

Rick Dyer, Chair  
Colleen Roberts, Commissioner  
Danny Jordan, County Administrator  
Joel Benton, County Counsel  
Alycia Hartley, Recording Secretary  
Members of the Public and Press

Absent: Dave Dotterer, Commissioner

Commissioner Dyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Greg Bassett, Central Point, said that he is disappointed to see the low level of participation in the Board's meetings. He also spoke about his disappointment in seeing that a very important position in the County is being proposed to move from elected to non-elected; he feels that it makes local government less accountable.

Kelly Quaid, Jacksonville, said that he is disappointed with the low level of fanfare related to non-vaccinated Asante workers no longer being able to work. He feels that, with more situations like this coming, the community will be very poorly served.

Commissioner Dyer noted that the Board did issue an emergency declaration related to the effects that the vaccination mandate will have on the community.

Gregg Marchese, Phoenix, said that he accepted an offer on a home in Texas and is working on the sale of his home here. He spoke against the State using contracted workers and the Oregon National Guard to fill in at the hospitals, some of whom have stated they are not vaccinated, while long-term employees are now unable to work. He urged the Board to declare home rule and go on the offensive, and said that making any request of the Governor is pointless.

Joanna Wnorowski, Ashland, spoke about writing a letter to Senator Jeff Golden, Representative Pam Marsh, and Sheriff Nathan Sickler about what life is like in the County, and how everyone is very demoralized. She is disappointed in the lack of discussion regarding T-cell immunity, and in how her family is being treated due to not being vaccinated. She feels that there should be a town hall meeting with local leaders about how people need to treat one another.

Carol Low, Ashland, spoke about the shortage that is occurring due to the vaccination mandate of not just patient care workers, but those behind the scenes that keep any healthcare facility going. She spoke about damages and adverse effects that are happening to young people, and how the risks from the vaccine are a much greater risk to young people than the disease. She referenced issues occurring in Australia that are affecting people's rights.

20.00 Consent Calendar

20.01 Minutes of Meetings

*BoC Work Session, October 5, 2021*

*BoC Regular Meeting, October 6, 2021*

*BoC Land Use Meeting, October 6, 2021, File No. 439-21-00004-LRP*

*BoC Staff Meeting, October 7, 2021*

20.02 *Order Proclaiming Jackson County's Participation in the Great Oregon ShakeOut on October 21, 2021. Order No. 188-21*

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

**Following the motion and roll call vote, Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Dyer each authorized the use of his/her electronic signature on the minutes presented, and on Order No. 188-21, pursuant to Order No. 1-21.**

Commissioner Dyer read the Proclamation for the record.

30.00 Public Hearings

No public hearings were scheduled.

40.00 Discussion/Deliberation

40.01 *Order Authorizing a Specialty Courts Grant Program Grant Agreement for Grant No. SC-23-015 Between the State of Oregon, Criminal Justice Commission, and Jackson County. Order No. 189-21*

Commissioner Dyer read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that Measure 57 was a legislatively-referred State statute which increased the term of imprisonment for repeat property crimes and drug offenses. The Recovery Opportunity Court (ROC) is designed specifically to serve those justice-involved individuals who have substance abuse barriers. ROC provides intensive court and probation services, with increased access to drug and alcohol treatment services. The State of Oregon, Criminal Justice Commission, will provide funds through the Grant Agreement to continue this specialty court program. Since 2009, the program has provided case management, peer support, and treatment services to aid in the success of justice-involved individuals in the community upon completion of treatment services.

**Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve Order No. 189-21 as read. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Dyer. Motion passed.**

**Following the motion and roll call vote, Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Dyer each authorized the use of his/her electronic signature on Order No. 189-21, pursuant to Order No. 1-21.**

There being no further business, Commissioner Dyer adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:00 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: 11/03/2021

*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 October 20, 2021.*