

MINUTES FOR THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON
STAFF MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 21, 2021

The Board of Commissioners' Staff Meeting was opened by Commissioner Rick Dyer on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. by videoconference. Those participating were:

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

Absent: Dave Dotterer, Commissioner

1. *Review and Discussion of the Proposed 2022-2027 Jackson County Strategic Plan – Harvey Bragg, Senior Deputy County Administrator*

Mr. Bragg began by explaining that Jackson County has participated in the Government Financial Officers Association (GFOA) budget award for many years. This award was established in 1984 and the County has won it every year since its inception; it encourages state and local governments to prepare their budgets to the highest quality and achieve best practices. He further explained that strategic plans are now a mandatory criterion to receive the award. He referenced a document provided to the Board with the County's Strategic Plan process and a draft of the Plan (*Submission No. 1*). Mr. Bragg noted that the County extracted sections of the budget document that are the core of what a strategic plan is, gathered input from each of the Department Directors, and are now bringing the Plan to the Board for review. The next steps will be to present it to 12 of the County's advisory committees, hold a public hearing at a Regular Meeting and, if approved, the Board will adopt the Plan at a separate Regular Meeting. The Plan will then be implemented into the budget document in the next fiscal year. Mr. Jordan clarified that, in order to continue to qualify for the GFOA award, the County has to make these changes in the budget document. He also explained during the Budget Committee meetings last year, that this change was coming.

Mr. Bragg continued by explaining the vision, mission, and values of the Plan, and noted that this would be the most appreciated section for the Board's input. Mr. Jordan explained that this is, essentially, what the County's vision is, which has been in the budget document; it is just a restructuring. Mr. Bragg went over the vision, mission, values, and goals, and explained how they were reorganized into the Plan. Commissioner Dyer said that they are high-level, broad goals, and asked for clarification on if the Board's role today is to review and make sure that there is nothing that they disagree with. Mr. Bragg said that was correct, and also noted that they could suggest additions or changes. Mr. Jordan noted that the restructured goals are meant to be measurable, and

that some of the previous goals were moved into values. Mr. Bragg went through each of the current and proposed goals (*Submission No. 2*) and explained which ones were reorganized or structured into values. Mr. Jordan spoke about how each goal is referenced for each department, and how they contribute to each goal.

Commissioner Dyer advised that, if the meeting is still in session, the Great Oregon ShakeOut drill will occur at 10:21 a.m.

Mr. Jordan explained that this was a complex change for each of the departments, and that Mr. Bragg and Ms. Traci Carrier, Budget Analyst, have been managing the input from the Department Directors. They will also handle explaining the process and Plan to each of the main County advisory committees. Commissioner Dyer stated that he understands the changes and that the process makes sense; with how many years in a row that the County has achieved the GFOA award, it shows how diligently the County has been on top of these things. Commissioner Roberts said that the simplification of the goals was a wise move, and moving some of them to values and keeping the main goals as measurable makes sense. Commissioner Dyer said that he is looking forward to how the process progresses. The Board agreed to move forward with the proposed Plan.

2. *Input From County Counsel*

Mr. Benton had nothing to report.

3. *Input From County Administrator*

a. *Review Agenda Items for the October 27, 2021, BoC Regular Meeting*

Mr. Jordan reviewed the agenda (*Submission No. 3*) and there were no changes.

At 9:30 a.m., the Board discussed Agenda Item No. 4.

At 9:36 a.m., the Board returned to this Agenda Item No. 3.

Mr. Jordan continued his report on the responses received by the State regarding the Board's recent state of emergency related to illegal cannabis activities. He explained that the County has not received a direct response from the Governor, only a written statement by the Governor's Press Secretary. The statement said that the Governor takes the issue very seriously and worked hard to pass House Bill (HB) 3000 in direct response to this issue. Mr. Jordan noted that, while HB 3000 did some things to assist, it is not nearly enough to address the issues. He went over other aspects of the statement which identified the problems that the County pointed out; however, the State is still not properly addressing those issues, and there is a continued lack of support and lack of perception from OEM and the Governor's Office. Mr. Jordan also noted that the State refers to the issues occurring during the growing season and how, with it ending, many of the issues will cease. He stated that the County's issues with illegal cannabis are year-long problems, not just during the growing season, as Code Enforcement and the Sheriff's Office will continue to work through hearings and criminal investigations. Commissioner Dyer stated that the County has been asking for these resources for months, and has said that it needed to be funded immediately in order to respond. Mr. Jordan continued by speaking about the current Oregon National Guard resources that have been provided by the Oregon Military Department, which are not nearly sufficient. The State has said that their message is clear that Oregon is not open for business for illegal cannabis grows; however, this shows their complete lack of perception. Mr. Jordan noted the importance of not just additional funding, but how the State needs to deploy additional resources. He explained that he; Commissioner Dyer; Sheriff Nathan Sickler; and Shavon Haynes, State Watermaster, will be

meeting with Senator Jeff Golden to put together a plan for obtaining additional resources for these issues. He read a direct quote from Senator Peter Courtney, President of the Oregon Senate, which clearly states that he is receptive to the issues and that they will not be solved at the local level, or at the usual State level. Commissioner Dyer agreed with everything Mr. Jordan has said, and anticipates that more local legislators will also be at the meeting with Senator Golden.

At 9:52 a.m., the Board returned to Agenda Item No. 4.

4. *Discussion Regarding COVID-19*

Mr. Jordan provided an update on new positive COVID-19 case numbers, deaths, and hospitalizations. He continued by speaking about the Board's recent declaration of a state of emergency and noted that, when he mentions the responses received, none of them have been a direct response from the Governor. He stated that the response received from the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) clearly shows a lack of sensitivity and perception of the issues occurring in the County. He received a call from OEM stating that they were going to deny the request as they did not feel that it met any of their authority to respond under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 401. The Deputy Director of OEM recognized the issues that the County is facing; they just do not feel that the request and supporting documentation fall under ORS 401. He went over the applicable criteria under ORS 401 and noted the numerous ones that, he feels, most certainly apply to the County. Commissioner Roberts asked for clarification as to whether Mr. Jordan is referencing the COVID-19 state of emergency, or the one related to illegal cannabis activities. Mr. Jordan noted that he is referring to the state of emergency declaration related to illegal marijuana activities, and he meant to provide this update under Agenda Item No. 3, Input from County Administrator.

At 9:36 a.m., the Board agreed to return to Agenda Item No. 3.

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Commissioner Roberts noted that the Board's recent state of emergency, related to COVID-19 and effects of the vaccination mandate, has not been responded to by the Governor. She feels that the County needs to measure what the effects are of the mandate that was created.

5. *Liaison Committee Reports*

Commissioner Roberts reported on a meeting with Congressman Cliff Bentz regarding the Board's illegal cannabis state of emergency and potential options for resources. She noted that she was unable to attend the Valleys of the Rogue Watershed Council meeting due to technical issues they were having. She reported on attending a Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District Board meeting and annual meeting. She also expressed appreciation to Mr. Merv George, Forest Supervisor, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, for his adherence to the County's smoke and fire policy; he had someone contact her directly to talk about the County's no-burn policy during fire season. Commissioner Roberts concluded by reporting on attending an Association of O&C Counties (AOCC) Board meeting.

Commissioner Dyer reported on a meeting with Congressman Bentz, other local legislators, and law enforcement regarding what potential Federal assistance could be provided for marijuana enforcement. He noted that the press also attended, which was good as it is important to get the information out. He also expressed appreciation to Mr. George as he has taken the County's

concerns regarding smoke and fire very seriously; all the Board can ask for is for the awareness and coordination. He also reported on attending an Animal Control Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Roberts noted that the AOCC Annual Conference will be held on December 17th in Douglas County.

6. *Community Service Award Nominations – Recording Secretary*
Commissioner Dyer referenced the nomination provided to the Board (*Submission No. 4*). The Board agreed to the nomination and the Recording Secretary will schedule the presentation for a future agenda.
7. *Review Calendars – Week of October 25, 2021*
The calendars were reviewed and there were no changes. Mr. Jordan advised that he will not be in the office on Monday morning for his individual meetings with each Commissioner.
8. *Executive Session*
There was nothing for Executive Session.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dyer adjourned the Staff Meeting at 10:16 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

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