

MINUTES FOR THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 27, 2021

The Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting was opened by Commissioner Rick Dyer on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. by videoconference. Those participating were:

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

Commissioner Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Catherine Paul, Medford, spoke about the Board needing to direct County staff to their course of action to protect citizens' rights. She spoke about the exemptions and exceptions to the vaccination mandates, which must hold. She feels that people are either selling out or being forced out of their jobs by standing for their beliefs.

Kelly Quaid, Jacksonville, agreed with the need to protect the citizens of the County and said that it is concerning that many companies, who have contracts with Federal agencies, are being forced to either risk losing their loyal employees or not taking the money. He spoke about the Board's state of emergency related to illegal marijuana activity, and asked the Board to publish something about what effects the Order has had.

Mr. Jordan explained that there was a town hall meeting held by Representative Pam Marsh and that it is posted to her legislative website. This meeting references much of what the previous speaker asked about and should answer all of his questions. Commissioner Dyer said that there are ongoing meetings to continue to work on these requests to the State.

Brad Bennington, Builders' Association of Southern Oregon, Medford, expressed gratitude and thanks to the Board for the state of emergency related to unlawful marijuana activity. He spoke about the lack of available building materials with the extreme need to rebuild homes after the Almeda Fire. He said that illegal marijuana operations are taking a large supply of those materials. He thanked the Board and Mr. Jordan for staying on top of this problem.

Greg Bassett, Central Point, said that these are challenging times dealing with illegal cannabis grows, and the indirect problems that are caused by it, in addition to effects of the COVID-19 mandates. He said that he has spoken directly with two nurses from local hospitals who specifically told him that they hope none of their family members need to go to the hospital right now.

Dan Dail, Jacksonville, spoke about the Board's previous discussion to be more autonomous from the State. He referenced times when the Board has stated that they would not institute any mandates, and left that decision up to the State. He feels that, if the Governor had not instituted the mandates, the County would have been even worse off than it was. He said that, with regard to the marijuana problems, the legal grows have all had to get permits and the County should have a list of them, making it much simpler to enforce on illegal grows. He said that the County is again asking the State for help instead of being proactive against the illegal grows.

Mr. Jordan explained that, with regard to the recent state of emergency related to illegal marijuana, the County has been seeking the State's assistance on this matter for nearly two years. The County was never resourced to address the issues regarding marijuana for law enforcement, Code Enforcement, or the Watermaster. He said that it is not that the County has not been responsive, but that this state of emergency is its last remaining attempt.

20.00 Consent Calendar

20.01 Minutes of Meetings

BoC Work Session, October 12, 2021

BoC Regular Meeting, October 13, 2021

BoC Staff Meeting, October 14, 2021

20.02 *Order Appointing Nathan Olson to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. Order No. 190-21*

20.03 *Order Appointing Andra Hollenbeck to Complete the Term of a Resigned Member of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee. Order No. 191-21*

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. 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 the minutes presented, and on Order Nos. 190-21 and 191-21, 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. 14725 Between the State of Oregon, Oregon Youth Authority, and Jackson County. Order No. 192-21*

Commissioner Dyer read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that Jackson County provides individualized services within the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Facility to those at-risk for commitment to an Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) facility. These services may pertain to one or more of the following case plan domains: medical, mental health, social living skills, drug and alcohol treatment, education, vocational, family, and offense-specific. The Juvenile Division of the Community Justice Department has been providing evidence-based, individualized services to adjudicated youth for many years, and

the OYA reimburses the County for providing these services. He noted that this is only one portion of funds received to provide these services.

Commissioner Dotterrer made a motion to approve Order No. 192-21 as read. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Dyer. Motion passed.

40.02 Order Authorizing a Trans Union Master Agreement for Consumer Reporting and Ancillary Services With Trans Union LLC. Order No. 193-21

Commissioner Dyer read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that Section 475 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S. Code § 675, requires each child in foster care under the responsibility of the State to receive a copy, without cost, of any consumer report each year after age 14 until the child leaves foster care. The reports will be utilized to help in interpreting and resolving any inaccuracies on reports prior to the children leaving foster care at 18 years of age.

Commissioner Dotterrer asked what type of reports this is referring too. Mr. Jordan answered that they are credit reports in case someone commits fraud against a child in foster care.

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve Order No. 193-21 as read. Commissioner Dotterrer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Dotterrer, and Commissioner Dyer. Motion passed.

40.03 Order Authorizing the Finance Department to Make Advance Payments to Taxing Districts With \$50,000 or Less in Value From the County General Fund. Order No. 194-21

Commissioner Dyer read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 311.392 allows for the advance of payments to taxing districts from the County General Fund if it is more economical than to make distributions from the unsegregated tax collection account. Advance payments, or buyouts, are usually processed for districts with small amounts of taxes. The distribution amount for these districts are sometimes less than \$50 per turnover, which makes them very expensive for the County to process.

If an advance payment is made to a district before December 1, 2021, the 3 percent discount given if taxes were paid by November 15, 2021, may be deducted from the advance. Once the payment is made, the percentage distribution schedule is adjusted to remove the district(s) that have been bought out, which increases the County's percentage. Due to this increase, the County will be reimbursed for the money it advances to the districts. A district receiving an advance payment will no longer receive distributions of the current year tax from the unsegregated tax collection account.

Commissioner Dotterrer made a motion to approve Order No. 194-21 as read. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Dyer. Motion passed.

40.04 Order Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement No. 171316 Between the State of Oregon, Oregon Health Authority, and Jackson County. Order No. 195-21

Commissioner Dyer read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that the Oregon Health Authority would like to contract with Jackson County to provide Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) services in the County, as well as statewide training and consultation. Through PCIT, caregivers are taught specific skills to establish or strengthen a nurturing and secure relationship with their children, while encouraging positive social behavior and decreasing maladaptive behavior.

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve Order No. 195-21 as read. Commissioner Dotterer seconded the motion.

Commissioner Roberts noted that it would be interesting to know if there are any measurable outcomes from this program. Mr. Jordan explained that, while they keep basic statistics, whether a family is successful after the program is not something that can necessarily be measured.

Those who voted aye: Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Dotterer, and Commissioner Dyer. Motion passed.

40.05 Order Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement No. 250-2123JACKSONCOUNTY-000 Between the State of Oregon, Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB), and Jackson County. Order No. 196-21

Commissioner Dyer read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that, through this Agreement, the Sheriff's Office will be reimbursed for marine law enforcement patrols, boater education, and boat inspections conducted throughout Jackson County. The Agreement continues the contractual relationship between the OSMB and Jackson County that has been in place for many years.

Commissioner Dotterer made a motion to approve Order No. 196-21 as read. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dotterer, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Dyer. Motion passed.

Following the motion and roll call vote, Commissioner Dotterer, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Dyer each authorized the use of his/her electronic signature on Order Nos. 192-21, 193-21, 194-21, 195-21, and 196-21, pursuant to Order No. 1-21.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dyer adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:08 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: 11/10/2021

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 27, 2021.