

MINUTES FOR THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
NOVEMBER 3, 2021

The Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting was opened by Commissioner Rick Dyer on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. by videoconference. Those participating were:

Rick Dyer, Chair
Dave Dotterrer, Commissioner
Colleen Roberts, Commissioner
Danny Jordan, County Administrator
Joel Benton, County Counsel
Dave Arrasmith, County Assessor
Ruth Staten, Valuation Manager, Assessor's Office
Alycia Hartley, Recording Secretary
Members of the Public and Press

Commissioner Dotterrer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Employee of the Month: Lorrie Williams, Assessor's Office

Commissioner Dyer welcomed Ms. Williams, Ms. Staten, and Mr. Arrasmith to the meeting. Commissioner Dyer read about Ms. Williams' career with the Assessor's Office and the many ways that she is essential to the Office. Commissioner Roberts thanked Ms. Williams for her great service and dedication over the years, and loves that her positive outlook and smile was noted in the presentation. Commissioner Dotterrer said that the more he learns about property taxes and valuations, the more he comes to greatly appreciate the staff and what they do. He applauded her for the skillful job that she does. Ms. Staten said that Ms. Williams puts a positive spin on everything she does and, as one of the lead appraisers, she is always training others. She will always answer questions with grace and is a tremendous asset to the Assessor's Office. Mr. Arrasmith said that he is happy to acknowledge Ms. Williams. She has great team spirit and is a role model for the Office, and has also been a key to the Office's success through her training of others. Ms. Williams said that she loves her work and enjoys everyone in the Office. Although what they do is challenging, there is so much to enjoy in doing a job well. She expressed her appreciation for this recognition.

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

Gregg Marchese, Phoenix, said that this is his last public comment as he is leaving for a state that is more defensible against the neo-communist revolution. He spoke about points he has presented stating that the COVID-19 pandemic is a hoax. He said that additional tyranny is to come and the multi-trillionaire, satanic cult is enacting a death agenda and totalitarian control from a disease scare. He said that the only solution for the County is to declare home rule.

John Hamilton, Ashland, spoke about a recent article in the *Mail Tribune* which states that vaccines beat natural immunity. He said that the virus and pandemic have not gone away, and people with pre-existing conditions deserve the best protection possible. He said that the Board needs to continue to do more to protect the citizens of the County.

Kelly Quaid, Jacksonville, thanked the Board for all of their efforts. He said that he asked questions last week related to the Board's state of emergency regarding illegal marijuana and wanted to say thank you for the answers that were provided after he spoke; he appreciates it being articulated. He encouraged the Board to consider all of the efforts that they can to push forward against the COVID-19 mandates that are affecting the community. He also said that the statistics reported in the paper are not always accurate, and everything cannot be blamed on COVID-19.

Greg Bassett, Central Point, said that he was happy to see that the ballot measure related to the Assessor failed as it leaves accountability where it needs to be, with the voters. He said that he has always been very dismissive of the things that Mr. Marchese has spoken about, but he no longer knows that everything being said can just be dismissed. He feels that he cannot trust that the Country is proceeding as it should as a Constitutional republic.

Catherine Paul, Medford, read a quote from Benjamin Franklin regarding God governing the affairs of men. She expressed her appreciation to the Board and said that there are many tyrannical things happening right now. She said that the only hope is to pray for guidance and wisdom.

Richard Alrich, Ashland, thanked the Board for all that they do. He spoke about his concerns with the COVID-19 vaccination for children, and spoke about his personal experiences as a pharmaceutical representative. He is concerned with giving children an injection that would, normally, never get this type of push-through.

20.00 Consent Calendar

20.01 Minutes of Meetings

BoC Work Session, October 19, 2021

BoC Regular Meeting, October 20, 2021

BoC Staff Meeting, October 21, 2021

20.02 *Order Authorizing the Vacation of a Portion of a Public Storm Drain Easement in Section 19, Township 36 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon; Known as a Portion of Lot 11 of the Antelope Industrial Park Subdivision. Order No. 197-21*

20.03 *Order Authorizing the Vacation of a Portion of a Dedicated Right-of-Way in Section 02, Township 38 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon; Known as a Portion of Charlaine Street. Order No. 198-21*

20.04 *Order Authorizing the Vacation of a Portion of an Unimproved Public Right-of-Way in Section 13, Township 38 South, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon; Known as a Portion of Dutchess Lane and/or Royal Crest Alley. Order No. 199-21*

20.05 *Order Authorizing the Vacation of a Portion of a Dedicated Right-of-Way in Section 05, Township 38 South, Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon; Known as a Portion of Gold Range Road. Order No. 200-21*

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. 197-21, 198-21, 199-21, and 200-21, pursuant to Order No. 1-21.

30.00 Public Hearings

No public hearings were scheduled.

40.00 Discussion/Deliberation

40.01 *Order Authorizing State Homeland Security Program Grant Agreement No. 21-220 Between the State of Oregon, Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management, and Jackson County. Order No. 201-21*

Commissioner Dyer read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) is a Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), grant program. The State of Oregon currently receives funding under two HSGPs: the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and the Urban Area Security Initiative. Together, these grants fund a range of activities designed to prepare for, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism or catastrophic events.

In 2021, Jackson County has been awarded a grant through the State's SHSP to fund the creation of an All Hazards Crisis Communications Plan for the County. The Grant also includes funding to provide training and exercises for the Plan.

Commissioner Dotterrer made a motion to approve Order No. 201-21 as read. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Dyer. Motion passed.

40.02 *Order Authorizing the Use of Eminent Domain, if Necessary, to Acquire Certain Properties for the Foothill Road Project From Delta Waters Road to Dry Creek Road. Order No. 202-21*

Commissioner Dyer read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that Jackson County is acting to improve a portion of Foothill Road, which is under the jurisdiction of Jackson County and is a part of the Jackson County Road System. Agreements with the State of Oregon, Department of Transportation, have been authorized for this project by Board Order No. 207-18. Intergovernmental Agreement No. 34270 dated November 25, 2020, provides that the State will be responsible for the certification and oversight of all right-of-way activities and requires that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners provide this Order in the event it is necessary to protect the public investment in this project.

The Road Official of Jackson County has determined there is a public necessity for this realignment of the public roadway, and has further determined that the proposed use, improvement, or project is planned or located in a manner which will be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury. Various design alternatives have been reviewed in order to provide for safe and expeditious movement of traffic.

Mr. Jordan noted that he does not anticipate the need for action under this Order, it is just a requirement of the project to have the Order in place. He also explained that there was an open house held with property owners regarding this and, so far, the County has not received any outright objections.

Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve Order No. 202-21 as read. Commissioner Dotterrer seconded the motion.

Commissioner Roberts explained that it was a red flag when they were discussing eminent domain; however, it was good to note that the outreach has been done and expressed appreciation for Mr. Jordan's clarification of the issue. Mr. Jordan added that the Board does have an Ordinance that speaks against the use of eminent domain for private purposes and, as this is a public purpose, it does not go against that Ordinance. In addition, even if this were to take place, the properties would not be taken, they would be compensated for. He reiterated that he does not believe it will be necessary. The Board expressed appreciation for the effort and outreach that has been done.

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 Nos. 201-21 and 202-21, pursuant to Order No. 1-21.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dyer adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:13 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: 11/24/2021

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 November 3, 2021.