

MINUTES FOR THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON
STAFF MEETING HELD ON
NOVEMBER 4, 2021

The Board of Commissioners' Staff Meeting was opened by Commissioner Rick Dyer on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. by videoconference. Those participating were:

Rick Dyer, Chair
Dave Dotterrer, Commissioner
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

1. *Input From County Counsel*
Mr. Benton had nothing to report.

2. *Input From County Administrator*
 - a. *Review Agenda Items for the November 10, 2021, BoC Regular Meeting*
Mr. Jordan reviewed the agenda (*Submission No. 1*) and there were no changes.

 - b. *Order Authorizing the Use of Director-Initiated Peace Officer Holds. Order No. 203-21*
Commissioner Dyer read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that this Order is a result of a vacancy in the Health and Human Services (HHS) Director position. Due to this vacancy, the County is required to designate someone for the role. He further explained that Jackson County serves as the Community Mental Health Program provider pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 426.233 and, as such, provides services to the community for directing a peace officer hold to be placed on an individual who is a danger to self or to any other person, in need of immediate care, in custody, or in a hospital or non-hospital facility for mental illness. This process assists individuals in Jackson County who are experiencing a mental health crisis to receive services and to be transported safely by a peace officer to the nearest facility or non-hospital facility as deemed appropriate. As the Community Mental Health Program, Jackson County provides 24/7 mental health crisis services, which assists individuals throughout the County when having a mental health crisis. These services are provided in an effort to keep both the individual and the community safe.

This Order will appoint Stacy Brubaker, HHS Mental Health Division Manager, as the Interim Director of the Community Mental Health Program for Jackson County. This Order will also appoint those designees necessary to fulfill the direct requests to a peace officer

to take into custody persons who are believed to be in immediate need of care, in custody, or in treatment for mental illness. It will also allow for the Interim Director of the Community Mental Health Program to add or remove designees when needed. Mr. Jordan clarified that these were already activities approved by the Board and Ms. Brubaker's position is listed as the Interim Director since, as soon as a new HHS Director is appointed, the Board will appoint the new Director to this position.

Commissioner Roberts noted that the Order is removing more people than just the previous HHS Director, and asked if the others were not willing to continue. Mr. Jordan answered that many positions and people that have served have changed since this was last brought before the Board.

Commissioner Dotterrer made a motion to approve Order No. 203-21 as read. Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Dyer.

Following the motion and roll call vote, Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Dyer each authorized the use of his/her electronic signature on Order No. 203-21, pursuant to Order No. 1-21.

3. *Discussion Regarding COVID-19*
There was nothing to discuss.

4. *Discussion Regarding Fires and Fire Recovery*

Mr. Jordan provided an update for the Board on the recovery process from the 2020 wildfires, and noted that the State is transitioning out of support for fire recovery. He stated that there are currently 388 people in 212 rooms across four hotels for emergency housing; this does not include the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) housing mission. He spoke about an upcoming grant opportunity that the County plans to apply for to update the County's Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan; however, it is not a smaller county or a county that has not previously received these types of funds, which are two of the criteria. Mr. Jordan explained that FEMA is integrating with the Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG) with their Disaster Case Managers for information sharing. He noted that this is a way around the issues that created problems with information sharing between FEMA and the LTRG. He gave a brief update on debris cleanup and noted that the cities have completed their debris cleanup compliance hearings. Jackson County's compliance hearing is scheduled for November 18th. He provided additional updates on the LTRG and spoke about grant funding announced by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He explained that an element of House Bill 5006 is that it provides funds for projects within the County, which include building an intermediate housing site in Talent. He provided information on this project and noted that the process is still being worked through.

Mr. Jordan explained the two primary areas that the County is focusing on. The first one is working with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management to request a waiver of rent payment requirements at the end of FEMA's housing mission, which is in March 2022. He spoke about programs that are available to reduce liability for those who qualify, but this request is to waive the payments entirely for those still living in FEMA manufactured housing units (MHUs). If this is not authorized, OEM is working with many different agencies to see what social services would be available. The second primary area of focus is the sales program for the FEMA MHUs. He explained that, as units become vacant and people find alternative housing, new people do not move

in as there are not new people who qualify. He has asked Ms. Holly Powers, Jackson County Emergency Manager, to follow up with OEM to find out how many MHUs are currently occupied, and what the intent is for the remaining units. Commissioner Roberts asked if the people who are currently residing in hotels would be able to transition to the unoccupied FEMA MHUs. Mr. Jordan answered that, no, they would have had to apply for, and qualify for, FEMA's individual assistance program. He explained that everyone who qualified has either been placed or offered the opportunity to be placed. The opportunity to purchase the MHUs is only for the people currently living in them at the end of the housing mission. He noted that many people who had to wait for placement found other housing, and some who were placed early on may have found new housing; if people are moving out of the MHUs, they will not be available for purchase.

5. *Liaison Committee Reports*

Commissioner Dotterrer reported on attending meetings of the Phoenix City Council, Phoenix Urban Renewal Agency, Central Point City Council, Ashland City Council, and the Rogue Valley Community Organizations Active in Disaster (RV COAD) Steering Committee. He spoke about the Board receiving a message from the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) that he was selected to be the AOC Veterans Steering Committee Co-Chair, and he asked for the Board's input. Commissioner Dyer stated that he encourages the selection. Commissioner Dotterrer asked for clarification on the voting aspect of being selected. Mr. Benton noted that, as this topic is not agendaized, the Board is unable to make a decision on the matter today. Mr. Jordan explained the issue of voting and how, as this year the County did not have a Commissioner chairing a committee, the County did not have a vote on the Legislative Committee. Commissioner Dyer was provided a position to vote on the Legislative Committee as a county not otherwise represented last year. If Commissioner Dotterrer becomes the Veterans Steering Committee Co-Chair, he would then represent the County's vote on the Legislative Committee.

Commissioner Roberts reported on attending meetings of the National Association of Counties (NACo), Western Interstate Region, Public Lands Steering Committee; Jacksonville City Council; Gold Hill City Council, and Gold Hill Irrigation District. She also mentioned that there are two Fair Board members whose terms are ending and are up for renewal. Their reappointments will be considered by the Board in December, and one is beyond the Board's general rule of term limits but is a very valuable member on the Fair Board. The Fair Board will also be providing their recommendation following their next meeting.

Commissioner Dyer reported on attending aha! Airlines' first direct flight into the Rogue Valley Medford-International Airport. He also reported on attending a Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee meeting.

Commissioner Dotterrer noted that, with so many people showing up to pay their property taxes, the Taxation Office is operating very well and efficiently.

6. *Review Calendars – Week of November 8, 2021*

The calendars were reviewed. Mr. Jordan explained that each Commissioner has been contacted by Congressman Bentz's office to attend functions when he is in the area, and he has explained to their staff the circumstance of quorum issues when all three are invited. He spoke about a recent request by Congressman Bentz's staff for each Commissioner to attend a town hall event, but for individual discussions. There was not time to place this item on the agenda for all three Commissioners to attend. Commissioner Dyer noted that he only intends to attend a follow-up meeting from one he previously attended with Congressman Bentz regarding hemp and marijuana. The Board agreed

that Commissioner Dyer would attend that meeting and Commissioner Dotterer would attend the town hall. There was an additional discussion regarding Veterans' Day events, and Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Dyer will both be attending one in Eagle Point. Staff was instructed to add this event to the Board's Meeting Schedule. Mr. Jordan also noted his upcoming time away from the office and details for an upcoming Jackson County Budget Committee meeting.

7. *Executive Session*

There was nothing for Executive Session.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dyer adjourned the Staff Meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Immediately following the adjournment, Mr. Jordan requested to go back into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(h), Litigation.

Commissioner Dyer called the Staff Meeting back to order at 9:45 a.m.

At 9:45 a.m., the Executive Session began under ORS 192.660(2)(h), Litigation. The Executive Session ended at 10:05 a.m.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dyer adjourned the Staff Meeting at 10:05 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: 11/24/2021

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, Dotterer and Roberts authorized the use of his/her electronic signature on these minutes of November 4, 2021.