

MINUTES FOR THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON
WORK SESSION HELD ON
NOVEMBER 30, 2021

The Board of Commissioners' Work Session was opened by Commissioner Rick Dyer on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 9:00 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

1. *Input From County Administrator*

a. *Review Agenda Items for the December 1, 2021, BoC Regular Meeting*

Mr. Jordan reviewed the agenda (*Submission No. 1*) and there were no changes.

b. *Order Authorizing a Partial Master Proof of Loss Related to Property Damage at the Jackson County Health and Human Services Building, Located at 140 South Holly Street, Medford, Oregon. Order No. 214-21*

Commissioner Dyer read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that, on or about March 2, 2021, the Jackson County Health and Human Services Building (Building) located at 140 South Holly Street, Medford, Oregon, experienced a burst pipe and flood causing substantial damage to the Building and property within the Building. Jackson County has coverage under a property insurance policy for the Building and property within the Building. In order to execute a Partial Master Proof of Loss, Jackson County is required to make a partial claim under that property insurance policy.

Commissioner Dotterer made a motion to approve Order No. 214-21 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 No. 214-21, pursuant to Order No. 1-21.

2. *Discussion of Proposed Actions Related to Signage of Recreational Trails Built on Oregon & California Lands - Colleen Roberts, Commissioner*

Commissioner Roberts spoke about the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) placing signage on recreational trails in the area. When she brought this information to Mr. Rocky McVay, Executive

Director, Association of Oregon and California Counties (AOCC), he inquired as to the portion of these lands that were Oregon and California (O&C) Lands. BLM confirmed that roughly three-quarters of the land is O&C Lands. Commissioner Roberts referenced a letter sent by AOCC to BLM (*Submission No. 2*) requesting that signage placed on these trails identify that it is on O&C Lands and that they provide revenue to the County through sustained yield management. She said that the Board needs to encourage having O&C Lands identified on the signage, and asked if the Board would like to prepare an official request. There was a brief discussion regarding possible actions that could be taken, and the Board agreed to support the request from AOCC. Mr. Jordan suggested that the Board invite Ms. Elizabeth Burghard, District Manager, Medford District Office, BLM, to attend a meeting to provide updates and address this question with her. There was additional brief discussion regarding the logistics of inviting Ms. Burghard to attend a meeting and help answer this question. Staff was instructed to reach out to Ms. Burghard and also inform her of the Board's question related to the signage. The Board agreed that Commissioner Roberts will provide the Board's support of this request at the AOCC Annual Meeting.

3. *Discussion of Comment to the Oregon Health Authority on Proposed Amendments to Oregon Administrative Rules Nos. 333-019-0010 and 333-019-1005*

Mr. Jordan stated that he brought this agenda item back as the Board's request for an extension of the public comment period was granted on these proposed amendments (*Submission No. 3*). He explained that these temporary Rules have been in place since about July, and the State is working to make them permanent. Commissioner Dyer asked if the Board would like to take another week to review the proposed amendments and prepare specific comments. Commissioner Dotterer explained that he spoke with the Executive Director of Logos Public Charter School, and she appreciated that the extension was granted and is reviewing the Rules. There was additional discussion of what these requirements would entail for schools, as well as daycare centers, and how they affect financial and other resources. Mr. Benton provided additional information on the Rules and explained that they do not require vaccinations, they only provide that, if you are vaccinated and identified as a close contact, you cannot be excluded from the school or daycare. Following an additional brief discussion on the Rules and how they relate to how current diseases are handled in schools, the Board agreed to add this topic to their next Work Session agenda. Each Commissioner will look into the Rules further and reach out to local school district superintendents for input.

4. *Discussion Regarding COVID-19*

Mr. Jordan provided an update on new positive COVID-19 case numbers, deaths, and hospitalizations. He explained that, following up from the Board's previous Work Session and the discussion regarding the State's digital vaccine passport project, he asked Mr. Jackson Baures, Public Health Division Manager, Health and Human Services Department, to follow up with the State. He provided the response received from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), and explained that it is a voluntary program and using the tool is optional. He provided additional information on how people currently share their vaccination information, and stated that this tool would cover a lot of people who may not have a local health care provider to gain their electronic records from. Commissioner Dyer questioned the use of State resources on a program that is, essentially, redundant when there are already electronic ways to present a vaccination card. In addition, although it is voluntary right now, he questioned what it may become down the road. Commissioner Dotterer agreed that the cost/benefit analysis does not seem valid. Commissioner Roberts feels that it is a slippery slope, and the way it has been presented does not seem transparent or provide for any public input.

Commissioner Dotterer stated that, with regard to the new COVID-19 variant, he would like to see the State coordinate more with Commissioners on what the planning and response will be. He said that the Board should ask for this coordination in advance. Commissioner Dyer explained that, based on the daily email received by OHA, the State is not anticipating having to impose any additional restrictions.

Mr. Jordan provided additional information that he received regarding the digital vaccine passport project. Each Commissioner spoke about concerns they have with the project. Mr. Jordan said that, as the State has been responsive to inquiries so far, the Board is welcome to provide him with any further questions that they have and he will have Mr. Baures relay them to the State.

5. *Executive Session*

The Executive Session began at 9:40 a.m. under Oregon Revised Statute 192.660(2)(h), Litigation. The Executive Session ended at 9:54 a.m.

There being no further business, Commissioner Dyer adjourned the Work Session at 9:54 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: 12/15/2021

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 30, 2021.