

MINUTES FOR THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 8, 2023

The Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting was opened by Commissioner Colleen Roberts on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Auditorium and by audio/videoconference. Those participating were:

Colleen Roberts, Chair  
Rick Dyer, Commissioner  
Dave Dotterer, Commissioner  
Shannon Bell, Senior Deputy County Administrator  
Joel Benton, County Counsel  
Kathleen Winfrey, Recording Secretary  
Megan Cook, Executive Assistant  
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)*

Joyce Michelangelo, Central Point, expressed, in-person, her concerns about the current petition regarding the potential election creating five Jackson County Commissioner positions, and establishing districts for each. She stated that she disagrees with having any changes to the existing positions of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Dyer said that, at this time, the initiatives are not specifically asking for individual districts. He said that the three initiatives that are circulating are for five Commissioners, non-partisan, and a reduction in salary.

Nerissa Ladd, Ashland, asked, by videoconference, for clarification regarding the renaming of Dead Indian Memorial Road in Ashland.

Commissioner Roberts said that the Board cannot deliberate during the public comment period.

Ms. Ladd continued by asking several additional questions about Dead Indian Memorial Road.

Mr. Benton explained that Jackson County has the authority over the names of County roads. He also said that the Jackson County Codified Ordinances (JCCO), includes a provision that explains how citizens can request a road name change. Mr. Benton recommended that Ms. Ladd review the JCCO. He said that a road name change is up to the discretion of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Benton provided information regarding the Board's discussion to not change the name of Dead Indian Memorial Road.

Commissioner Roberts added that a public hearing took place previously on the matter, as well as public input.

20.00 Consent Calendar

20.01 Minutes of Meetings

*BoC Regular Meeting, October 11, 2023, and October 18, 2023*

*BoC Land Use Meeting, October 11, 2023, File No.439-23-00003-LRP*

*BoC Staff Meeting, October 12, 2023, and October 19, 2023*

*BoC Work Session, October 17, 2023*

20.02 *Order Appointing Maureen McNulty-Hayes to the County Wolf Advisory Committee.  
Order No. 249-23*

**Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Dotterrer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer, Commissioner Dotterrer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.**

30.00 Public Hearings

No public hearings were scheduled.

40.00 Discussion/Deliberation

40.01 *Order Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to 2600-00017025 (Formerly Intergovernmental Agreement No. PO-25700-00016279 Dated May 4, 2023) With the State of Oregon, Department of the Fire Marshal. Order No. 250-23*

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Ms. Bell explained that in February 2023, the State of Oregon, Oregon State Fire Marshal, made a strategic one-time \$2,700,000 investment at the local and county levels through community wildfire protection plans (CWPP). Jackson County sponsored a joint application with the City of Medford for the Rogue Valley Fire Adapted Communities Green Debris Program totaling \$282,000. The City of Medford is facilitating the purchase of six chippers and two dump trailers for eight fire departments and districts in Jackson and Josephine Counties. Jackson County Emergency Management is receiving \$51,000 to facilitate the development of a green debris community clean-up program in partnership with Josephine County, Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Cooperative, and fire departments and districts in the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association. This collaboration resulted in Intergovernmental Agreement No. PO-25700-00016279 dated May 4, 2023, being executed between the State of Oregon, Oregon State Fire Marshal, and Jackson County.

The purpose of the Rogue Valley Adapted Communities Green Debris Program is to develop and distribute community education and outreach material around preparing homes to survive wildfire through defensible space and vegetation management, outline cooperation with local sanitation companies for free debris drop off at transfer stations and rental of green debris bins to support neighborhood work days, and support key objectives under the Rogue Valley Integrated Fire Plan.

On July 1, 2023, House Bill (HB) 2927 (2021) took effect that changed the name of the office of the State Fire Marshal to the Department of the State Fire Marshal and established that entity as a State agency independent from the Department of State Police. Amendment No. 1 is reflecting this change and replacing Agreement No. PO-25700-00016279 with the new number of 26000-00017025.

**Commissioner Dotterrer made a motion to approve Order No. 250-23 as read. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion.**

Commissioner Dyer said that the program is designed to help people build defensible space, not to punish people whose properties are not fire adapted.

Commissioner Roberts said that this is a way to get Jackson County's records in order with the name change of the Department of the State Fire Marshal.

Commissioner Dotterrer said that this is an encouraging program.

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

There being no further business, Commissioner Roberts adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:46 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Colleen Roberts

Colleen Roberts, Chair

/s/ Rick Dyer

Rick Dyer, Commissioner

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Dave Dotterrer, Commissioner

/s/ Kathleen Winfrey

Kathleen Winfrey, Recorder

Approved on: 11/29/2023