

MINUTES FOR THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
DECEMBER 13, 2023

The Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting was opened by Commissioner Colleen Roberts on Wednesday, December 13, 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
Danny Jordan, County Administrator
Joel Benton, County Counsel
Kacie Kinney, Recording Secretary
Members of the Public and Press

Commissioner Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special Presentation: The Chairman's Award – Darcey Mann-Self

Commissioner Roberts welcomed Ms. Mann-Self to the meeting, provided a brief history of the Chairman's Award, and spoke about how deserving she is of receiving the 2023 Chairman's Award. She read about Ms. Mann-Self's decades of community service in Jackson County, which she continues to this day. Commissioner Dyer noted the opportunities for recognition and awards with the County, but said that the Chairman's Award is his favorite because everyone gets to hear about the true superstars in the community. He said that the Board appreciates everything that Ms. Mann-Self has done over the years and that she is an inspiration to the community. Commissioner Dotterer said that Ms. Mann-Self's contributions to the community have been remarkable. Commissioner Roberts invited individuals from the audience to speak in recognition of Ms. Mann-Self. Ms. Charllo Stribling, who has been Ms. Mann-Self's hairdresser and friend for many years, said that Ms. Mann-Self very humbly shares the amazing things that she does for the community and that she is so happy to share this moment with her. Mr. Kevin Lamson, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Hearts With a Mission, said that Ms. Mann-Self has been a huge supporter of Hearts With a Mission and the children it supports. He spoke about events that Ms. Mann-Self has organized and said that Hearts With a Mission would not be where it is today without her dedication. Ms. Mann-Self said that she is honored and humbled to receive the Chairman's Award. She spoke about how all of her efforts are for the community, and that she would not have received the Award if it were not for all of the people supporting her. Ms. Mann-Self thanked the Board for adding her to the list of amazing Chairman's Award recipients.

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

Colleen Padilla, Executive Director, Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc. (SORED), said, in-person, that she enjoys coming to the Board's meetings that honor all of the community's greatest leaders. She also informed the Commissioners that each of them will be receiving an invitation to multiple upcoming events hosted by SOREDI and other local organizations.

Joyce Michelangelo, Central Point, spoke, in-person, about her concerns regarding the current petition that would change the number of Commissioners from three to five. She spoke about current quorum requirements and how having five Commissioners could eliminate transparency.

Brad Fry, Rogue River, said, by videoconference, that he supports Ms. Michelangelo's comments. He also referenced a press report about the Oregon Secretary of State's misinformation and disinformation contract to monitor individuals' social media accounts.

Commissioner Dyer said that the Board is aware of the contract that was signed with an artificial intelligence company and spoke about the Board's action of sending a letter of concerns to Ms. Lavonne Griffin-Valade, Oregon Secretary of State; and State and local officials.

20.00 Consent Calendar

20.01 Minutes of Meetings

BoC Work Session, November 21, 2023

BoC Regular Meeting, November 22, 2023

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

30.00 Public Hearings

30.01 Public Hearing and Order in the Matter of Authorizing the County Administrator to Assign Ambulance Service Area #3 (ASA 3) to Ashland Fire & Rescue. Order No. 264-23

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that ambulance services in Jackson County are governed by Jackson County's Ambulance Service Plan (Plan). Section 7.5(c) of the Plan requires a public hearing be held for interested persons to voice their views regarding the selection of an ambulance service provider. The Board of Commissioners is empowered by the Plan to assign an exclusive license to operate ambulances in Ambulance Service Area #3 (ASA 3), which covers Ashland, Talent, Colestine, Pinehurst, and Mount Ashland.

The application process followed the procedures prescribed in Section 1075.07, Provider Selection and Boundary Changes, of the Codified Ordinances of Jackson County. The Board reviewed the information submitted by the applicant, the staff report, and all other provided information at the November 14, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Work Session. Notice of the December 13, 2023, public hearing was published in the November 29, 2023, edition of the *Rogue River Press*; and the November 30, 2023, edition of the *Rogue Valley Times*. Notice of the Assignment expiration and application deadlines were also published in accordance with prescribed timelines. The only application received was from Ashland Fire & Rescue.

Ashland Fire & Rescue is the current ambulance service provider for ASA 3 and its current assignment expires on December 31, 2023. Ashland Fire & Rescue has consistently met or exceeded Plan requirements and the submitted application demonstrates that they have the ability to continue to meet or exceed Plan requirements for the next five years.

It is recommended that the public hearing be held. Following the public hearing, should the Board of Commissioners find the Assignment of Ashland Fire & Rescue to ASA 3 to

be acceptable, approval of the Board Order will implement that action and the effective date of the Assignment will be January 1, 2024.

Prior to the public hearing, Mr. Benton read Section 213.07, Rules for the Conduct of Public Hearings, of the Codified Ordinances of Jackson County.

Commissioner Roberts opened the public hearing at 10:03 a.m.

No one wished to speak.

Commissioner Roberts closed the public hearing at 10:03 a.m.

Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve Order No. 264-23 as read. Commissioner Dotterrer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer, Commissioner Dotterrer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.

40.00 Discussion/Deliberation

40.01 *Order Authorizing a Jackson County Contract for Services With RAMS Specialized Security Service, Inc. Order No. 265-23*

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that the United States Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requires armed security at the Rogue Valley International-Medford Airport (Airport). A Request for Proposals (RFP) was published in the *Daily Journal of Commerce* and the *Rogue River Press*, and posted to the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) website and the Jackson County website. Two proposals were received and it was determined that RAMS Specialized Security Service, Inc., is the most qualified, and was recommended by the Airport's selection committee.

Commissioner Dotterrer made a motion to approve Order No. 265-23 as read. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Dyer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.

40.02 *Order Authorizing a Jackson County Services Contract With Addictions Recovery Center, Inc. Order No. 266-23*

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that Addictions Recovery Center, Inc., (ARC) is providing evidence-based programming to medium and high-risk justice-involved individuals within the Recovery Opportunity Court (ROC) Program. Funding for these services is provided through the State of Oregon, Criminal Justice Commission, Specialty Courts Program. The ROC Program was specifically designed for adult justice-involved individuals with substance abuse barriers. The primary goals of the Program are to reduce recidivism, decrease prison utilization, reduce substance abuse, increase long-term recovery, and increase accountability. ARC will work collaboratively with ROC staff to provide the services necessary to meet these goals.

Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve Order No. 266-23 as read. Commissioner Dotterrer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer, Commissioner Dotterrer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.

40.03 Order Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement No. 182067 With the State of Oregon, Oregon Health Authority. Order No. 267-23

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that the State of Oregon, Oregon Health Authority (OHA), provides enrollment assistance and network navigation to Oregonians of all income levels who might benefit from aid through the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). Many justice-involved individuals are on, or qualify for, OHP. This Agreement would allow the Community Justice Department to utilize OHA resources to train employees as certified OHP Application Assistants that could help justice-involved individuals with enrolling or re-engaging in OHP services.

Commissioner Dotterrer made a motion to approve Order No. 267-23 as read. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Dyer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.

40.04 First Reading and Scheduling of a Second Reading and Public Hearing of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 246, Officers and Employees Generally, of the Codified Ordinances of Jackson County, Oregon. Ordinance No. 2023-7

Commissioner Roberts read the Ordinance by title. Mr. Jordan explained that on June 11, 2021, Governor Kate Brown signed Oregon House Bill 2168 (2021), amending the provisions of Oregon Revised Statute 187.010 to add June 19, known as Juneteenth, to the list of legal holidays in the State of Oregon. On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed S. 475 (117th Congress), adopting Public Law 117-17 for the purpose of amending the United States Code to add June 19, known as Juneteenth, to the list of legal public holidays for employees of the United States. On May 4, 2022, the Board of Commissioners ordered Juneteenth to be added as an official holiday for Jackson County employees.

In bargaining negotiations between the Jackson County Sheriff's Employees Association (JCSEA) and Jackson County, both parties agreed to add an additional floating holiday for JCSEA represented employees in recognition of Juneteenth. Previously, both JCSEA represented employees and Sheriff's Office management employees were credited with 12 floating holidays each fiscal year. Now, JCSEA represented employees will be credited with 13 floating holidays each fiscal year. This Ordinance would codify a thirteenth floating holiday for Sheriff's Office management employees to mirror the floating holidays credited to JCSEA employees.

Adoption of this Ordinance will add an additional holiday for Sheriff's Office management employees, which will add an additional eight hours of annual floating holiday time to the employees' annual accrual. In accordance with County Policy, any remaining floating holiday pay at the end of the fiscal year shall be paid at the employee's regular straight-time rate in effect on that date. As such, this will add eight hours of pay at the end of the fiscal year for employees who do not use the floating pay within a fiscal year. Additionally, the additional floating holiday pay will be eligible for vacation accrual and buyout in accordance with County Policy.

It is recommended that the first reading of the Ordinance be held December 13, 2023, and that the second reading and public hearing be scheduled for Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in the Courthouse Auditorium and by audio/videoconference. If adopted on December 27, 2023, the Ordinance will become effective on February 26, 2024.

Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-7, and the scheduling of the second reading and public hearing to be held on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., in the Courthouse Auditorium and by audio/videoconference. Commissioner Dotterrer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer, Commissioner Dotterrer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.

- 40.05 *Order Initiating a Major Text Amendment to the Jackson County Land Development Ordinance Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units in Residential Zones. Order No. 268-23*
Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that, in response to Oregon's housing shortage, several laws have been passed since 2017 to allow an owner of a parcel within a residential zone to construct one accessory dwelling unit (ADU) subject to certain restrictions and limitations. Based on these new laws, there are allowances for ADUs on residentially-zoned lands, both inside and outside of an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The Jackson County Land Development Ordinance (JCLDO) needs to be amended to reflect these changes.

Commissioner Dotterrer made a motion to approve Order No. 268-23 as read. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Dyer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.

- 40.06 *Order Authorizing a Mineral Material Free Use Permit With the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. Order No. 269-23*
Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that Jackson County is currently utilizing the Reese Creek Quarry on an as-needed basis for rock for road projects. The current permit has expired and a Categorical Exclusion Review was needed prior to renewal. The new permit will allow Jackson County to continue removing rock from the Reese Creek Quarry for an additional 10 years.

Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve Order No. 269-23 as read. Commissioner Dotterrer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer, Commissioner Dotterrer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.

- 40.07 *Order Authorizing a Purchase Order Under Oregon State Contract With Butler Ford. Order No. 270-23*
Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Mr. Jordan explained that Jackson County Motor Pool, under the Roads and Parks Department, has been working on behalf of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to purchase 12 sports utility vehicles (SUV) to replace multiple units for fiscal year 2023-2024. In September 2023, an order was placed for 12 Chevrolet Tahoe Police units. Notification was received that Chevrolet would only allocate five units to Jackson County. Motor Pool is selecting the Ford F-150 Police Responder pickup trucks to fill five of the vehicle slots. Under the State of Oregon Solicitation # DASPS-2295-20 and Price Agreement #1657, Butler Ford has offered to sell the County five Ford F-150 Police Responder pickup trucks with pricing that will include all taxes, Department of Motor Vehicles registrations, and delivery fees. Automobile manufacturers are now requesting that a Purchase Order be provided prior to allowing dealers to place an order for the purchase of vehicles.

Commissioner Dotterrer made a motion to approve Order No. 270-23 as read. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. 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 10:18 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Colleen Roberts
Colleen Roberts, Chair

/s/ Rick Dyer
Rick Dyer, Commissioner

/s/ Dave Dotterrer
Dave Dotterrer, Commissioner

/s/ Kacie Kinney
Kacie Kinney, Recorder
Approved on: 01/03/2024