

MINUTES FOR THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF JACKSON
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
OCTOBER 25, 2023

The Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting was opened by Commissioner Colleen Roberts on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 9:32 a.m. in the Courthouse Auditorium and by audio/videoconference. Those participating were:

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

Norine and Loyd Evans, White City, read, in-person, a letter (*Submission No. 1*) to the Board regarding their concerns related to a neighbor's actions. Ms. Evans expressed that their safety is at risk and asked that the Board take actions to address these concerns.

Sherman Simmons, Central Point, spoke, in-person, about his concerns related to trash debris and abandoned vehicles in areas surrounding the Town of Butte Falls and Evans Creek Road. He spoke about recently attending a Jackson County Traffic Safety Advisory Board meeting. He said that the County needs a new ordinance to address these concerns and an increased law enforcement presence in these areas.

20.00 Consent Calendar

20.01 Minutes of Meetings

BoC Staff Meeting, September 21, 2023, and September 28, 2023

BoC Regular Meeting, September 27, 2023

*20.02 Order Reappointing April Sevcik to the Jackson County Budget Committee.
Order No. 235-23*

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

No public hearings were scheduled.

40.00 Discussion/Deliberation

40.01 *Order in the Matter of Annexation of Property Within the Gold Hill City Limits to Rogue Valley Sewer Services. Order No. 236-23*

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Ms. Bell explained that Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 198.866 and 198.867 provide for the annexation of a city to a special district and, on April 18, 2023, the City of Gold Hill adopted Resolution No. 23-R-4 approving the referral of annexation of the City of Gold Hill to the Rogue Valley Sewer Services District (RVSS) to the August 22, 2023, Special Election. On May 17, 2023, RVSS adopted Resolution No. 23-07 approving the City of Gold Hill's proposal and calling for an election for annexation which, if approved by voters, would take effect upon approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Because the population of the City of Gold Hill was less than 20 percent of the population of those within the existing RVSS boundary, the question for annexation was only voted on by the electors within the city limits of Gold Hill in the August 22, 2023, Special Election under Measure 15-217. On September 19, 2023, the City of Gold Hill adopted Resolution 23-R-14 certifying the August 22, 2023, Special Election results and identifying the outcome of Measure 15-217 as being 317 (93.51 percent) in favor of annexation and 22 (6.49 percent) opposed.

On September 20, 2023, RVSS adopted Resolution No. 23-29, that includes the City of Gold Hill's adopted Resolution 23-R-14, requesting the Board of Commissioners to approve the annexation as required by ORS 198.867(3).

Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve Order No. 236-23 as read. Commissioner Dotterrer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer, Commissioner Dotterrer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.

40.02 *Order Authorizing Amendment No. 1 to Jackson County Personal Services Contract Dated December 1, 2022, With Manuel Pacheco Jr. Order No. 237-23*

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Ms. Bell explained that the Jackson County Community Justice Department has contracted with Manuel Pacheco Jr., who coordinates the Voices of Lived Experience Council, which is a client advisory council of experts whose members act as "lived experience advisors" to Jackson County Community Justice. The Council serves as part of the formal planning and accountability process within the Community Justice Department by providing invaluable lived experience feedback in regards to equity within historically underserved communities, and gives voice to Adults on Supervision.

Commissioner Dotterrer made a motion to approve Order No. 237-23 as read. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Dyer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.

40.03 *Order Authorizing the Finance Department to Make Advance Payments to Taxing Districts With \$50,000 or Less in Value From the County General Fund. Order No. 238-23*

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Ms. Bell explained that ORS 311.392 allows for advance payments to taxing districts from the County General Fund if it is more economical than to make distributions from the unsegregated tax collection account.

Advance payments, or buyouts, are usually processed for districts with small amounts of taxes. The distribution amount for these districts is sometimes less than \$50 per turnover, which makes them very expensive for the County to process.

If an advance payment is made to a district before December 1, 2023, the 3 percent discount given if taxes were paid by November 15, 2023, may be deducted from the advance. Once the payment is made, the percentage distribution schedule is adjusted to remove the district(s) that have been bought out, which increases the County's percentage. Due to this increase, the County will be reimbursed for the money it advances to the districts. A district receiving an advance payment will no longer receive distributions of the current year tax from the unsegregated tax collection account. For the 2023-2024 tax year there is one district under this value: 701 Nye Ditch Users Improvement District in the amount of \$5,182.

Commissioner Dyer made a motion to approve Order No. 238-23 as read. Commissioner Dotterrer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dyer, Commissioner Dotterrer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.

40.04 Order Authorizing a Purchase Order Under Oregon State Contract With Butler Ford. Order No. 239-23

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Ms. Bell explained that Jackson County Motor Pool, under the Roads and Parks Department, has been working to purchase two pickup trucks to replace Unit No. 559 and 823. Under the State of Oregon Solicitation #DASPS-2295-20 and Price Agreement #1657, Butler Ford has offered to sell to the County two pickups with pricing that will include all taxes, Department of Motor Vehicle 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. 239-23 as read. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion. Those who voted aye: Commissioner Dotterrer, Commissioner Dyer, and Commissioner Roberts. Motion passed.

40.05 Order Authorizing Amendment Number 2 to the Employment Agreement Dated March 19, 2009, Between Jackson County and Danny Jordan. Order No. 240-23

Commissioner Roberts read the Order by title. Ms. Bell explained that on March 19, 2009, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners (Board) entered into an Employment Agreement with Danny Jordan (Employee) for the purposes of employing Employee as the County Administrator for Jackson County. On June 30, 2009, the Board and the Employee entered into Amendment Number 1 to the Employment Agreement. On February 1, 2024, the Employee will be eligible to become a retired member of the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

The Employee has faithfully and outstandingly pursued his obligations as County Administrator for Jackson County and the Board strongly desires, as a benefit to Jackson County, to employ the Employee as the County Administrator pursuant to the Employment Agreement after the Employee becomes a retired member of PERS, as authorized pursuant to sections 34, 35, and 38, chapter 355, Oregon Laws 2019, as may be amended.

Because of the provisions of sections 34, 35, and 38, chapter 355, Oregon Laws 2019, as may be amended, once Mr. Jordan becomes an eligible retired member of PERS, the County's contribution that is required to PERS due to the employment of Mr. Jordan will no longer go towards his retirement benefit, but will be applied by PERS to reducing the unfunded actuarial liability of the County as a member of PERS. As such, the County's unfunded actuarial liability for owed retirement benefits will be positively impacted.

Commissioner Dotterer made a motion to approve Order No. 240-23 as read. Commissioner Dyer seconded the motion.

Commissioner Dyer spoke about the vital and valuable services that Mr. Danny Jordan, County Administrator, provides to the County and that he appreciates that the County can retain his services without additional cost. Commissioners Dotterer and Roberts agreed, and Commissioner Roberts said that she is grateful that Mr. Jordan's experience can continue to be utilized toward the County's budget.

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

There being no further business, Commissioner Roberts adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:55 a.m.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Colleen Roberts
Colleen Roberts, Chair

/s/ Rick Dyer
Rick Dyer, Commissioner

/s/ Dave Dotterer
Dave Dotterer, Commissioner

/s/ Megan Cook
Megan Cook, Recorder
Approved on: 11/15/2023