

BOARD ORDERS AND MINUTES

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF YAMHILL COUNTY (“the Board”) sat for the transaction of county business in combined session on January 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 32 of the Yamhill County courthouse, and in a virtual meeting via Zoom, Commissioners Kit Johnston, Mary Starrett, and David “Bubba” King being present.

Also present were; Christian Boenisch, County Counsel; Sam Elliott, Sheriff; Mike Browne, Jail Captain; Jessica Andre, BOC Staff; and Bailey Barnhart, BOC Staff. Nohely Barajas-Montalvo participated via Zoom.

Guests: Mike Morris, Don Schmidt, Dwayne Sharp, Beth Keyser, Kate Stokes, and Katie Vinson. Rebecca Wallis, Lee Schrepel, and Lindsay Berschauer participated via Zoom.

***Welcome!** Thank you for attending today’s meeting. Public participation is encouraged. If you wish to address the Commissioners on any item not on the agenda, you may do so as part of the public comment period at the beginning of the meeting. If you desire to speak on any item, please raise your hand to be recognized after the Chair announces the agenda item. Please fill out a public comment card to indicate your intent to speak. NEW – Public participation also includes the ability to attend Formal Session via Zoom. For attendees that are attending the meeting via Zoom, the Chair will ask if any Zoom attendees wish to provide public comment in same manner as provided above. At that time, attendees will be asked to use the “raise hand” function in Zoom and staff will unmute the participant. Meetings will also continue to be available for view via a live stream on the Commissioners’ You Tube channel. Written public comments may be submitted via email at bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov.*

A. CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Johnston called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. CALENDAR SESSION: This time is reserved for the review of the commissioner’s joint schedule (if needed).

The Commissioners reviewed the joint schedule for the week of February 3, 2025 – February 9, 2025. No other county business was discussed.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT: This time period is reserved for public comment on any topic other than: 1) agenda items, 2) A quasi-judicial land use matter, or 3) a topic scheduled for public hearing. The Chair may limit the length of individual comments.

Beth Keyser provided comments in person and via email regarding commissioner conduct. There were no additional general public comments received.

E. DEPARTMENT UPDATES: None.

F. WORK SESSION: This time is reserved for topics of discussion scheduled for the Commissioners in advance. If a work session is not needed, the balance of the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

1. Work Session – None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Johnston moved approval of the consent agenda. The motion passed, Commissioners Johnston, Starrett, and King voting aye.

Committees

1. **B.O. 25-27** - Approval of the reappointment of Suey Linzmeyer, Ryan Martin, and Tonya Johnson to the Yamhill County Board of Health Committee for four-year terms expiring on February 1st, 2029.

2. **B.O. 25-28** - Approval to reappoint Rhonda Fabreth to the Housing Authority of Yamhill County for a five-year term expiring on December 31st, 2029.

3. **B.O. 25-29** - Appoint Bettina Pierce (Bargaining HHS position) to fill the vacant Bargaining AFSCME position for a term set to expire on 3/18/2027.

Surplus

4. **B.O. 25-30** - Approval to declare an inventory of computer equipment as surplus county property to be donated to the school districts throughout Yamhill County.

5. **B.O. 25-31** - Approval to declare the following items as surplus from the Sheriff's Office to be sold to staff at the fair market value resale set price:

- a. Glock, model 17 MOS, Gen V. /3 17 round magazines. S/N: BLWW845 (\$429.00)
- b. Leupold Delta Point Sight (\$260.40)
- c. Dawson Precision Night Sights (set) (\$93.97)

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6. **B.O. 25-32** - Approval of a request for reimbursement and referral to review committee pursuant to Board Order 00-932.

H. OLD BUSINESS: None.

I. OTHER BUSINESS (Add-ons and non-consent items):

1. **B.O. 25-33** - Consideration of approval of amendment #2 to agreement #169589 between Yamhill County and the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) Child Welfare (BO 21-208) effective upon execution, updating background check and transportation language. #HHS24001IGA.

Commissioner Starrett moved approval of item II. The motion passed, Commissioners Johnston, Starrett, and King voting aye.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Consideration of a mass gathering permit application for the 2025 Memorial Weekend Boat Races event on May 24th & 25th, 2025. Applicant: Newberg Boat Club/Columbia Outboard Racing Association.

Commissioner Johnston opened the public hearing at 10:07 a.m.

Don Schmidt provided public comments, requesting that the event coordinators be provided access to Roger's Landing beginning May 23rd through May 25th. He noted this will be the 77th annual boat racing year. Mr. Schmidt also requested that overnight camping be allowed on Thursday night, May 22, 2025, for participants and noted the amount of business the racers bring to the surrounding communities. Commissioner Johnston suggested that the organizers be put in contact with Parks Manager Travis Pease to coordinate a Parks Board booth at the event to bring attention to county parks to which Mr. Schmidt responded that he would be open to the opportunity. Mr. Schmidt lastly requested that administration fees be reduced to \$250.00.

Hearing no testimony in opposition of the application or receiving additional public comments, the public hearing was closed at 10:12a.m.

After discussion, Commissioner Starrett moved approval of the application and reducing the administration fee to \$250.00. The motion passed, Commissioners Johnston, Starrett, and King voting aye. A Board Order with findings will be prepared for consideration of approval in the coming weeks.

2. Consideration of a mass gathering permit application for the 2025 Wildwood Music Festival event on June 20-22, 2025. Applicant: Katie Vinson.

Commissioner Johnston opened the public hearing at 10:14 a.m.

Katie Vinson provided public comments regarding resuming the festival after a pause since the pandemic. She estimated attendance between 300 and 500 people at the upcoming ticketed event, noting that it has been modified to suit a new location and a change to the time of year the event is scheduled.

Responding to public agency report regarding fire safety concerns submitted by Sheriff's Office, and Grand Ronde Emergency Services, Ms. Vinson confirmed that water reserves and ingress/egress emergency accesses had been established. Additionally, Ms. Vinson verified that enough hand washing, and port-a-potty stations would be made available as recommended by the Public Health Officer.

Hearing no testimony in opposition of the application or receiving additional public comments, the public hearing was closed at 10:21 a.m.

Commissioner Starrett moved approval of the application and reducing the administration fee to \$250.00. The motion passed, Commissioners Johnston, Starrett, and King voting aye. A Board Order with findings will be prepared for consideration of approval in the coming weeks.

THE RECORDS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS CAN BE FOUND AT:
<https://www.yamhillcounty.gov/1190/Public-Hearing-Notices>

K. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. For information on county advisory committee vacancies, please refer to the county’s website, <https://www.yamhillcounty.gov/765/Boards-and-Committees>, or call the Board of Commissioners’ office at 503-434-7501 or 503-554-7801 (toll-free from Newberg).
2. For questions regarding accessibility or to request an accommodation contact the Board of Commissioners’ office at (503)-434-7501 or (503)-554-7801 (toll-free from Newberg) or email at bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov
3. Electronic versions of all meeting agendas and meeting information packets can be found at the county’s website: <https://www.yamhillcounty.gov/AgendaCenter>

Following Commissioner announcements, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Carolina Rook
Secretary

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair KIT JOHNSTON

Commissioner MARY STARRETT

Commissioner DAVID “BUBBA” KING