

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 March 6, 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, David "Bubba" King being present.

Also present were Ken Huffer; County Administrator, Christian Boenisch; County Counsel, Bailey Barnhart and Carolina Rook; BOC Staff, and Nohely Barajas; Legal Assistant.

Guests: Hillary Malcomson; City of Lafayette Mayor; Kim Morris; City of McMinnville Mayor, Chris Chenoweth, City of McMinnville Counselor; Ian Houston; Sheridan City Counsel; Beth Keyser, and John Olson. Rebecca Wallis, Bubba’s Fanclub, and Lee Schrepel 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](mailto:bocinfo@yamhillcounty.gov).*

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Kit 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 commissioners’ joint schedule (if needed).

The Commissioners reviewed the joint schedule for the week of March 10, 2025, to March 16, 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.

Hillary Malcomson provided public comment in person regarding the letter of support for the City of Lafayette. Beth Keyser provided comments in person regarding current city and county official projects and engagements. Commissioners acknowledged written public comments received via email. Commissioner Kit Johnston read, as requested, a written public comment into the record from Dawn Paulson.

**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 Starrett moved approval of the Consent Agenda. The motion passed, Commissioners Johnston, Starrett, and King voting aye.

Minutes

1. **BO 25-061** - a. December 5, 2024 Formal Session;  
**BO 25-062** - b. December 12, 2024 Formal Session;  
**BO 25-063** - c. December 19, 2024 Formal Session;  
**BO 25-064** - d. January 9, 2025 Formal Session;  
**BO 25-065** - e. January 16, 2025 Formal Session;  
**BO 25-066** - f. January 23, 2025 Formal Session;  
**BO 25-067** - g. January 30, 2025 Formal Session;

**H. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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

1. **BO 25-068** Consideration of Goods and Services Contract between Yamhill County Public Works and Siegmund Excavation and Construction Inc. for the Yamhill County 2025 Chip Seal contract in the amount of \$236,000.00 retroactively effective February 27, 2025, through September 30, 2025. PW25001G&S.

Commissioner Johnston moved approval of item I1. The motion passed, Commissioners Johnston, Starrett, and King voting aye.

2. **BO 25-069** Consideration of a letter to be submitted in support of House Bill (HB) 3552 regarding the creation and operation of Regional Career Centers. (Commissioner Mary Starrett)

Commissioner Starrett expressed support of HB 3552 regarding the education service districts that are experiencing a major deficit when it comes to establishing regional career centers that provide career and technical education, not only statewide but also within Yamhill County. She stated that the bill would have a broad impact and would ensure different career avenues to have the appropriate staffing they need.

Commissioner Starrett moved approval of item I2. The motion passed, Commissioners Johnston, Starrett, and King voting aye.

3. **BO 25-070** Consideration of a letter to be submitted in opposition of House Bill (HB) 3362 regarding proposing a 4% excise tax on the retail sale of new tires in Oregon. (Commissioner Kit Johnston).

Commissioner Kit Johnston expressed concern over HB 3362 shifting the cost of systemic issues, environmental pollution, transportation funding, and wildlife safety onto Oregon's drivers. Commissioner Mary Starrett submitted testimony on HB 3362 and stated that there are numerous projects still unfinished which proves the passenger rail is something that the Oregon people do not want. She also pointed out that 9 total times, Oregon has said no to this tax.

Commissioner Johnston moved approval of item I3. The motion passed, Commissioners Johnston, Starrett, and King voting aye.

4. **BO 25-071** Consideration of approval of the filing of a Wildfire Hazard Classification and Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) Appeal form with the Oregon Department of Forestry.

County Counsel, Christian Boenisch, spoke on the language over the OARs for counties to file appeals regarding the accuracy of the map related to the Wildfire Hazard Classification and Wildland-Urban Interface with the Oregon Department of Forestry. He stated that Yamhill County doesn't have any high-risk properties that appear on the map, but Yamhill County does have over 6,000 properties that are classified as moderate risks. Commissioner Starrett stated the appeal was in response to the inaccuracies of wildfire hazard classification maps that could impact property insurance or the sale of a property in the map zones. Commissioner Starrett asked Mr. Boenisch to provide a blanket appeal on behalf of county property owners. Mr. Boenisch added that although the county doesn't have any high-risk properties that appear on the map, there are more than 6,000 properties classified as moderate risk. He hoped that the legislature would take action to repeal parts of Senate Bill 80 or review the maps before the appeal process moved forward.

After discussion, Commissioner Starrett moved approval of item I4. The motion passed, Commissioners Johnston, Starrett, and King voting aye.

5. Consideration of amending 2025 Areas of Liaison. (Added by Commissioner Johnston)

Commissioner Johnston added an agenda item during session requesting to add a liaison position for the McMinnville Fire District to the 2025 Areas of Liaison list. He volunteered to have this added to his list of duties, as he regularly attends the meetings. The consensus of the Board was to add the McMinnville Fire District to Commissioner Johnston's areas of liaison. There was no action taken."

**J. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

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<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.co.yamhill.or.us/content/board-commissioners-committees>, or call the Board of Commissioners’ office at 503-434-7501 or 503-554-7801 (toll-free from Newberg).
  
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3. Electronic versions of all meeting agendas and meeting information packets can be found at the county’s website: <https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/meetings>

Following Commissioner announcements, the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Jessica Andre  
Secretary

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chair KIT JOHNSTON

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Commissioner MARY STARRETT

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Commissioner DAVID “BUBBA” KING