

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 formal/informal session on August 27, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 32 of the courthouse, Commissioners Casey Kulla, Mary Starrett and Richard L. “Rick” Olson being present.

Also present were Ken Huffer, County Administrator and Christian Boenisch, County Counsel

*Welcome! Due to COVID-19 and physical distancing requirement in-person public attendance is discouraged. As an alternative, the public can view a live stream of the meeting via YouTube link on the Yamhill County Meetings page. <https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/meetings>. See below for instructions regarding submitting general public comment or comments on agenda items.*

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Kulla called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**B. FLAG SALUTE**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT:** *Due to COVID-19 and physical distancing requirement in-person public attendance is discouraged. Anyone wishing to submit general public comment or comments on a specific agenda item may do so in written format via email at [bocinfo@co.yamhill.or.us](mailto:bocinfo@co.yamhill.or.us) or by mail at 535 NE Fifth St., McMinnville, OR 97128. Any comments received prior to the meeting will be shared with the Board of Commissioners and submitted to the record.*

General public comment was received via email regarding affordable healthcare insurance for Yamhill County employees.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Minutes

- a. **B.O. 20-289** - March 3, 2020, Informal Session;
- b. **B.O. 20-290** - March 5, 2020, Formal Session;
- c. **B.O. 20-291** - March 10, 2020, Informal Session;
- d. **B.O. 20-292** - March 12, 2020, Formal Session;
- e. **B.O. 20-293** - March 16, 2020, Special Formal Session;
- f. **B.O. 20-294** - March 17, 2020, Emergency Session;
- g. **B.O. 20-295** - March 19, 2020, Formal/Informal Session; and
- h. **B.O. 20-296** - March 26, 2020, Formal/Informal Session

Commissioner Olson moved approval of item D1. The motion passed, Commissioners Kulla, Starrett and Olson voting aye.

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**E. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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

1. **B.O. 20-297** - Consideration of approval of Amendment #9 to Agreement #159184 between Yamhill County Health and Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority (B.O. 19-228) for additional funding in the amount of \$4,220 for the financing of community health, addiction treatment, recovery and prevention, and problem gambling services, retroactive to July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Starrett moved approval of item F1. The motion passed, Commissioners Kulla, Starrett and Olson voting aye.

2. **B.O. 20-298** - Consideration of approval to extend the current COVID-19 Paid Administrative Leave Policy (B.O. 20-91) to expire on November 3, 2020 or upon termination of the state of emergency declared by the Governor of Oregon whichever occurs first unless extended by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Olson moved approval of item F2. The motion passed, Commissioners Kulla, Starrett and Olson voting aye.

3. **B.O. 20-299** - Consideration of approval to extend the current Temporary COVID-19 Telecommuting Policy (B.O. 20-104) to expire on November 1, 2020 or upon termination of the state of emergency declared by the Governor of Oregon, whichever occurs first.

Commissioner Kulla moved approval of item F3. The motion passed, Commissioners Kulla, Starrett and Olson voting aye.

4. **B.O. 20-300** - Discussion of Child Care Access and Education Support project.

Commissioner Kulla addressed a feasibility study to research childcare space needs. Commissioner Olson expressed concern about staff availability to take on this project. There was no current contract cost for the survey. The Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) proposed to set up a database to connect families in the amount of \$5,000 and a county contribution of \$10,000 which was anticipated to be reimbursed through the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF). Commissioner Olson expressed concern about having time to complete the survey before the end of September, noting the contractor timeline. Commissioner Starrett asked that the Board be able to make recommendations to identify possible childcare locations and to inquire with community partners and non-profits. Mr. Huffer recommended that the Board take action to approve the \$10,000 contribution.

Commissioner Olson recommended that the Board compile a list of potential locations to submit to staff for consideration. Commissioner Olson moved approval of item F4. The motion passed, Commissioners Kulla, Starrett and Olson voting aye.

5. **B.O. 20-301** - Discussion of prioritizing the project list for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant funding. (Commissioner Kulla)

The Board reviewed a prioritized list of projects. Commissioner Olson commented that he felt the top six projects merited priority which included rural broadband, hotel sheltering, on-demand transportation, nursery/childcare and business economic recovery but to not exclude the remaining items for further review because all the projects were important. The consensus of the Board was to recommend the project list to the MWVCOG.

Commissioner Kulla moved approval of Item F5. The motion passed, Commissioners Kulla, Starrett and Olson voting aye.

**G. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**H. 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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Following Commissioner announcements, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Carolina Rook  
Secretary

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