

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL FORMAL SESSION

December 7, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Webinar ID: 924 1955 6656

PRESENT: Commissioners Casey Kulla, Mary Starrett and Richard L. “Rick” Olson

STAFF: Ken Huffer, County Administrator; Christian Boenisch, County Counsel; Carrie Martin, Grants and Special Projects (via Zoom).

Guests: Abisha Stone, SEDCOR (via Zoom)

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Commissioner Kulla called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was received via e-mail by Lee Schrepel regarding agenda Item 1.

AGENDA:

1. Consideration of approval of the Yamhill County COVID-19 Response + Recovery Grant recipients as recommended by review committee.

The purpose of the special session was to discuss and review the applicant list as recommended by the review committee for the distribution of grant funding to reimburse businesses and organizations impacted by COVID-19. Ken Huffer clarified that the grant program was a result of B.O.# 20-348 which established the framework for the distribution of funds for this grant program with the intent to also fulfill budget community requests which were sidelined due to COVID-19 and lastly to distribute CARES Act funds. He discussed program funding and pointed out that not all of the requests qualify under CARES Act funding. He expressed concern having not reviewed the applications and questioned some of the requests.

Commissioner Kulla moved approval of item 1. Mr. Huffer stated that there is an estimate of \$150,000 still available through the CARES Act which could fund additional applicants in the Business Recovery category. Commissioner Starrett raised issue with the application from Friends of the Yamhelas Westsider Trail (YWT), noting it was inappropriate to consider funding a controversial entity during this recovery grant process and recommended that further review be done to consider other business that have had significant impacts.

After discussion, Commissioner Kulla amended his motion to move approval of the Yamhill County COVID-19 Response + Recovery Grant recipients as recommended by the review committee, removing the application from the Friends of the Yamhelas Westsider Trail

and adding \$150,000 of CARES Act funding to the Business Recover/Adaptation category to fund additional applicants in the Business Recovery category. The motion passed, Commissioners Kulla, Starrett and Olson voting aye.

2. Other business as necessary:

Mr. Huffer stated that due to the additional grant programs and other affected funds increasing by more than 10%, a public hearing to consider a supplemental budget will be necessary. He assured the Board that he was monitoring grant funds to ensure that they are all spent. The consensus of the Board was to instruct Mr. Huffer to proceed with a supplemental budget hearing as recommended. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Carolina Rook
Secretary

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

CASEY KULLA

Commissioner

MARY STARRETT

Commissioner

RICHARD L. "RICK" OLSON