

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 June 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 32 of the courthouse and a virtual meeting via Zoom, Commissioners Lindsay Berschauer, Casey Kulla and Mary Starrett being present.

Also present were Ken Huffer, County Administrator; Christian Boenisch, County Counsel; Mark Lago, Director of Public Works; Carolina Rook, BOC Staff.

Guests: Former Yamhill County Commissioner Dennis Goecks.

***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@co.yamhill.or.us](mailto:bocinfo@co.yamhill.or.us).*

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Berschauer 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 Commissioner’s reviewed the joint schedule for the week of June 6 – June 12, 2022. No other county business was discussed. Ken Huffer discussed the possibility of adding more Work Sessions to the formal/informal schedules potentially starting July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

Public comment was received via email regarding term limit discussions.

Former Yamhill County Commissioner Dennis Goecks made public comment regarding the following:

1. Term Limits: Mr. Goecks suggested if the term limits are removed for the Sheriff, then the limits should be removed for the Commissioners as well. He reflected on his time as a commissioner and the success of removing the Surveyor position from an elected limited position. He expressed concern with Yamhill County losing its current County Clerk due to not being able to run for another term in office.
2. Highway 18 Bypass: Mr. Goecks expressed his concern with adding more traffic lights to Highway 18.
3. Re-Call Efforts: Mr. Goecks discussed his distaste for re-calls and the need for commissioners to work together for the best of the county regardless of difference in opinion.
4. Letters to Commissioners: Mr. Goecks expressed his concern in sending emails to the [bocinfo@co.yamhill.or.us](mailto:bocinfo@co.yamhill.or.us) inbox and not receiving a response from a commissioner to acknowledge they have read the email.

**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 item G1. The motion passed, Commissioners Berschauer, Kulla, and Starrett voting aye.

Committees

1. **B.O. 22-164** - Approval of the following appointments to the Employee Safety Advisory Committee:
  - a. Appoint Kari Lewers to complete the remainder of Krystal Maroney's term effective immediately through March 18, 2024; and
  - b. Appoint Tabitha Albetter to complete the remainder of Megan Zollner's term effective immediately through March 18, 2024.

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**H. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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

1. **B.O. 22-165** - Consideration of recognizing Juneteenth as an official county holiday, aligning with Federal and State recognitions, effective every June 19<sup>th</sup> beginning in 2022.

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

2. **B.O. 22-166** - Consideration of approval of an Intent to Award notice to Bent, LLC. for construction of the Deer Creek Park Bridge Replacement Project in the amount of \$636,388.50.

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

3. **B.O. 22-167** - Consideration of approval to purchase Sheet Piling from Foundation Equipment Supply of Newberg for the Deer Creek Park Bridge Replacement Project in the amount of \$35,561.80.

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

4. **B.O. 22-168** - Consideration of approval of a Professional Services Contract between Yamhill County and David Evans & Associates, Inc. for engineering and consulting services for bridge replacement on Gopher Valley Road Bridge over Deer Creek in the amount of \$539,663.21 effective upon approval through October 27, 2023.

Commissioner Kulla moved approval of item I4. The motion passed, Commissioners Berschauer, Kulla, and Starrett voting aye.

5. **B.O. 22-169** - Consideration of approval of a Personal Services Contract between Yamhill County and Stefyni Allen for court mediation services in the amount of \$85.00 per hour, not to exceed five (5) hours per original case filing, retroactive to May 26, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

Commissioner Starrett moved approval of item I5. The motion passed, Commissioners Berschauer, Kulla, and Starrett voting aye.

**J. PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**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).

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@co.yamhill.or.us](mailto:bocinfo@co.yamhill.or.us)

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 10:43 a.m.

Megan Marasco  
Secretary

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Chair LINDSAY BERSCHAUER

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Commissioner CASEY KULLA

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Commissioner MARY STARRETT