

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 formal session on August 15, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 32 of the courthouse, Commissioners Richard L. “Rick” Olson, Mary Starrett, and Casey Kulla being present.

Also present were Ken Huffer, County Administrator; Christian Boenisch, County Counsel; Josephine Ko, Assistant County Counsel; Silas Halloran-Steiner, HHS Director; Blanca Marquez, HHS Office Manager; Susan Halliday, Transit Program Manager; Carrie Martin, Grants and Special Projects; Nicole Montesano, News-Register; and others as listed on the sign-in sheet.

*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 agenda 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.*

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. FLAG SALUTE**

**C. 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.

There was no public comment.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA:** Commissioner Starrett moved approval of items D1 through D7. The motion passed, Commissioners Olson, Starrett and Kulla voting aye.

1. Approval of accepting the following Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) recommendations and review of applicants for the funding of the 2019 Yamhill County Grant Program:

Strategic Investment Fund:

- a. **B.O. 19-289** - City of Willamina – \$20,674
- b. **B.O. 19-290** - Berger International – \$64,600

- c. **B.O. 19-291** - MacMarket – \$64,600  
Small Grant Program:
- d. **B.O. 19-292** - Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce - \$10,000
- e. **B.O. 19-293** - Flag & Wire Coffee Company - \$10,000
- f. **B.O. 19-294** - Yamhill County Tourism Partnership (Visit McMinnville) -\$10,000
- g. **B.O. 19-295** - Chehalem Center Association (Chehalem Cultural Association)  
\$10,000
- h. **B.O. 19-296** - Carlton and Coast Tavern - \$10,000

2. **B.O. 19-297** - Approval of a Special Transportation Fund (STF) sub-provider agreement between Yamhill County Transit and MV Advancements for the 2019-21 biennium, retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

3. **B.O. 19-298** - Approval of a Special Transportation Fund (STF) sub-provider agreement between Yamhill County Transit and Oregon Mennonite Residential Services (OMRS) for the 2019-21 biennium, retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

4. **B.O. 19-299** - Approval of a Special Transportation Fund (STF) sub-provider agreement between Yamhill County Transit and Special Olympics for the 2019-21 biennium, retroactive to July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

5. **B.O. 19-300** - Approval of a contract employment agreement between Yamhill County Health and Human Services and Delta Duff to provide psychiatric behavioral health services, up to 40 hours of service per week, at the rate of \$76.00 per hour, effective August 24, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

6. **B.O. 19-301** - Approval of accepting a quote from Webster Heating for the replacement of the HVAC units in the Spence house in the amount of \$9,250.00.

7. **B.O. 19-302** - Approval of the adoption of a board order requesting the Yamhill County District Attorney to represent the State's interest in civil commitment proceedings.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **B.O. 19-303** - Consideration of approval of an agreement between Yamhill County Health and Human Services and SoValTi for training, not to exceed the amount of \$19,000, retroactive to July 18, 2019.

Tom Hammer commented on white privilege.

Megan Corvus commented in support of the proposed HHS diversity training.

Chelsey Williams commented on her experience as a diversity educator and the importance of diversity training. She expressed support of the proposed training and asked the Board to support the HHS director in his decision.

Paige Matthews commented on marginalized groups and the need for diversity training. She read her comments into record.

Dayna Gilbert commented on the distinctions of white privilege versus the challenges of people of race. She is in support of the diversity training.

Bijoux Doherty commented in favor of diversity training and provided data to enforce the need for continued equity and diversity training.

Steve Harloff commented the HHS Department staff favors this diversity training.

Elisa Owen commented in support of the training.

Valerie Blaha commented in favor of the training. She read a portion of a letter that was submitted to the Board for the record.

Pat Magda addressed comments made at an earlier meeting regarding racial stereotypes. She is in favor of the proposed training.

Josh Rojas commented on the work he provides to community citizens in an equitable manner. He is in favor of the proposed training.

Sally Godard stated the proposed training is very standard for providers. She commented on the importance for county employees to experience this type of training to better support their clients. She also noted the essentiality of diversity and equity training for the Euro-American staff.

Debbie McQuade commented on the challenges of biracial family members. She is in favor of the proposed training for county staff.

Sherri Yeager commented on the objections by members of the Board of the proposed training. She asked the Board to support the HHS Director in the decision to provide diversity training to staff.

Katherine Martin is an educator and commented on her experiences teaching related topics; she expressed support of the proposed training.

Seth Renne commented on the benefit of receiving diversity training from a large corporate employer.

Lindsay Berschauer commented on the benefit of training in the private sector. She expressed concern that the example agenda promotes a political bias. She asked the Board to approve curriculum that is not biased against any race.

Talina Corvus stated diversity training is very common and there are several types of diversity. She expressed concern regarding the resistance of the Board to provide diversity training to HHS staff.

Jordan Robinson - LCS, commented that inclusion and diversity training is common. He stated that the HHS leadership team works together to build curriculum that is related to their

staff's needs. It would be unethical for staff to provide diversity care without the appropriate training and would put the county in jeopardy. He supports the trainings.

Miriam Vargas-Corona - UNIDOS, commented in favor of diversity training. She spoke on the equitable value of diversity training and education. She supports the HHS staff in their desire for the proposed diversity training. It also provides accountability of staff to behave in a manner that is appropriate in the workplace.

After discussion, Commissioner Olson moved approval of item E1 with outcome measures. The motion passed, Commissioners Olson and Kulla voting aye. Commissioner Starrett voting nay.

Commissioner Olson called for a recess at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 11:38 a.m.

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

1. **B.O. 19-304** - Consideration of directing staff to prepare an ordinance for consideration by the Board of Commissioners and to be referred to the voters regarding whether the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners should be increased from three to five commissioners.

Lindsay Berschauer expressed her concern about the political thread of privilege. She continued with her comments regarding her concerns of the cost impact to add two more commissioners. She recommended that an economic impact study be done before this item moves to a ballot.

Elisa Owen commented that she supports the increase of Board commissioners.

Kathy George addressed the Board stating that a three commissioner board should be adequate and noted the current system provides transparency, restricting a quorum of the Board to meet without public notice. She also commented that increasing the number of commissioners will put unnecessary strain on the budget due to increased benefits, salary, staff and space.

Phyllis Bradner expressed that she would like to see an increase of commissioners. She commented on the benefit of having more commissioners to address county issues in a more efficient and transparent manner.

Liz Marlia-Stein spoke regarding holding town hall meetings to create a proposal to increase the number of commissioners.

Susan Watkins spoke about decisions that are not addressed when a commissioner is absent or in recusal. She supports increasing the number of commissioners.

Barbara Boyer spoke in support of the initiative. She would like to see a more diverse board.

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

**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).
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>

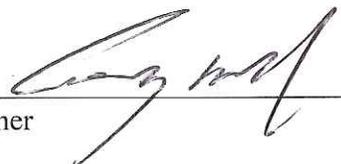
Following Commissioner announcements, the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Carolina Rook  
Secretary

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

  
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