

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/informal session on April 16, 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; Christian Boenisch, County Counsel and Ken Friday, Planning Director

*Welcome! Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirement, attending the meeting is discouraged. The public can view 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 social distancing requirements, we encourage anyone wishing to submit general public comment or comments on agenda items to 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.*

Commissioner Kulla acknowledged a large volume of public comments and noted they will be submitted into the record.

Ken Huffer provided an update regarding actions taken by the county to be in compliance with the Governor’s Order 20-12. He addressed the implementation of telework policies, various leave options available to employees and the current distancing and operational protocols of departments which still retain office staff and are maintaining regular business hours.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

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**E. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

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

1. **B.O. 20-126** - Consideration of approval of reimbursement to the City of Tualatin for expenses related to officer training and employment in the amount of \$47,095.59.

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

2. **B.O. 20-127** - Consideration of adopting Resolution 20-04-16-1 proclaiming April 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

Commissioner Kulla read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Starrett moved approval of item F2. The motion passed, Commissioners Kulla, Starrett and Olson voting aye.

3. **B.O. 20-128** - Consideration of ratifying the New Temporary Coronavirus/COVID-19 Emergency Leave Policy (EFMLEA and EPSLA) repealing the current policy (BO 20-118) and ratifying the new policy effective immediately.

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

4. **B.O. 20-129** - Consideration of a thirty (30) day extension to the current COVID-19 Paid Administrative Leave Policy which will expire on April 17, 2020.

Commissioner Olson moved approval of item F4. The motion passed, Commissioners Kulla, Starrett and Olson voting aye.

5. Discussion about process and schedule for conducting the Yamhelas Westsider Trail Remand public hearing currently scheduled for April 30, 2020.

Commissioner Starrett acknowledged the citizens that submitted public comment asking the Board to postpone the public hearing scheduled for April 30, citing that citizens are concerned about not being able to attend and provide comment in person due to the social distancing meeting restrictions. Commissioner Olson stated that the delay request is reasonable but in the event of a video streamed session, he noted that any public hearing testimony received via email must be limited to remanded items. Mr. Friday addressed concerns regarding receiving public testimony via email and noted that he will adhere to the Board’s decision as to whether or not the hearing will be postponed. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to move forward with the remand hearing on April 30<sup>th</sup> as noticed.

6. **B.O. 20-130** - Consideration of approval to authorize HHS Director Lindsey Manfrin, or designee on behalf of Yamhill County Health and Human Services, to submit an application for COVID-19 Telehealth Program funding to the Federal Communications Commission, not to exceed \$750,000.

Commissioner Starrett moved approval of item F6. The motion passed, Commissioners Kulla, Starrett and Olson voting aye.

7. Discussion about sending a letter to Oregon legislators requesting the Governor lift Executive Order 20-12 and allow for decisions based on local jurisdictions' case count and hospital capacity.

The Commissioners discussed drafting a letter to Yamhill County Oregon legislators asking the Governor to ease restrictions on counties with low infection to allow some businesses to reopen. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to table the item until next Thursday pending Commissioner Starrett drafting a letter for consideration.

**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 12:04 p.m.

Carolina Rook  
Secretary

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