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AGENDA

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Goal Setting Work Session

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – 9:00 AM

How to Participate in the Board of Commissioners Meeting		
In-Person	Zoom Video	Zoom Phone Audio
Kalapuya Building	<u>Click for Zoom link</u>	Dial 1(253) 215-8782
4500 SW Research Way	Zoom Meeting ID: 925 5397 8493	
Corvallis, OR	Zoom Passcode: 770968	

1. Opening

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Introductions
- 1.3 Announcements

2. Review and Approve Agenda

3. Meeting Minutes Approval

- 3.1 In the Matter of Approval of the May 9, 2023 Goal Setting Meeting Minutes

4. Discussion Topics

- 4.1 180 minutes – Presentation and Discussion of the Benton County Talks Trash (BCTT) Workgroup Final Report – *Sam Imperati, ICMResolutions; BCTT Workgroup Members*
- 4.2 40 minutes – Adult Drug Treatment Court Presentation and Next Steps – *Drug Treatment Court Judge Matthew Donohue, District Attorney John Haroldson, Interim County Administrator Suzanne Hoffman, Behavioral Health Services Director Damien Sands*

The Board of Commissioners may call an executive session when necessary pursuant to ORS 192.660. The Board is not required to provide advance notice of an executive session. However, every effort will be made to give notice of an executive session. If an executive session is the only item on the agenda for the Board meeting, notice shall be given as for all public meetings (ORS 192.640(2)) and the notice shall state the specific reason for the executive session as required by ORS 192.660.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to the Board of Commissioners Office, (541) 766-6800.

The Board will take a 20-minute recess following Item 4.2

- 4.3 20 minutes – Strategic Communications Update – *Cory Grogan, Public Information Officer; JonnaVe Stokes, Communications Coordinator*
- 4.4 40 minutes – Board of Commissioners/Community Health Centers Draft Co-Applicant Agreement – *Carla Jones, Community Health Centers; Tracy Martineau, Human Resources; Rick Crager, Financial Services*
- 4.5 15 minutes – County Administrator Recruitment Update – *Tracy Martineau, Human Resources*
- 4.6 15 minutes – County Administrator Updates – *Suzanne Hoffman, Interim County Administrator*
- 4.7 30 minutes – Commissioner Updates – *Benton County Commissioners*

5. Department Reports and Requests

- 5.1 Order No. D2023-053, Affixing Board of Commissioners' Digital Signature Images to Board-approved Documents – *Maura Kwiatkowski, Board of Commissioners Office*
- 5.2 Amending Resolution R2023-003 Authorizing a Financing of Real and Personal Property in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$36,000,000 and Related Matters – *Jenn Ambuehl, Financial Services*

6. Other

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MEETING MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Goal Setting Work Session

May 9, 2023 – 9:00 AM

Present: Pat Malone, Chair; Xanthippe Augerot, Vice Chair; Nancy Wyse, Commissioner; Suzanne Hoffman, Interim County Administrator; Maura Kwiatkowski, Recorder; Cory Grogan, Public Information Officer; Tracy Martineau, Human Resources Director; Nick Kurth, Justice System Improvement Program Manager; Tammy Webb, Human Resources Analyst; April Holland, Interim Health Director; Amanda Makepeace, Administrative Specialist; Rick Crager, Chief Financial Officer; Matt Wetherell, Juvenile Director; Darren Nichols, Community Development Director

Guests: Derek Smith, Gallagher & Co.; Alex Powers, Mid-Valley Media Group

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order

Chair Malone called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

1.2 Introductions

Introductions were made.

1.3 Announcements

There were no announcements.

2. Review and Approve Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Discussion Topics

3.1 Strategic Communications Update – Cory Grogan, Public Information Officer

Grogan introduced Nick Kurth, Justice System Improvement Program (JSIP) Manager, and Kailee Olson, Health Department Communications Coordinator, both of whom provide updates regarding their specific areas.

Kurth reported that 9,886 ballots (of a potential 60,296) had been received for the May 16 Special Election as of May 8. In November 2015, which was the ballot on which the last JSIP bond measure appeared, 22,135 ballots were cast. Kurth indicated the Communications team was finalizing statements for elected officials (covering all potential outcomes), and Grogan will provide them to the media at the appropriate time. Outcomes include pass, fail, or uncertain. The statute change providing for ballots to be counted if they are postmarked by Election Day and received within seven days could cause a delay in results. Since this is a Benton County election, PIO Grogan will lead communications on Election Day. Kurth also advised that Brenda Downum's contract had been extended until the end of the year, but the amount was not increased. Kurth asked Downum to prepare a postmortem communications report similar to a report done in the past by others. Kurth will ask Downum to provide an outline of the report to the Commissioners.

Olson reported that the Health Department, Sheriff's Office, Corvallis Police Department, and the Board of Commissioners Office are partnering to promote community awareness around fentanyl. The purpose is to educate the community about danger and safety relative to this synthetic opioid. Outreach communications will include myth busting, opportunities and resources for treatment, and other tools regarding harm reduction and reducing overdose danger. It will be a rehabilitative versus punitive approach. A press release will be issued today, and the Health Department website has been updated with a banner link to more information and resources. The Sheriff's Office plans to issue a press release later this month. In addition, the Health Department and Sheriff's Office are conducting a fentanyl information and awareness event on May 23 at 6:30 PM at the Kalapuya Building. Reader boards are positioned throughout the community to publicize the event. Spanish content is also being created to coordinate an awareness event for Spanish speakers. Augerot is glad to see these important educational events happening.

Grogan reported to the Board on the new public podcasts; he has received positive feedback on Episode 1, and Episode 2 (featuring the Jackson-Frazier Boardwalk) will air soon. Episode 3 will focus on the Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center.

A webpage was created for the Historic Courthouse Advisory Committee to raise community awareness of the Committee's activities. Downum may be able to help with additional outreach efforts regarding the Historic Courthouse and the Committee's work.

In June, more outreach will be conducted on grants programming, which will include highlighting the success of the local ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grants program.

Additional Communications team activities include plans to highlight the latest Fleet award, supporting Health on Mental Health Awareness Week outreach, support for In the Know About H2O, and support for Public Works on the West Hills Survey.

Grogan also noted the recent open house/Corvallis School District pARTy, which may become an annual event. Malone noted it was an enjoyable celebration that helped educate the public about the departments and services located in the Kalapuya Building.

Grogan advised that weekly media reports will be distributed and socialized more with department directors, especially when media relates to or features their departments.

Malone thanked Grogan for all his efforts. Grogan recognized JonnaVe Stokes and Melanie McNaughton, members of the PIO Communications Team, as well as the Health Department and Sheriff's Office Communications Teams. Grogan would like to be able to provide social media analytics and reports, bandwidth permitting. Hoffman indicated the Joint Information Center did a great deal of analytics during the COVID pandemic. Grogan indicated there may be an opportunity to present some recent analytics at the June Goal Setting meeting. Grogan pointed out that what is observed on social media may be different than what is seen in traditional media.

At the upcoming Benton Breakfast, Commissioners will present the Public Service Awards. Grogan encouraged Commissioners to submit their award selections to Deputy Financial Services Director Debbie Sessions as soon as possible. Sessions will provide the Commissioners with talking points for the selected winners.

Grogan reported the Community Outreach Plan was distributed for comment and some feedback was received. The Plan is now ready for presentation to the Leadership Team. The next component will be media relations; updating our processes and how we communicate with media. Grogan is also updating the media policy and strategic and internal communications. Strategic communications plans will guide the media relations plan.

Grogan advised of several upcoming events: Philomath Frolic, Benton County Fair, and Fall Festival. Staff is also considering an event for Monroe. Augerot mentioned Juneteenth and that the Health Department is involved. Health offices are proximate to the Community Center where Juneteenth activities are being held. Olson said fentanyl awareness and mental health promotion may be table topics for the Juneteenth event.

Grogan indicated a biennium report is being developed. Augerot noted the variety of ways the report can be produced and distributed. Grogan will be reaching out to the various departments about how to present the information.

Two Communications staff recently attend GSMCON (the Government Social Media Conference). Issues discussed included the First Amendment and what can/cannot be said on social media (profanity versus obscenity, etc.). Olson reported two Health staff attended GSMCON virtually – Javier Navarro and Rocio Munoz.

Grogan noted that photos, information, and videos from people in the field garner more interest/attention on social media. He would like to conduct training with employees in the field about taking quality photos and writing effective captions for social media postings.

3.2 Proclamations Process – *Cory Grogan, Public Information Officer*

Grogan reminded that the Proclamation Calendar is in place but needs to remain flexible – the County should be able to highlight at least one proclamation per month. The concern has been too many proclamations, which can dilute their value. The solution is to put some proclamations on the Consent Calendar; Commissioners support this approach. Proclamations being read, especially if we are doing outreach on the issue, need a department or community expert who can read them at a Board meeting. Grogan suggested that if no one is available, a commissioner could read the proclamation.

Wyse noted that in other jurisdictions, if there is an event, a governing body's mayor or chair will be asked to read a proclamation at the event. The proclamation is then included on the Consent Calendar of the next meeting; this is something the Board could consider. Grogan noted the County is now posting signed proclamations on the website.

Malone indicated he is pleased with this approach to proclamations. Malone also believes the PIO reports may require additional time on Goal Setting Meeting agendas.

3.3 *County Compensation Philosophy – *Tracy Martineau, Human Resources; Derek Smith, Gallagher and Company*

Martineau introduced compensation consultant Derek Smith of Gallagher and Co., who is conducting a compensation study for Benton County. Smith highlighted the three approaches to compensation philosophy: lagging, leading, or meeting the market. Smith's presentation [Exhibit 1] posed several questions:

Question 1: How does Benton County differentiate itself in the market?

Smith noted Benton County's market differentiators include the presence of a university, a Best Place to Live ranking, unaffordability, and a progressive Board of Commissioners that funds programming, medium size (small enough to be nimble but large enough to have resources to make progress).

Question 2: What does not work well within the current compensation program?

Wyse pointed to a specific issue at the Sheriff's Office: lower ranking officers may be earning more than higher ranking officers (compression). A long-term solution is needed for this situation. Augerot noted that sometimes minimum qualifications can work against the County's process; applicants may have more experiential learning than formal learning. Malone cited the recent state law on pay equity.

Augerot asked several questions: What is our market? To whom are we comparing ourselves? Augerot also pointed out that choices other counties make may affect the comparators.

Question 3: What works well with the current compensation program?

Malone indicated the Commissioners do not deal with these issues regularly but believes the benefit package is toward the upper end of the market (anecdotal knowledge). Wyse agreed. Wyse also cited the teleworking policy. Augerot indicated the County previously

struggled with a performance-based pay system due to a lack of employee trust and no goal setting system.

Question 4: Why does Benton County need a compensation philosophy?

Wyse said it provides a basis for decision making. Augerot suggested the need to attract the best talent from a diverse talent pool. Malone agreed with these points and expressed the need for a roadmap for the future. Augerot indicated the County must embed equity in the compensation philosophy.

Question 5: What type of tool can the compensation philosophy be used for?

Augerot suggested recruitment advertising and communications. People attracted to these types of jobs want to see statements of values, ethics, and goals. Malone included employee retention.

Question 6: How does compensation philosophy define the organization?

Wyse indicated the philosophy reflects values and culture. Malone believes it demonstrates the County cares about employees.

Question 7: What are the must haves for the compensation program?

Wyse cited the importance of clarifying expectations for individuals. Augerot noted transparency of compensation ranges and expectations for advancing in the range, employer provided training and opportunities for advancement, and clarification of benefits as a component of total compensation.

Smith shared several trends in compensation philosophy statements:

Fair Administration. Need to be specific/intentional about placing this in communications so employees see that policies are fairly and consistently applied.

Internal Equitable Practices. The staff job evaluation system is based on a market driven approach that consists of pay ranges (minimum, midpoint, maximum) closely reflecting the marketplace for pay.

External Competitiveness. Is compensation based more on responsibilities or the geographic market? Performance based pay has been a struggle to implement and maintain in the public sector, in part due to difficulty in assigning metrics. This makes performance more difficult to measure than in the manufacturing industry, for example. Performance based factors include years of service, position level, related job experience outside the organization, and an annual salary increase pool.

Human Resources will be drafting a compensation statement, which is usually about four sentences long. Smith will send his notes from this meeting to Martineau and Webb to help support the process of drafting a compensation philosophy statement.

Wyse expressed appreciation to Smith for the structured, policy level presentation.

Augerot indicated feeling conflicted about leading versus matching the market. Ideally, the County would lead the market, but it cannot afford to do so top to bottom in the organization. It is also important to grow our own talent and teach people to become

leaders. Augerot wants to reward innovators and attract a diverse pool of candidates. Martineau pointed out the market changes based on the position. Management/confidential roles require more significant preparation and are typically at higher compensation levels, and candidates for these roles are more likely to consider relocation. Compensation comparators are from the western United States market. Health staff are hiring quickly, and the County needs to pay close attention to salary surveys for that sector. Upon conclusion of the compensation survey, Martineau and Smith will return to the Board with a matching or leading the market presentation and what the County can afford. Chief Financial Officer Rick Crager will provide information regarding affordability later in the process.

The compensation study is currently in the data collection phase, and benchmark jobs have been identified. Once data is collected, analysis will begin. Wyse indicated it would be helpful for future conversations to provide examples as to which positions the data would apply. Wyse would also like to see mentorship of employees who have the desire and ability to grow, and she would like to have a conversation around value.

Malone pointed to the need to assure current and potential employees that Benton County is a good place to work.

Wyse asked whether Human Resources follows up with candidates who decline County job offers, and Martineau indicated yes. Wyse asked what is done with that information. If compensation is the issue, Webb will conduct a compensation review. The County has found itself in bidding wars with other employers. Other factors can also contribute to a candidate declining a Benton County job offer.

Augerot was pleased to see different strategies for various levels and distinct types of roles. It is a balancing act, but she does not want to lag the market. Augerot asked how long the study will take and the desired timing for implementation. Martineau plans to bring an interim adjustment to the Board in the next few weeks. The compensation survey should be complete in mid-July.

[Exhibit 1: Benton County 2023 Compensation Philosophy Discussion Presentation]

3.4 County Administrator Recruitment Update – *Tracy Martineau, Human Resources*

Martineau reported nine applications have been received thus far, and the recruiter is talking with several other potential candidates. The end of next week will be the time to decide whether to extend the first application review date or keep May 22 as planned. The recruiter expects a flurry of interest in the next week or so.

3.5 Health Director/Health Administrator Position – *Suzanne Hoffman, Interim County Administrator*

Hoffman directed the Board's attention to the memorandum in the meeting packet and reminded the Commissioners of the background. Hoffman, Martineau, and Crager

discussed how best to move forward and believe waiting another six months may not be the best approach. Hoffman believes now may be the time to recruit – not to wait too much longer – regardless of which direction the Board chooses. The new County Administrator (CA) may not have health experience; however, this role is a direct report to the CA, and there is value in having the new CA included in the final selection.

Hoffman recommends having one department versus the two-department (Health and Behavioral Health) model the County has been using. Also, a name change for the department may be appropriate since there is a need to recognize the identities of the separate divisional areas. Meetings with other counties will help inform any change management. Hoffman suggested Health and Human Services Department for the new title, as this is common nomenclature. This name, however, does not propose the County take on additional work or service provision. Developmental Disability and homelessness work are components of the Human Services term. Augerot noted the possible assumption of veterans' services from Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments due to a lack of staffing within that organization.

Wyse acknowledged Hoffman's excellent leadership of the Health Department.

Augerot believes recruiting difficulty resulted from a lack of clarity and supports a single leadership role. Wyse also supported the change and was pleased to see there would be a change management plan. Wyse believes the County should move ahead. Malone also expressed interest in moving ahead now.

MOTION: Wyse moved to accept the staff recommendation to 1) replace the Health Department Director position with one that will oversee all the County's health divisions; 2) rename the department "Health and Human Services Department," which honors all aspects of the policy work and service provision performed; 3) convert the Community Health Centers from a department to a division that will join the existing Health Department divisions as direct reports to a new Health and Human Services Department Director; and 4) proceed with recruitment. Augerot seconded the motion, which was approved 3-0.

Martineau pointed out the benefit of having the new CA choose this team member. Malone appreciated that benefit but believed the County should move ahead. Wyse noted the new CA may be in place before the final hiring decision is made. Hoffman will continue to update the Board as the recruitment progresses.

3.6 County Administrator Updates – *Suzanne Hoffman, Interim County Administrator*

There were no County Administrator updates.

3.7 Commissioner Updates – *Board of Commissioners*

Malone provided updates:

- Participated in the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Natural Resources Committee meeting on May 5.
- Oregon State University (OSU) Extension, as well as two other extension services, have requested a supplemental budget of \$50M to maintain current services levels. This level of additional funding is not promising and could affect some local extension services.
- Senate Bill 80 is wildfire legislation providing that wildfire hazard maps – rather than wildfire risk maps – will be published. Modest funding would be available for fire wise community efforts around the state.
- Attended the May 5 AOC Transportation and Community Development Committee meeting. The topic of abandoned recreational vehicles was discussed, as it is a growing problem in some communities. Suggestions for addressing this issue included assessing a fee at the time of purchase to fund disposal efforts. Wyse reported that most abandonments in Benton County are occurring on Forest Lands.
- The Governor postponed until 2026 the tolling conversation for Interstate 5 and Oregon Route 205. Malone will clarify whether this postponement affects the proposal for the new Columbia River bridge.
- The federal gas tax has not increased since 1993. Insufficient revenue is being generated to perform road maintenance or fund other infrastructure projects.

Augerot provided updates:

- Traveled to Salem on May 5 to provide testimony before the Joint Ways and Means Construction Subcommittee regarding Benton County's Emergency Operations Center and homelessness navigation center funding; will share a copy of testimony with the other Commissioners. Augerot noted excellent County staff support, as well as support from CFM Advocates.
- Participated in various AOC activities on May 8, although several steering committees did not meet. Activity at the State Legislature has slowed due to the Senate walkout and the requirement that all bills have plain language. Some bills were returned to their drafters for rewrites to comply with the plain language requirements. AOC-preferred bills appear to be generally moving forward, and AOC and legislator relations are currently positive.
- Will be presenting at the Natural Resources State Leadership Meeting on May 11 following the Benton Breakfast.
- The Mosman Order and Aid and Assist Issue: Marion and Washington Counties have been granted amici status in the lawsuit and are asking other counties and the AOC to support their efforts. Marion County has issued two communications on this topic. Augerot would like the Benton County Board of Commissioners to discuss this item and make a formal decision. County Counsel should also be involved in the process.
- Attended fundraisers for Jackson Street Youth Services and the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis.

- Plans to attend the National Association of Counties Annual Conference in Austin July 21 through 24.
- The AOC Legislative Committee Retreat will be held September 23 in Klamath Falls.

Wyse provided updates:

- In Utah May 17 through 19 for the National Association of Counties Western Regional Conference.
- Recently chaired the Local Officials Advisory Committee, which now has a full membership. The Committee's next meeting is in July.

4. Other

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There was no other business.

Chair Malone adjourned the meeting at 11:49 AM.

Pat Malone, Chair

Maura Kwiatkowski, Recorder

* NOTE: Items denoted with an asterisk do NOT have accompanying written materials in the meeting packet.

Benton County

2023 Compensation Philosophy Discussion

Gallagher

Human Resources & Compensation Consulting

Public Sector & Higher Education Practice



Discussion Goals

- **Brainstorm who we are in the market.** and provide guiding framework for consistent and equitable structure of jobs across a variety Benton County operations and roles.
- **Assess the compensation structure** to explain the classification and compensation process, implementation of recommendations, promote transparency and to ensure fairness across the organization.
- **Develop a purpose for Compensation Philosophy Statement** to explain the classification and compensation process, promote transparency and to ensure fairness across the organization.
- **Provide a Compensation Philosophy Statement** regarding the new classification design and compensation system.



What Is a Compensation Philosophy?

- A compensation philosophy is your organization's approach to setting salary ranges and paying your employees.
- Your compensation philosophy is typically based on the company's mission and values, along with the average market value.
- The three major compensation philosophies are leading the market, lagging the market and matching the market.

- [Compensation Philosophy: 5 Steps to Develop Yours | Eddy](#)



Compensation Philosophy: Lead Lag Or Meet the Market Strategy

- In a **lead** the **market** strategy, companies target the 75th percentile of a pay range for a particular role.
- In a **lag** the **market** strategy, companies aim for the 25th percentile for a particular role.
- A **meet** the **market** strategy is meeting the 50th percentile.



Compensation Philosophy Discussion

- 4 Questions to guide our Comp Philosophy discussion.



How does Benton County Differentiate Itself in the Market?

What Does Not Work Well Within the Current Compensation Program?



What Works Well Within the Current Compensation Program?



Why Does Benton County need a compensation Philosophy?



Compensation Philosophy Discussion(continued)

4 Questions to guide our Comp Philosophy discussion.	Benton County Discussion/Notes
How does the County Differentiate Itself in the Market?	
What Does Not Work Well Within the Current Compensation Program?	
What Works Well Within the Current Compensation Program?	
Why Does Benton County need a compensation Philosophy?	



Compensation Philosophy Purpose

Include mission aligned strategic values.



Compensation Philosophy Purpose (Continued)

Compensation Philosophy Purpose questions	Benton County Discussion/Notes
What type of tool can the Compensation Philosophy be used for?	
How does a Compensation Philosophy define us?	
What are the must haves for the compensation program?	



Trends in Compensation Philosophy Statements

Project Management and Administration

Fair Administration

A salary administration manual which documents practices and guidelines for the program. Appropriate training and ongoing communication to ensure policies and procedures are consistently and rationally applied.

Internally Equitable

The staff job evaluation system is based on a market-driven approach that consists of pay ranges (minimum, midpoint, maximum) closely reflecting the marketplace for pay.

Externally Competitive

The market comparisons are based on the level of the position duties and responsibilities and the geographic area from which we recruit the position.

Performance Based

Philosophy is to compensate employees based on their job performance. Several factors determine when an individual will reach the midpoint of his/her pay range including:

- Performance
- Years of service
- Position level
- Years of related job experience
- Annual salary pool as established.



Draft Compensation Statement

- **Consider to include the following:**
 - Answers to 4 Questions to guide our Comp Philosophy discussion.
 - Answers to Compensation Philosophy Purpose questions.



BOC Agenda Checklist Master

Agenda Placement and Contacts

Suggested Agenda Date 06/13/23

View [Agenda Tracker](#)

Suggested Placement * Work Session and Meeting

Department * Board of Commissioners

Contact Name * Darren Nichols

Phone Extension * 5417666394

Meeting Attendee Name * Sam Imperati, Benton County Talks Trash (BCTT) Workgroup, Darren Nichols, Daniel Reddick

Agenda Item Details



Item Title * BCTT Solid Waste Process Workgroup - Presentation of Findings and Recommendations

- Item Involves *** Check all that apply
- Appointments
 - Budget
 - Contract/Agreement
 - Discussion and Action
 - Discussion Only
 - Document Recording
 - Employment
 - Notice of Intent
 - Order/Resolution
 - Ordinance/Public Hearing 1st Reading
 - Ordinance/Public Hearing 2nd Reading
 - Proclamation
 - Project/Committee Update
 - Public Comment
 - Special Report
 - Other

Estimated Time * 2.5 hours

Special Report Options * Oral Written

**Board/Committee
Involvement***

- Yes
 No

**Name of
Board/Committee**

Board of Commissioners-appointed BCTT
Workgroup

Advertisement*

- Yes
 No

**Names/Dates of
Publications**

List each publication name and date
Benton County Social Media 6/7
Media release 6/7

Issues and Fiscal Impact

Item Issues and Description

Identified Salient Issues *

Solid waste, sustainable materials management, and disposal, including Coffin Butte landfill.

Options *

The Board may choose to take one or more of the following actions:

- Formally receive/adopt the BCTT Workgroup Final Report,
- Direct County Staff to explore or implement one or more Workgroup Recommendations, including possibly proceeding with a request for proposals to conduct a sustainable materials management plan; and/or
- Provide additional direction to the Board's advisory bodies (Planning Commission, Solid Waste Advisory Council, Disposal Site Advisory Committee, other), BCTT Workgroup, or staff.

Fiscal Impact *

- Yes
- No

Fiscal Impact Description *

Some of the Workgroup's recommendations could require an investment of resources and staffing and may require amendments to Benton County policies.

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Mandated Service? * Yes No

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Describe how this agenda checklist advances the core values or focus areas of 2040, or supports a strategy of a departmental goal.

To review the initiative, visit the website [HERE](#).

Mandated Service Description * If this agenda checklist describes a mandated service or other function, please describe here.
Under Oregon law, Benton County is required to take certain actions in its role as host for the regional Coffin Butte landfill.

Values and Focus Areas

Check boxes that reflect each applicable value or focus area and explain how they will be advanced.

Core Values * Select all that apply.
 Vibrant, Livable Communities
 Supportive People Resources
 High Quality Environment and Access
 Diverse Economy that Fits
 Community Resilience
 Equity for Everyone
 Health in All Actions
 NA

Explain Core Values Selections * Solid waste and disposal affect nearly every aspect of life in Benton County and the mid-Willamette Valley. These issues also impact many, if not all, of the County's Core Values and Focus Areas under the 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative.

Focus Areas and Vision * Select all that apply.
 Community Safety
 Emergency Preparedness
 Outdoor Recreation
 Prosperous Economy
 Environment and Natural Resources
 Mobility and Transportation
 Housing and Growth
 Arts, Entertainment, Culture, and History
 Food and Agriculture
 Lifelong Learning and Education
 NA

Explain Focus Areas and Vision Selection * Solid waste and disposal affect nearly every aspect of life in Benton County and the mid-Willamette Valley. These issues also impact many, if not all, of the County's Core Values and Focus Areas under the 2040 Thriving Communities Initiative.

Recommendations and Motions

Item Recommendations and Motions

Staff

Recommendations *

1. Formally receive or adopt the Workgroup's final BCTT Report;
2. Direct staff to evaluate or implement one or more Workgroup recommendations (see Report);
3. Direct staff to amend as needed and/or release a request for proposals (RFP) soliciting a consultant(s) to assist with the development of a sustainable materials management plan (see Report);
4. Direct staff to schedule a meeting with the Planning Commission consistent with a request from the Planning Commission Chair (see Letter);
5. Provide direction to the Board's advisory bodies (planning commission, solid waste advisory council, disposal site advisory committee, BCTT workgroup, others) and staff;
and/or
6. Any other direction the Board may deem necessary and appropriate.

Work Session

Motions *

- I move to ...
See Staff recommendations above.

Meeting Motions *

- I move to ...
See Staff recommendations above.

Attachments, Comments, and Submission

Item Comments and Attachments

Attachments

Upload any attachments to be included in the agenda, preferably as PDF files. If more than one attachment / exhibit, please indicate "1", "2", "3" or "A", "B", "C" on the documents.

Cover Memo to BOC for 6.13.2023 Work Session.pdf	115.26KB
benton_county_solid_waste_assessment_7-12-22_final_report.pdf	906.34KB
benton_county_talks_trash_charter_and_bylaws_a... 23-22_final.pdf	369.98KB
Public Comment_All_230530_Collated By Respondent.pdf	11.03MB
Public Comment_Q1 thru Q17_230530_Collated By Question.pdf	483.73KB
Planning Commission Chair Letter to BOC re BCTT.pdf	592.5KB
SMMP RFP - Initial DRAFT for BOC Work Session 6.13.2023.pdf	221.28KB

Comments (optional)

The Final BCTT Report is linked in the Cover Memo and available here:
https://www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/8208/bctt_final_report_4-11-2023.pdf
If you have any questions, please call ext.6800

Department Approver

SUZANNE HOFFMAN

1.

Department Approval

Comments

Signature

Maura Kwiatkowski

2.

County Administrator Approval

Comments

Signature

Maura Kwiatkowski

3.

BOC Final Approval

Comments

Signature

Maura Kwiatkowski



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Benton County Board of Commissioners
FR: Darren Nichols, Community Development Director
DT: June 5, 2023
RE: Benton County Talks Trash (BCTT) – Workgroup Report and Recommendations to the Board

In September 2022, the Board of Commissioners charged a community driven solid waste process workgroup to develop common understandings and recommendations for “implementing a constructive path forward relating to sustainable materials management and the future of solid waste disposal in the Mid-Willamette Valley, including at the Coffin Butte regional landfill.” Following that charge, over the next seven months the Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup developed a detailed report with consensus-based findings and recommendations for the Board’s consideration.

The Workgroup Report is available [HERE](#) and at the following link:

https://www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/8208/bctt_final_report_4-11-2023.pdf

The Board packet for its June 13, 2023, Work Session includes:

1. An initial Benton County [Solid Waste Assessment](#) report (July 2022);
2. The Board’s originally adopted [Workgroup Charter](#) (August 2022);
3. The Workgroup’s final [BCTT Report](#) (April 2023);
4. Responses submitted during open public comment (April 12 through May 29, 2023)
 - a. NOTE: comments are collated “by respondent” and “by question”;
5. Draft request for proposals (RFP); and
6. A letter from the Planning Commission chair requesting to meet with the BOC (February 2023).

The Board may choose to take one or more of the following actions:

- Formally receive or adopt the Workgroup’s final BCTT Report;
- Direct staff to evaluate or implement one or more Workgroup recommendations (see Report);
- Direct staff to amend as needed and/or release a request for proposals (RFP) soliciting a consultant(s) to assist with the development of a sustainable materials management plan (see Report).
- Direct staff to schedule a meeting with the Planning Commission consistent with a request from the Planning Commission Chair (see Letter);
- Provide direction to the Board's advisory bodies (planning commission, solid waste advisory council, disposal site advisory committee, BCTT workgroup, others) and staff; and/or
- Any other direction the Board may deem necessary and appropriate.

Date: July 12, 2022

To: Benton County Board of Commissioners From: Sam Imperati, JD, ICMresolutions Executive Director

RE: Benton County Solid Waste Situational Assessment Report

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INTRODUCTION

Benton County contracted with Oregon Consensus (OC) ([Website](#)) to conduct a process assessment; not an assessment of substantive issues. OC sent an informal solicitation to its provider network and received four responses. ICMresolutions was one of four submittals. Sam Imperati, ICM’s Executive Director, [Appendix A](#), was selected by the County, in consultation with OC, to perform the Assessment. This is the final report.

The Scope of Work follows:

Benton County and key stakeholders seek assistance identifying and implementing a constructive path forward relating to sustainable materials management and the future of solid waste disposal in the Mid-Willamette Valley, including at the Coffin Butte regional landfill. Following a recent Benton County Planning Commission denial of a proposed conditional use permit to expand the landfill, key participants recognize that a constructive path forward could benefit from the assistance of a third-party facilitator. Key stakeholders believe that an objective assessment of the situation, conducted by an impartial third party, would be a good first step. (Emphasis added.)

As the Assessment progressed, related issues arose as noted below. Commenting on them, and making recommendations for their improvement, are necessary for a thorough analysis and holistic recommendations.

PHILOSOPHY

The best assessors are both fiercely independent and influenced by their core philosophies about conflict and conflict resolution. I provide mine so you know upfront the default views that underlie my observations and recommendations.

Fair process is fundamental to fair outcomes, period. Good process shouldn’t help or hurt either side of an argument. Process should be agnostic. When pure power is used to tilt the outcome, it is by my definition, problematic. Pareto Efficiency (“a situation where no further improvements to community’s wellbeing can be made through a reallocation of resources that makes at least one person better off without making someone else worse off”) is not achieved, and the predictable result is polarization.

It is human nature to look for competitive process advantage, especially in the short run, but at what cost to the broader community over time? The “team” who currently enjoys power contends they should be able to dictate the process because “elections have consequences.” The “other team” calls “process foul” and the impacted community is further split apart or left confused in its search for fair results. A healthy community thrives if its processes are designed to resolve issues on their respective merits – not on the views of those holding power. If we look to power to resolve disputes, each member of the community will eventually be at risk. Restated, good process is a goal in and of itself! As a result, the below observations and recommendations are driven by the need for a fair process for the Benton County community-at-large.



PROCESS

An Assessment, by its nature, cannot hear directly from each of the affected stakeholders. For example, I did not have sufficient time to interview many of the individuals that provided testimony and comments to the Planning Commission. However, I am aware of their views, and the interviewees did an excellent job of pointing out the concerns of the broader public (e.g., neighbors, users, businesses, organizations, and institutions.) Traditionally, processes that flow from an Assessment are designed to include a robust public involvement component with opportunities for input, as contemplated by the recommendations that follow.

I interviewed each member of the Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)/Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC), each member of the Board of Commissioners (BOC), one member of the Planning Commission (PC), one member of the public, national and local Republic Services' employees, and Benton County Staff. I also spoke with Republic Services' local attorney and the attorney for some of the neighbors, each in a preliminary fashion. The people interviewed were open, cooperative, and forthcoming.

The interviews covered the following topics:

- 1) Potential Substantive issues
- 2) Membership Options
- 3) Potential Challenges (HOPES and CONCERNS from a process perspective)
- 4) Potential "Voting" Options
- 5) Process Questions:
 - a. How long (months, number of meetings, etc.) do you think it will take to explore the issues in the proposed scope?
 - b. How can Benton County be most helpful?
 - c. How can the facilitation team be most helpful?

A draft of this report was sent to the people interviewed. Their comments and suggestions were appreciated. I reviewed the input with an open mind based upon my experience with what has traditionally worked best in similar situations, and made the changes I think are in the best interests of the broad Benton County community. Some of the feedback involved details that are commonly developed after the Board provides its input on the general process construct, so they are not specifically addressed here.

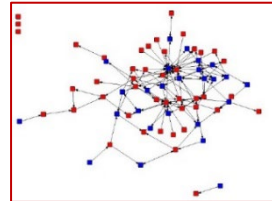
Commentators that would like to discuss my reasoning for not adopting their suggestions can contact me at either SamImperati@ICMresolutions.com or (503) 244-1174. I encourage the interviewees and the public to send their comments to you because healthy feedback is essential as you consider a "constructive path forward."

OBSERVATIONS

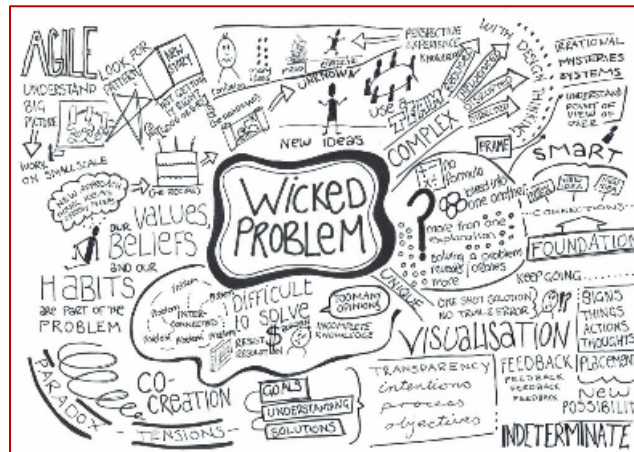
Here are the observations that set the stage for the recommendations that follow.

1) The essential elements of a healthy civic relationship include:

- a. *Supported Values;*
- b. *Mutual Goals;*
- c. *An Effective Accountability Mechanism;*
- d. *Trust; and*
- e. *Respect.*



2) This situation is the classic “wicked problem” because each of the above elements are strained. “Wicked Problems” have the following characteristics, which are typical of landfill issues because they tend to be controversial.



The last Republic Services’ Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process resulted in a great deal of polarization, debate prevailed over exploration, and basic facts were either unknown or contested. The same dynamics existed surrounding the relevant law, codes, and policies. The lack of *Trust* and *Respect* became personal in some situations. That will not likely change until the participants work together to develop *Values*, *Goals*, and a *Supported Accountability Mechanism*.

3) Without getting the participants on the “same page” first, any subsequent discussion will likely experience similar “wicked” dynamics. Restated, “common understandings” are essential for the ultimate decision makers to have available as they review a future CUP application and Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP,) now commonly referred to by the County as a Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP.) The latter includes the consideration of more options/alternatives (e.g. transfer stations, etc.) than just disposal for the entire consumer lifecycle, along with overall greenhouse gas generation. The below Recommendations provide a process for creating the necessary “common understandings.”

4) Here are three telling examples of questions where the answers should be commonly accepted, but are not currently.

- a. *When will the landfill close?* There have been a range of dates proffered and it is obvious they vary by the underlying data and assumptions, not all of which are known by all of the participants. That situation leads to the ability of each side to state a date they believe creates the best argument for their position.
- b. *Will DEQ permit another landfill west of the Cascades?* I have heard “yes” and “no” answers to that question, stated with certainty and passion, making it difficult for the impartial observer to know the truth.
- c. *What does the “regional landfill” designation mean?* I have been told 1) it is nothing more than a label for facilities of a certain size, and 2) it means Benton County has restrictions on what conditions it may impose on a landfill operator.

Without more objectively verifiable information, the impartial observers and ultimate decision makers are left to complete a puzzle without the necessary pieces. The matter is made worse by the lack of clarity surrounding the CUP criteria and type/quality of information needed for the best result, be it approval or denial.

- 5) While I have sat on the bench as a Judge Pro Tem, if I were asked to “judge” the relative merits of the various positions, I would conclude I do not have sufficient reliable information from independent sources to do so. I believe the County decision makers would be hard pressed to make the best choice for the residents of Benton County unless the process and access to the necessary information were meaningfully improved. Without those, it will be ‘politics as usual.’
- 6) The default land use process (Application – Staff Review – SWAC – PC – BOC – LUBA, Courts) has challenges to widely accepted outcomes because it is quasi-judicial in nature. It does not provide for exploration because it is based upon a point-counterpoint dynamic with no authentic opportunity to “test” the evidence of others, let alone truly explore the situation in hopes of developing collaborative solutions. This leads to further frustration and polarization.
- 7) Revamping the default legal system, per se, (which is beyond my scope and expertise) would take too long to help the current challenges and would require participation by the Oregon Legislature and others. However, there are improvements that can be made prior to the next CUP. Without the below recommendations in place, I predict the process and its result (be it approval or denial) will lead to the same challenges as last time, especially if there is a lack of timely transparency as some allege existed last time.
- 8) It is possible each side of this debate believes they will prevail under the default system, so they may not be enthusiastic about a process prefatory to it. Speaking bluntly, if you have two votes you will win, and if you don’t, you will lose. If that is the preferred way to make policy, a collaborative process would be only for show. Having said that, I believe the people interviewed will participate fully in a collaborative process.
- 9) Another factor underlying dynamics is the lack of an up-to-date Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP.) Benton County does not have a current or conventional plan, as compared with plans like those from [Deschutes County \(2019\)](#) or [Marion County’s Solid Waste and Energy Final Report \(2017\)](#). There is a [1977 SWMP](#), which was created by Waste Control

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Systems, Inc., as part of a 1975 landfill CUP condition of approval. However, that plan is dated and lacks current relevancy to the County's current materials management operations.

The following documents are more relevant to the current discussions because they focus on material recovery in the County and were prepared to meet Oregon DEQ requirements at the time. However, these plans do not include an in-depth discussion of disposal elements, which they should, even if it's not the driving focus.

- [Benton County Wasteshed Waste Recovery Plan Update \(2011\)](#)
- [Benton County Wasteshed Waste Recovery Plan for 2005-2009 \(2002\)](#)

While one could argue, as some have, that the CUP and the master planning topics should be separate, it is important to remember this "bridge" process is about scoping/planning for the topics – nothing more. The recommended Charge below does not include a discussion of them on their merits. Planning for them simultaneously is the most efficient option to achieve a "constructive path forward."

10) The following options were considered during the Assessment:

- a. Doing Nothing Different Than Last Time;
- b. Pre-CUP Application Process to Improve Next CUP Process;
- c. Process to Scope the Next SMMP; and
- d. Both Options b and c.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Here are the highlights of the recommended "bridge" process for the Board of Commissioners to consider. As you will see, I am suggesting a process to reset the current dynamics with the development of "common understandings" and protocols for the future substantive consideration of the solid waste issues. Please note additional details will be worked out if the BOC approves the general framework. (Examples include the sequencing of issues and the time spent on each topic, etc.) The proposed elements are presented as a "package" meaning that when modifying one element, the reviewer should consider the potential for unintended consequences to the other elements. I am available to provide experiential insights on this topic.

I do not suggest the recommended process will fix this "wicked problem." I simply suggest it is more likely to manage the dynamics in a way designed to increase the chances of an outcome that is in the best interests of the broader Benton County community. The odds of that happening will increase with the Board's capable leadership.

- 1) **VACANCIES:** The Board should fill the vacant SWAC/DSAC (see, [ORS 459.320](#) re: DSAC) and Planning Commission seats. As with any advisory body, consider the advantages of having a diversity of interests represented.
- 2) **DEVELOP COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS:** The County staff should draft for Workgroup review and input before staff finalizes it, a document that covers the informational topics listed in this

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section. It is particularly important to get everyone on the “same page” before work on the Charge begins in earnest. If not done, the Workgroup will likely experience the same dynamics that occurred during the last CUP application. Additionally, these common understandings are essential for the ultimate decision makers to have when they are reviewing a CUP application.

- a. **A History of Coffin Butte** that includes tables with information like size, specific locations, CUP conditions, reporting requirements, rights, obligation, assumptions, the economics, and prior CUP/SWMP compliance, etc. They should be presented in chronological order for ease of comparison. Additionally, a section summarizing best practices for jurisdictions hosting landfills, typical terms, and issue sequencing, etc., should be included in this document.
 - b. **A Summary of the County’s current rights and obligations to Republic Services,* and vice versa**, surrounding the landfill and hauling franchises, including what can and cannot be conditions of any CUP (e.g. past compliance, compliance with future laws, codes, and policies, DEQ compliance, reopening, limitations on what can be brought into the County from where, required facilities and practices, reporting/compliance/financial monitoring requirements, etc.) *Includes Valley Landfills, Inc. and those signatories to the various hauling franchises.
 - c. **A Summary of the rights and obligations of other entities** (e.g. federal, tribal, state, and local government) and their interplay with the Benton County process surrounding landfills, hauling, and sustainability initiatives, etc. For example, this document should include a detailed summary of the step-by-step process and associated timing for the cross-jurisdictional approvals of landfill applications, (e.g. DEQ) including what topics are within whose authority, and whether, for example, the County can or should consider the topics it does not have permitting authority over when assessing the criteria outlined in Code section 53.215.
- 3) **WORKGROUP and ITS CHARGE:** The Board should create a temporary workgroup called, “Benton County Talks Trash.” *(Sorry, couldn’t resist!)*

Using the “common understandings” above, the established Workgroup should make recommendations to the BOC on the following topics, which are presented without reference to priority. The Workgroup, with concurrence of the County staff, will prioritize these topics, create subcommittees if necessary, and allocate meeting times accordingly.

- a. **Clarifying existing criteria and information requirements for the CUP process.** For context, the Comprehensive Plan can be found [here](#). It provides the foundation for Benton County land use policy and serves as the defining framework for the Development Code when questions of interpretation arise, including questions about what might be included in “other information” required for a complete CUP application.

Code Section 50.015 states:

The policies of the Comprehensive Plan shall serve as the basis for developing the implementing regulations of the Development Code.

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The policies of the Comprehensive Plan are not implementing regulations and shall not be directly applied to individual applications except as provided by the Development Code. When the interpretation of a particular Development Code provision is in doubt, the Comprehensive Plan shall be referred to for policy guidance.

This sets the foundation for the [Development Code](#). Section 50.005(1) states, “The Benton County Comprehensive Plan, including the Comprehensive Plan Map, is hereby incorporated by reference into the Benton County Code.” Section 51.010 Scope, states, “The Development Code is intended to implement the Benton County Comprehensive Plan. All amendments to the Development Code shall comply with the Comprehensive Plan.”

Code Section 51 also outlines relevant authorities, including the roles of the Planning Official and the Planning Commission to interpret the Code, determine the scope of issues, and set the process.

With the Comprehensive Plan’s [Table of Contents](#) providing a list of potential considerations, and Chapters 50 and 51 as context, please see the [Appendix B](#) for specific Code sections that should be reviewed, at a minimum, with particular attention to Sections 53.215 (Criteria,) 77.305 (Conditional Uses,) 77.310 (Review,) and 77.405 (DEQ.) Additionally, consider the comments the Planning Commission made during its last review of Republic Services’ CUP application.

The Workgroup should develop a conceptual list of applicable review criteria and guidelines for interpreting any ambiguous provisions. For example:

- i. The phrase, “Other information as required by the Planning Official” 77.310(e); and
- ii. The terms found in Section 53.215, e.g., “seriously interfere,” “character of the area,” “purpose of the zone,” “undue burden,” and “any additional criteria which may be required for the specific use by this code.”

Finally, the Workgroup should develop protocols for the timely and broad distribution of documents and materials to the public, other governmental entities, and internal committees, groups, and divisions.

This proposed Charge element does NOT include opining on the merits of Republic Services’ expected Coffin Butte application. It does not involve the actual writing of potential code language nor making recommendations that change the current steps in the existing CUP review process. The scope is limited to developing conceptual language for recommended review criteria and guidelines for interpreting any existing ambiguous provisions using the “Common Understanding” as guideposts. The Workgroup should be mindful of the legal parameters associated with its specific recommendations.

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- b. **Scoping the necessary tasks to start a Long-Term Sustainable Materials Management Plan process.** Consider topics like contracting out, subjects to be covered, who needs to be at the table beyond those in the County, and a workplan outline with a timeline for completion. Look to recent similar planning efforts across the state to assess what topics were included and what “lessons learned” should be brought forward in your process. This includes the development of the necessary protocols needed before beginning the actual planning process.

This charge includes topics beyond the landfill, and like it, the Workgroup should consider the cost-benefits from the perspective of who gains benefits, and who does not, in light of Code section 23.010 [Solid Waste Management] Purpose, which states, “In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Benton County and to provide a solid waste management program, it is declared to be the public policy of Benton County to regulate solid waste management to... [see actual language for list of potential topics.]” [Section 23.100](#)

This charge does not include completing the plan. It only includes a discussion of the preliminary scoping to start that planning process.

- c. **Provide input on the additional topics that were raised during the assessment.** In addition to considering making SMMP consistency/compliance a CUP condition, here are three other examples that would benefit from Workgroup input based upon the recommendations flowing from the other charges.
- i. Scope the necessary tasks to start planning for the reopening of the existing hauling agreement to be amended by July 1, 2024 ([Solid Waste Collection Franchise Board Order D2022-044: Order](#)); and
 - ii. Clarify the differences, with BOC feedback, between the roles, responsibilities, and protocols of SWAC and DSAC, [Appendix C](#), on these topics, and develop specific review criteria for the evaluation of CUP applications. Related Question: “Should SWAC and DSAC use the same review criteria as the Planning Commission and the BOC?”
 - iii. Create a future timeline for discussing any needed changes to the Benton County Code flowing from any Workgroup recommendations.
- d. **Consider creating a public-facing document and community education campaign on these topics.** This is an “extra credit” recommendation and is subject to the availability of the resources needed to do so.

- 4) **MEMBERSHIP:** The Workgroup should have the following membership. There are two categories a) Member and b) Ex Officio. Members have full rights of participation and “polling.” Ex Officio members are “non-polling” information sources. Each may bring technical resources to the meetings. They will be able to participate in the discussions with permission of the

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Facilitator after a Workgroup discussion on the advantages and disadvantages surrounding their participation.

- a. *Two SWAC/DSAC Members* appointed by SWAC/DSAC.
- b. *Two Planning Commission Members* appointed by the Planning Commission.
- c. *Two Republic Services' (one local and one national) Members* appointed by Republic Services on Charge a. "Clarifying existing criteria and information requirements for the CUP process" and Charge c. i." Scope the necessary tasks to start planning for the reopening of the existing hauling agreement to be amended by July 1, 2024."

If the BOC wants Republic Services input on Charge b. "Scoping the necessary tasks to start a Long-Term Sustainable Materials Management Plan process," it should make them Ex Officio members and add other providers like Waste Management Inc., Ridwell, Recology, Rogue Disposal and Recycling, etc., as Ex Officio members. Another option is adding an organization like the Oregon Refuse & Recycling Association. ([ORRA](#))

- d. *Eight Members of the Public* who represent the following interests (e.g. landfill neighbors, service users, tribal interests, business, cities, OSU, Good Sam, non-profits, etc.,) appointed by the BOC. As with any advisory body, consider the advantages of having a diversity of interests represented. The Board may choose to seek input from the other members on its appointments. (It is important the members appointed have subject matter familiarity and the time/interest necessary to meaningfully participate.)
- e. *DEQ* as an Ex Officio Workgroup member.
- f. *Two neighboring jurisdictions* from outside the County, selected by the BOC, as Ex Officio Workgroup members, to liaison on the long-term solid waste planning topic only.
- g. *Benton County Staff*, picked by the County Administrator or his designee, participate as Ex Officio members.

The recommendation for an even number of Members is intentional because it is not a decision-making body. I do not suggest "voting" in the traditional sense. Instead, I recommend "polling" using the protocol outlined in [Appendix D](#). "Polling" is designed to see if consensus is possible. Typically, this allows the participants to explore the Charge in an efficient, transparent, and fair manner in order to give the County the information necessary to make the best decision for all its residents.

- 5) **PUBLIC:** Open to the public with opportunities for public input with materials timely posted on the County website. It is essential that the Workgroup deliberate in public and that their work is effectively publicized to increase community awareness of these important discussions.
- 6) **CONVENE:** As soon as possible.

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- 7) **MEETING FREQUENCY:** Meet in person or virtually, approximately twice a month for about 3-to-4-hours with a structured agenda designed to produce specific deliverables for each meeting. Meeting Summaries should be posted on the County's website so the public can follow the proceedings.
- 8) **SWAC/DSAC and PLANNING COMMISSION WORKGROUP REPORT REVIEW:** The Workgroup should submit its draft report to them for comment by 11/1/22 and they should submit their comments to the Workgroup by 12/1/22.
- 9) **FINAL REPORT:** The Workgroup should review the comments above and submit its final report to the BOC by 12/31/22 with timely Board action to follow.
- 10) **FACILITATION:** Facilitated by a strong, professional facilitator selected by the County with input from the Workgroup. The facilitator will function as chair and mediator. The facilitator should be given broad authority to manage the process in order to keep the process on task and on time.
- 11) **STAFFING:**

The last CUP process caught the County staff in the "cross-fire." The timelines associated with the current land use system put staff in the untenable position of having to evaluate substantial amounts of detailed information in 150 days. The information is complex, detailed, and requires a unique amount of subject matter expertise and outside resources (money for outside experts) that is not common in jurisdictions of Benton County's size, especially on topics like landfills that do not come along frequently. Additionally, staff's plates are full with the other demands of their jobs.

Adversarial dynamics resulted in the personalization of complaints that were distracting from the important work at hand. People in conflict have a choice; they can "Build Relationships and Fix Problems" or "Build a Case and Fix Blame." I recommend the former, which is more likely to happen with a "cooling off" period. Without one, the interpersonal dynamics will likely get worse by adding an unnecessary and counterproductive layer of complexity. Restated, it is not realistic to expect that perceptions, workloads, and access to outside resources are going to improve between now and the next Republic Services' CUP application. As a result, I recommend the following:

- a. *County staff should manage the needed long-term solid waste planning process, which was put on hold pending this assessment.* They should be supported by outside resources (e.g. contractors) as needed, which is commonly done by jurisdictions the size of Benton County. As a result, the County should reconsider the current CUP application fee to determine whether it is sufficient for the required work.
- b. *The County should contract out the planning and legal review of the anticipated Republic Services' CUP application.* The County's Planning Official should manage this. This includes retaining the subject matter experts necessary to provide the County with the best available information necessary to review the application fairly and completely. This recommendation only applies to the upcoming Republic Services CUP application for the reasons noted above.
- c. *County staff should participate in an ex officio capacity in the Workgroup proposed here.*

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These staffing recommendations are because of the “wicked problem” described above and are not based upon an assessment of staff independence or competency.

CONCLUSION

Thank you for the opportunity to assist you. I will be at the July 19, 2022 Commission Meeting to respond to public comments, answer any questions, and provide insights on unintended consequence, if any, associated with any proposed changes to these recommendations.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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APPENDIX A: About the Assessor

The Institute for Conflict Management, Inc. (DBA, ICMRESOLUTIONS) is a NW-based, national provider of dispute resolution, facilitation, mediation, decision-making, team building, and training services. ICM is experienced in the intersection of policy, politics, science, business, and law. ICMresolutions has provided public, public-private, and private resolution services. We bring 30+ years of experience in managing, presenting, and resolving matters in a thorough, clear, and balanced fashion. We help stakeholders work collaboratively to achieve shared goals and overcome challenges.

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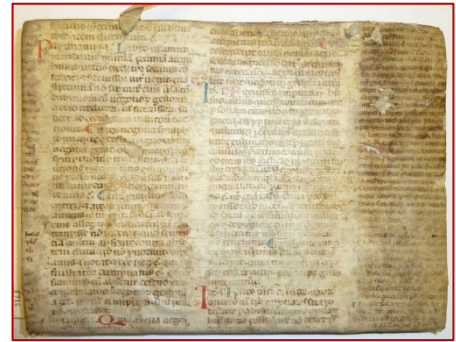
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APPENDIX B: Relevant Code Sections

23.010 [Solid Waste Management Plan] Purpose. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Benton County and to provide a solid waste management program, it is declared to be the public policy of Benton County to regulate solid waste management to:

- (1) Provide for a coordinated solid waste management program and administration with cities within Benton County and with other counties or cities under existing and future regional programs.
- (2) Provide for cooperation and agreements between Benton County and cities and other counties involving joint or regional franchising of solid waste service.
- (3) Provide standards, regulations and franchising to ensure the safe and sanitary accumulation, storage, collection, transportation and disposal or resource recovery of solid wastes and ensure maintenance of solid waste collection, resource recovery and disposal service.
- (4) Encourage research, studies, surveys and demonstration projects to develop a safe, sanitary, efficient, and economical solid waste management system.
- (5) Provide research, development and promotion of and public education for technologically and economically feasible resource recovery including recycling and reuse, by and through the franchisees or permittees and other persons.
- (6) Eliminate duplication of service or routes to conserve energy and material resources, reduce air pollution, noise pollution, truck traffic, and increase efficiency, thereby minimizing consumer cost.
- (7) Encourage the use of the capabilities and expertise of private industry and encourage volunteer efforts in accomplishing the purposes of BCC Chapter 23. Last Modified: 3/16/21, Ord. No. 2021-0300 23-3.
- (8) Provide equitable classes of collection rates to classes or users of solid waste services that are just, fair, reasonable, and adequate to provide necessary services to the public, justify investment in solid waste management systems and provide for equipment and systems modernization to meet environmental service requirements and technology.
- (9) Minimize the cost and burden of regulation, administration and enforcement.
- (10) Provide for public input in solid waste management.
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[Code Section 23.010 Purpose](#)



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The next CUP process would benefit from more specificity to the following Code sections.

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 - (1) The proposed use does not seriously interfere with uses on adjacent property, with the character of the area, or with the purpose of the zone;
 - (2) The proposed use does not impose an undue burden on any public improvements, facilities, utilities, or services available to the area; and
 - (3) The proposed use complies with any additional criteria which may be required for the specific use by this code. [Ord 90-0069]

Section 53.215 Criteria

- d) **Section 77.305 Conditional Uses Approved by the Planning Commission.**

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 - (c) Provisions for screening of the site from public roads and adjacent property;
 - (d) Egress and ingress; and
 - (e) Other information as required by the Planning Official.
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Development Plan. A signature block shall be included for the date the approval is given and the signature of the Planning Official indicating approval.

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[Section 77.405 Review DEQ](#)

APPENDIX C: Relevant Bylaws Sections

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[DSAC Function](#)

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[SWAC Purpose](#)

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“BENTON COUNTY TALKS TRASH”
WORKGROUP Charter and Bylaws
BOC Approved on 8-23-2022

The Benton County Board of Commissioners (BOC) has established the “Benton County Talks Trash” Workgroup (WORKGROUP) and has adopted this Charter and Bylaws document pursuant to [Code Chapter 3](#) to govern its work.

I. Background

Benton County (County) contracted with Oregon Consensus to conduct a process assessment with the following Scope:

Benton County and key stakeholders seek assistance identifying and implementing a constructive path forward relating to sustainable materials management and the future of solid waste disposal in the Mid-Willamette Valley, including at the Coffin Butte regional landfill. Following a [December 7, 2021] Benton County Planning Commission denial of a proposed conditional use permit to expand the landfill, key participants recognize that a constructive path forward could benefit from the assistance of a third-party facilitator. Key stakeholders believe that an objective assessment of the situation, conducted by an impartial third party, would be a good first step. (Emphasis added.)

Based on this original Scope, the County asked Oregon Consensus to complete a third-party situational assessment. The Benton County Solid Waste Situational Assessment Report (Assessment Report) can be found [here](#). The BOC accepted the Report during its July 19, 2022 meeting and approved funding for the process at its July 26, 2022 meeting. As a result, the Report serves as the reference document for this WORKGROUP.

II. Scope & Charge

This is a “bridge” process between past events and next steps. The process is designed to reset the current dynamics with the development of “common understandings” and recommended protocols for the future substantive consideration of the solid waste issues.

This WORKGROUP is not a decision-making body. It is a recommendation-making group with the following Scope. (See, [Assessment Report](#) for details.) The recommendations are not binding on decision makers in any subsequent land use review, but will help inform all parties going into a review process.

The WORKGROUP, with concurrence of the County staff, will prioritize the following topics.

- A. Develop Common Understandings to form the basis of the work.** Staff to draft a document, for review by the work group, outlining common understandings to include the following informational topics by 8/25/22:
- 1) A chronological history of key Coffin Butte Landfill topics:
 - a. Size;
 - b. Specific locations;
 - c. Conditions of past land use approvals;
 - d. Compliance with prior land use approvals and SWMP;
 - e. Reporting requirements;

- f. Assumptions (e.g. when will the landfill close;)
 - g. Economics (i.e. Benefit – Cost, etc.) and
 - h. Examples from other jurisdictions hosting landfills, e.g.:
 - i. Typical land use conditions of approval; and
 - ii. Issue sequencing, (e.g. in what order are landfill versus hauling approvals done, etc.)
- 2) A Summary of the County’s current rights and obligations to Republic Services, and vice versa, surrounding:
- a. The hauling franchise;
 - b. The landfill CUP; and
 - c. What legally can and cannot be conditions of any land use approvals (e.g. past compliance, compliance with future laws, codes, and policies, DEQ compliance, reopening, limitations on what can be brought into the County from where, required facilities and practices, reporting/compliance/financial monitoring requirements, etc.)
- 3) A Summary of the rights and obligations of other entities surrounding landfills, hauling, and sustainability initiatives, etc.:
- a. Federal;
 - b. Tribal;
 - c. State (e.g. Is DEQ prohibited from permitting another landfill west of the Cascades and what does the “regional landfill” designation mean?);
 - d. Local Government; and
 - e. Summary of the step-by-step process in ORS chapter 459 and associated timing for the cross-jurisdictional approvals of landfill applications, (e.g. DEQ) including:
 - i. What topics are within whose authority, and
 - ii. Whether, for example, the County can or should consider the topics it does not have permitting authority over when assessing the criteria outlined in Code section 53.215?

B. Clarifying existing criteria and information requirements for the land use review process for any proposed landfill expansion. Specifically:

- 1) Create a common understanding document outlining which Development Code criteria are applicable to the review of a conditional use application for landfill expansion by reviewing 53.215 (Criteria,) 77.305 (Conditional Uses,) 77.310 (Review,) and 77.405 (DEQ); review Chapters 50 and 51 for context; and then:
- a. Preparing a conceptual list of any other Development Code criteria the WORKGROUP recommends be applicable; and
 - b. Developing recommended guidelines for interpreting any ambiguous provisions recognizing current statutes, regulations, case law, and County precedent, etc. Examples for consideration include:
 - i. The phrase, “Other information as required by the Planning Official” 77.310(e); and
 - ii. The terms found in Section 53.215, e.g., “seriously interfere,” “character of the area,” “purpose of the zone,” “undue burden,” and “any additional criteria which may be required for the specific use by this code.”
- 2) In doing so, refer to Comprehensive Plan for policy guidance regarding interpretation of any ambiguous Development Code provisions (see, BCC 50.015,) and Review the Planning Commission comments made during its last review of Republic Services’ CUP application

for context.

- 3) Develop protocols for the timely and broad distribution of CUP-related information to the public, other governmental entities, and internal committees, groups, and divisions.

This proposed element does NOT include opining on the merits of Republic Services' expected Coffin Butte application, nor does it involve the actual writing of potential code language or recommendations that change the current steps in the existing CUP review process. The scope is limited to developing conceptual language for recommended review criteria and recommended guidelines for interpreting any existing ambiguous provisions using the below "Common Understanding" as guideposts. The WORKGROUP must operate within the legal parameters associated with its specific recommendations.

C. Scope the necessary tasks to start a Long-Term Sustainable Materials Management Plan process.

Consider topics like contracting out, subjects to be covered, who needs to be at the table beyond those in the County, and a workplan outline with a timeline for completion. Look to recent similar planning efforts across the state to assess what topics were included and what "lessons learned" should be brought forward in this process. This includes the development of the necessary foundational "common understandings" and protocols needed before beginning the actual planning process.

This element includes topics beyond the landfill, and like it, the WORKGROUP should consider the cost-benefits from the perspective of who gains benefits, and who does not, in light of Code section 23.010 [Solid Waste Management] Purpose, which states, "In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Benton County and to provide a solid waste management program, it is declared to be the public policy of Benton County to regulate solid waste management to... [see actual language for list of potential topics.]" [Section 23.100](#)

This charge does not include completing the plan. It only includes a discussion of the preliminary scoping to start that planning process.

D. Provide input on additional topics raised in the [Assessment Report](#):

- 1) Scope the necessary tasks to start planning for the reopening of the existing hauling agreement to be amended by July 1, 2024, which is controlled by the following provision, "This agreement shall be amended by July 1, 2024 to include the same or similar terms as the forthcoming City of Corvallis collection franchise agreement, including, but not limited to, the same termination date, as well as concepts from the consensus-seeking process;
- 2) Clarify the differences, with BOC feedback, between the roles, responsibilities, and protocols of SWAC and DSAC on these topics, and develop specific recommended review criteria for the evaluation of CUP applications. Related Question: "Should SWAC and DSAC use the same review criteria as the Planning Commission and the BOC;" and
- 3) Create a future timeline for discussing any needed changes to the Benton County Code flowing from any WORKGROUP recommendations.

E. Consider creating a public-facing document and community education campaign on these topics.

III. Guiding Principles

The WORKGROUP should consider the following guiding principles during its deliberations:

- A. **Process Goal:** Make recommendations in the best interest of the Benton County community-at-large; and
- B. **Strive for “Pareto Efficiency:”** The ideal conceptual situation where no further improvements to the community’s wellbeing can be made through a reallocation of resources that makes at least one part of the Community-at-large better off without making another part of the community-at-large worse off.
- C. **Benefit – Cost Factors:** Recommendations should consider the maximization of benefits and the reduction of costs.

IV. Membership

There are two categories: a) Polling Member; and b) Ex Officio Member. Polling Members have full rights of participation and “polling.” Ex Officio Members are “non-polling” information sources. Each may bring technical resources to the meetings. The technical resources will be able to participate in the discussions with permission of the Facilitator after a WORKGROUP discussion on the advantages and disadvantages surrounding their participation.

Organization/Interest Group	WORKGROUP Member	Polling	Ex Officio	Charge
SWAC/DSAC	Joel Geier	X		All
SWAC/DSAC	Marge Popp	X		All
Planning Commission	Nancy Whitcombe	X		All
Planning Commission	Elizabeth Irish	X		All
Republic: National	Russ Knocke	X		All but C
Republic: Local	Shawn Edmonds	X		All but C
Public	Brandon Bates	X		All
Public	John Deuel	X		All
Public	Kathryn Duvall	X		All
Public	Christopher McMorran	X		All
Public	Ryan McAlister	X		All
Public	Mary Parmigiani	X		All
Public	Ed Pitera	X		All
Public	Louisa Shelby	X		All
DEQ	Brian Fuller		X	All but D
Neighboring Jurisdiction	Marion County: Administrator Designee		X	Only C
Neighboring Jurisdiction	Linn County: Administrator Designee		X	Only C
Benton County Staff	Daniel Redick		X	All
Benton County Staff	Scott Kruger		X	All

Each member is allowed to assign one WORKGROUP alternate for the process. That person must have full authority to represent their Organization/Interest Group. If the alternate is attending, the primary member must provide written notice to Facilitator at least 72 hours in advance of a meeting’s start time. Assigning a replacement alternate is at the discretion of the Facilitator.

Government-to-government tribal consultation/coordination/communication will be ongoing.

V. Public Attendance

The public is welcome to attend all meetings. The facilitator will manage the meetings consistent with the Agenda, which gives priority to committee members, first to Polling members and second to Ex Officio Members. There will be time on the agenda dedicated to receiving input from the public with time limits for each person.

VI. Subcommittees

The County will evaluate the need for subcommittees, factoring in time and resource considerations. With the approval of the BOC and concurrence of staff, the WORKGROUP may create subcommittees if necessary, and allocate meeting time accordingly.

VII. WORKGROUP Material and Support

All committee materials will be provided electronically as a sustainability measure.

Meeting notices, agendas, materials, minutes (the members present, all motions, resolutions, votes taken and the substance of any discussion,) and recordings will be posted on this [webpage](#).

Technical input from agencies, organizations, or individuals with specialized expertise will be available to the WORKGROUP as issues arise.

VIII. Facilitator

The County has contracted with an independent and neutral third-party facilitator, [ICMresolutions](#), (Facilitator,) whose role is to facilitate meetings, help the WORKGROUP develop recommendations, and produce WORKGROUP reports. The Facilitator's responsibility is to the WORKGROUP process, but neither WORKGROUP membership/sponsorship, nor process participation is a substitute for independent legal or other professional advice. That is the responsibility of the process participants. The Facilitator will also be available as a resource for conflict resolution and WORKGROUP process improvement suggestions.

The Facilitator's written contract with the County is available for review. The Facilitator will not be influenced by payment source. To ensure impartiality, the County will solicit WORKGROUP input on the Facilitator's performance before changing ICMresolution's status, but the ultimate decision is the BOC's.

The Facilitator may suggest concepts for WORKGROUP consideration, but will not make any decisions.

Specific Facilitator responsibilities include:

- A. Design and support meeting process to achieve the outcomes of the process using formal agenda and meeting recordings to track progress;
- B. Ensure culturally competent practices are used to foster inclusion and the equal voice of all participants;
- C. Ensure a welcoming meeting environment where all members can participate;
- D. Ensure a safe environment for alternative opinions to be expressed;

- E. Conduct meetings in a manner to foster collaborative decision-making and consensus building; and
- F. Prevent dialogue from becoming confrontational and apply mediation practices to resolve conflict.

The Facilitator may have non-confidential, informal communications and perform facilitation activities between and during meetings. The BOC gives broad authority to the Facilitator to interpret this document and guide the WORKGROUP accordingly. The Facilitator will address situations where it appears a participant is not acting according to this document.

IX. Work Plan/Schedule

The committee will meet according to the draft work plan outlined below, which is subject to change.

Meeting One: 9/8/22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introductions ● Review of Charter with Process Overview ● Member Comments ● Charge A: Discuss Common Understandings document draft ● Next Steps and Homework ● Meeting Evaluation
Meeting Two: 9/15/22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charge A continued: Develop Common Understandings ● Coffin Butte Tour ● Next Steps and Homework
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Meeting Four: 10/27/22
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Meeting Five: 11/3/22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charge B continued, and Charge C: Scope the necessary tasks to start a Long-Term Sustainable Materials Management Plan process ● Next Steps and Homework
Meeting Six: 11/17/22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide input on Charges D and E: Additional Topics

- Hauling Reopening
- Roles/Responsibilities
- Timeline for code changes
- Consider creating a public-facing document and community education campaign on these topics
- Authorize Draft to SWAC/DSAC and Planning Commission for comment
- Next Steps and Homework

- | Meeting Seven: 12/1/22 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Review SWAC/DSAC and Planning Commission Feedback● Edit Draft Report● Next Steps and Homework |

- | Meeting Eight: 12/15/22 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Finalize Report to BOC● Next Steps: The BOC is expected to consider the findings and recommendations in January 2023.● Process Evaluation● Celebration! |

Please see **Exhibit A** for Calendar version.

X. Collaboration Protocols for WORKGROUP Recommendations

The WORKGROUP will follow these protocols.

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- B. “One Table:”** It is the BOC’s preference that the WORKGROUP be the “One Table” for issues related to the above Charge. It encourages community members, interested parties, SWAC/DSAC, and the Planning Commission to direct their input there. Substantive work on elements of topics that are within the WORKGROUP’S Charge should not be undertaken by the Planning Commission and SWAC/DSAC while the WORKGROUP is underway, except as they relate to their review of the WORKGROUP’S work product for feedback as specified in Section IX, above.
- C. Transparency and Media:** Members agree that transparency is essential to all deliberations. In that regard:
 - 1) WORKGROUP members agree to notify Darren Nichols (darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US) and Cory Grogan (cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US) of written communications with the media.
 - 2) Members agree to direct public testimony about WORKGROUP work to BentonCountyTalksTrash@Co.Benton.OR.US. These communications will be included in the public record and copied to all WORKGROUP members.
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- 4) Whenever reasonable, WORKGROUP members and staff will refer press, citizen, and other inquiries to Darren Nichols (darren.nichols@Co.Benton.OR.US) and Cory Grogan (cory.grogan@Co.Benton.OR.US.)

D. Disclosure of Public Official Conflicts of Interest:

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F. Interpretation and Amendment: The process terms of this document, except those required by law, are guidelines, and the BOC authorizes the Facilitator to interpret them. The Facilitator will lead a WORKGROUP discussion designed to reach a consensus on any proposed substantive amendments to this document. Ultimately, the BOC will make the final decision on any proposed substantive amendments.

G. Agreement: *Participation in this process is an agreement to abide by the terms of this document.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Info due from FEDS and DEQ etc.			1	2 WG Packet Sent	3
4	5 Labor Day	6 BOC Meeting Planning Commission	7	8 WG Mtg #1 Charter & Charge A Rosh Hashanah	9	10
11	12	13 BOC Goal-Setting Work Session	14	15 WG Mtg #2 Charge A and Tour	16 Yom Kippur	17
18	19	20 BOC Meeting Plan/Comm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 SWAC	29	30 WG Packet Sent	

October 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 BOC Tuesday Board Meeting Plan/Comm	5	6 WG Mtg #3 Charge B	7	8
9	10	11 BOC Goal-Setting Work Session	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 BOC Meeting Plan/Comm	19	20	21 WG Packet Sent	22
23	24	25	26 SWAC/DSAC	27 WG Mtg #4 Charge B	28	29
30	31 WG Packet Sent					

November 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BOC Meeting Plan/Comm	2	3 WG Mtg #5 Charges B and C	4	5
6	7	8 BOC Goal- Setting Work Session Election Day	9 BOC Meeting w/ Community Development, Natural Areas, Parks & Events	10 WG Packet Sent	11 Veteran's Day	12
13	14	15 BOC Meeting Plan/Comm	16	17 WG Mtg #6 Charges D and E Draft Report for Review	18	19
20	21	22	23 SWAC	24 Thanksgiving	25 Day After	26
27	28	29 WG Packet Sent	30			

December 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 WG Mtg #7 Review Feedback and Edit Report	2	3
4	5	6 BOC Meeting Plan/Comm Hanukkah: 8 Days	7 ? Special Meeting: SWAC/DSAC	8	9	10
11	12 WG Packet Sent	13	14	15 WG Mtg #8 Finalize Report and Celebration!	16	17
18	19	20 Plan/Comm	21	22	23	24
25	26 Holiday	27	28 SWAC (Typically Cancelled/ Rescheduled)	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

January 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Kwanzaa	2	3 BOC Tuesday Board Meeting Planning Commission	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 MLK Day BOC Tuesday Board Meeting Planning Commission	18	18	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Q1 33-45

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Social media

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 County email

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 Respondent skipped this question

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Q7 I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.

Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) [This section of the report starts on Page 47]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the SMMP section of the Report:

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q9 I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.

Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56].Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

Q10 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q11 I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.

Legal Issues & Land Use Review [This section of the report starts on Page 70].Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Legal Issues & Land Use Review section of the Report:

Q12 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q13 I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.

Past Land Use Application Conditions [This section of the report starts on Page 96]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Past Land Use Application Conditions section of the Report:

Q14 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q15

I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.

Community Education & Public Involvement [This section of the report starts on Page 109]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Community Education & Public Involvement section of the Report:

Q16

Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q17

Benton County and the BCTT Workgroup recognize that solid waste and disposal are complex topics. While the workgroup was able to complete a substantial amount of work within the time allowed, we do not presume to have captured all possible issues during the BCTT process. What other comments and suggestions would you like to share with the County Board of Commissioners on any solid waste topic?

I am deeply disappointed in this and the last survey that went out to the community. Completely inaccessible and does not ask the kinds of questions that an average community member (let alone anyone) can understand.

In broad strokes, I do not want Benton County to accept trash from other communities. That can and should not be our legacy. We should be finding ways to reduce our trash output instead of putting a terrible burden on those that live anywhere near the landfill.

#2

COMPLETE

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Q1 **33-45**

What is your age range?

Q2 **Outside Benton County,**
Other (please specify):
Albany, but work in Corvallis and spend significant time in
Benton County for recreation.

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 **County email**

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 **County email**

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 **English**

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q7

I generally agree with this section of the report.

Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) [This section of the report starts on Page 47]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the SMMP section of the Report:

Q8

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

This portion seems well written and in line with my values as a community member.

Q9

I generally agree with this section of the report.

Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

Q10

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

We need to operate this landfill in a sustainable manner for the long term. That means accommodating periodic expansions. I am in favor of periodic expansions to meet the community's needs.

Q11

I generally agree with this section of the report.

Legal Issues & Land Use Review [This section of the report starts on Page 70]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Legal Issues & Land Use Review section of the Report:

Q12

Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q13

I generally agree with this section of the report.

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Q14

Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q15

I generally agree with this section of the report.

Community Education & Public Involvement [This section of the report starts on Page 109]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Community Education & Public Involvement section of the Report:

Q16

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I didn't like how the previous expansion process got derailed by people who jumped in at the last minute. That's not a healthy process and it does a disservice to the thousands of community members who were expecting their elected commissioners to handle the expansion in an even-handed, expedient manner.

Q17

Respondent skipped this question

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#3

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Time Spent: 00:42:51
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Q1 **Prefer not to provide**

What is your age range?

Q2 **Corvallis**

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 **Other (please specify):**
How did you learn about this survey? I didn't run across a single advertisement, notice, or person who was already aware of this survey. I had to specifically email local government to find out when and how surveys/community input would be collected.

Q4 **Mailer**

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 **English**

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q7

I generally disagree with this section of the report.

Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) [This section of the report starts on Page 47]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the SMMP section of the Report:

Q8

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

There are a lot of words here and few clear actionable items to address. Ultimately, Benton County should only be responsible for local waste, nothing beyond the county. The waste accepted and the management of it should be strictly regulated with environmental and social impact at the forefront of the issue (less waste = less impact, for property values, for local streams/wildlife/air quality). Forming committee after committee from area after area is going to be a lengthy process that leads to constant negotiation with no progress. Let's start small and lead by example, not bite off more than we can chew and outsource the problem to a consultant who it going to be expensive and produce page after page of bureaucratic literature that ultimately covers up the lack of progress and need for immediate change.

Q9

I generally disagree with this section of the report.

Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

Q10

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

These recommendations all don't seem to recognize that there is a problem here and now. They are all, "find out more about" and "investigate this" types of empty statements. Republic Services, a for profit company, has no interest in preserving the needs, wants, and health of Benton County. They are going to continue to fill up Coffin Butte as long as it is profitable, then move on. Stop taking on trash from Surrounding communities, Benton County needs to be accountable for our own waste and ours alone so we can make quick and efficient work of this growing problem. Why is our beautiful backyard the dumping grounds of the entire area?

Q11

I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.

Legal Issues & Land Use Review [This section of the report starts on Page 70]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Legal Issues & Land Use Review section of the Report:

Q12

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

This section is confusing and unusable for the average person to make a decision on the matter. It appears the goal of this document is to exhaust those interested in the topic until we can't afford the time to invest in decision making. Please consider making these surveys purposeful and respectful of those with an opinion and also a full time job.

Q13

I generally disagree with this section of the report.

Past Land Use Application Conditions [This section of the report starts on Page 96]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Past Land Use Application Conditions section of the Report:

Q14

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Please make information on land use readily accessible to the average resident (in language, content, and availability). No one logs into this rudimentary website for updates, we need updates via mailers and social media to stay up to date. This is true with any big decisions. The small group of people present at local meetings is not representative of the whole community.

Q15

I generally agree with this section of the report.

Community Education & Public Involvement [This section of the report starts on Page 109]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Community Education & Public Involvement section of the Report:

Q16

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

The "email blast, website post, and displays or presentations where people already spend time (i.e., Library, community events)" is ineffective at reaching many people in the community. You have to sign up to receive the emails, so right off the bat, you are missing people who had no idea this is a requirement to stay informed. My demographic of working professionals doesn't go to the library, benton county website, or community events. We go to work, the grocery store, and come home. Please send out mailers for ALL of the meetings and updates for those not enrolled via email and PLEASE don't vary your methods of contact for one thing or another (ex. bulletin posts for surveys but emails for board meetings and mailers for updates on land use). People need to be informed consistently and will good intent to reach ALL community members, not just those with kids attending library functions or the time to be combing the internet for updates.

Q17

Benton County and the BCTT Workgroup recognize that solid waste and disposal are complex topics. While the workgroup was able to complete a substantial amount of work within the time allowed, we do not presume to have captured all possible issues during the BCTT process. What other comments and suggestions would you like to share with the County Board of Commissioners on any solid waste topic?

Please simplify your approach so we can achieve actual progress. First and foremost, limit waste accepted at Coffin Butte to just that of Benton County. Then, with a more manageable burden to take care of, address systems to maintain soil, air, and water. Next, focus on building a community of re-using waste. Stop letting a company like Republic Services bully residents into submission for their profits at the expense of Benton County's livability.

#4

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Q1 **46-64**

What is your age range?

Q2 **Adair Village**

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 **Friend/Neighbor/Colleague**

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 **Mailer**

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 **English**

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6
Please provide your email address if you would like to receive further communications about solid waste-related issues. Your email and any other personally identifying information will not be associated with your answers to this survey.



Q7 **I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.**

Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) [This section of the report starts on Page 47]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the SMMP section of the Report:

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q9 I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.

Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56].Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

Q10 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

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Q14 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q15 I generally agree with this section of the report.

Community Education & Public Involvement [This section of the report starts on Page 109]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Community Education & Public Involvement section of the Report:

Q16 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q17 Respondent skipped this question

Benton County and the BCTT Workgroup recognize that solid waste and disposal are complex topics. While the workgroup was able to complete a substantial amount of work within the time allowed, we do not presume to have captured all possible issues during the BCTT process. What other comments and suggestions would you like to share with the County Board of Commissioners on any solid waste topic?

#5

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 01:18:06
IP Address: 71.59.247.251

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Q1 **46-64**

What is your age range?

Q2 **Corvallis**

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 **Social media**

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 **County email**

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 **English**

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q7 **I generally disagree with this section of the report.**

Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) [This section of the report starts on Page 47]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the SMMP section of the Report:

Q8

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Hiring a consultant would be very expensive in terms of time and dollars and likely would have no real impact.

Q9

I generally disagree with this section of the report.

Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

Q10

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I disagree with effort spend a lot of time to determine how past decisions were made. The removal of the tonnage cap was probably a mistake. Republic got a win on that. See if leverage to revisit that could be used in a future CUP approval. I worked in Republic management locally there for many years. They are beholden to shareholders and therefore short sighted. The current backlash they are facing is a perfect time to renegotiate annual tonnage limits. This could help other cities and counties to be put on notice that they need to develop other disposal sites.

Q11

I generally disagree with this section of the report.

Legal Issues & Land Use Review [This section of the report starts on Page 70]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Legal Issues & Land Use Review section of the Report:

Q12

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I see the loudest voices coming from landfill neighbors. I know the landfill has purchased neighboring land as it became available as buffer zones. I keep wondering if the current neighbors Somehow bought their property not knowing about the landfill and it's zoning? Their decision to buy a house, and subsequent realization about what that means shouldn't impose a substantial cost to the rest of us in Benton County in terms of higher tipping fees. But I agree that there should be greater scrutiny going forward regarding compliance on tonnage limits. In my experience, the local landfill management always tried to address local concerns and be a good neighbor but pressures from the corporate office to increase revenue led to negotiations in their favor. Benton county oversight was maybe lax (SWAC was pretty much a rubber stamp) but the DEQ is the ultimate authority and they do a good job.

Q13 I generally disagree with this section of the report.

Past Land Use Application Conditions [This section of the report starts on Page 96]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Past Land Use Application Conditions section of the Report:

Q14 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q15 I generally agree with this section of the report.

Community Education & Public Involvement [This section of the report starts on Page 109]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Community Education & Public Involvement section of the Report:

Q16 What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I agree more community notice would be good. The problem is that our community does not know about all of the complexities involved (as with most issues, though, as would not be expected).

Q17 Benton County and the BCTT Workgroup recognize that solid waste and disposal are complex topics. While the workgroup was able to complete a substantial amount of work within the time allowed, we do not presume to have captured all possible issues during the BCTT process. What other comments and suggestions would you like to share with the County Board of Commissioners on any solid waste topic?

The landfill is an asset our county has in terms of franchise rates and relatively low tipping fees. But corporate greed played a part in where we are now. I think this should serve as an opportunity to get Republic to agree on lower tonnage limits in exchange for developing the new south cell. I also wonder if knife River could agree to excavate quicker on the previously planned cell and stockpile it until needed- at Republic's expense.

#6

COMPLETE

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Q1 **Over 65**

What is your age range?

Q2 **Blodgett**

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 **Other (please specify):**

How did you learn about this survey? **Philomath Newsletter**

Q4 **Mailer**

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 **English**

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6

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[REDACTED]

Q7 **Respondent skipped this question**

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Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q9 Respondent skipped this question

Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56].Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

Q10 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q11 Respondent skipped this question

Legal Issues & Land Use Review [This section of the report starts on Page 70].Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Legal Issues & Land Use Review section of the Report:

Q12 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q13 Respondent skipped this question

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Q14 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q17

Respondent skipped this question

Benton County and the BCTT Workgroup recognize that solid waste and disposal are complex topics. While the workgroup was able to complete a substantial amount of work within the time allowed, we do not presume to have captured all possible issues during the BCTT process. What other comments and suggestions would you like to share with the County Board of Commissioners on any solid waste topic?

#7

COMPLETE

Collector: Web Link 1 (Web Link)
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Last Modified: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 11:36:21 AM
Time Spent: 00:06:53
IP Address: 174.247.179.154

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Q1 Over 65

What is your age range?

Q2 Monroe

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Friend/Neighbor/Colleague

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 County email

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 Respondent skipped this question

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Q7 I generally agree with this section of the report.

Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) [This section of the report starts on Page 47]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the SMMP section of the Report:

Q8

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Too long and redundant. Not specific or action oriented

Q9

Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56].Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.

Q10

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

This should be more of a technical evaluation than a public argument

Q11

Legal Issues & Land Use Review [This section of the report starts on Page 70].Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Legal Issues & Land Use Review section of the Report:

I generally disagree with this section of the report.

Q12

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Why would this even be in the report

Q13

Past Land Use Application Conditions [This section of the report starts on Page 96]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Past Land Use Application Conditions section of the Report:

Respondent skipped this question

Q14

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Redundant to the land use process

Q15 I generally agree with this section of the report.

Community Education & Public Involvement [This section of the report starts on Page 109]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Community Education & Public Involvement section of the Report:

Q16 Respondent skipped this question

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#8

COMPLETE

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Time Spent: 01:49:21
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Q1 Over 65

What is your age range?

Q2 Soap Creek

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 County email

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 County email

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 Respondent skipped this question

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Q7 I generally agree with this section of the report.

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Q8

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

The SMMP is a critical next step. A cost-benefit analysis and environmental impact assessment for hosting a regional landfill should be considered as a part of the SMMP. Benton County residents deserve to have more of a say in what goes into Coffin Butte Landfill. It should start with the SMMP process and include outreach to other counties whose trash ends up at this Landfill.

Q9

Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.

Q10

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I am not convinced current practices and assumptions for landfill size and scope are appropriate for the future. Given our growing knowledge of the environmental problems associated with landfills, including impacts to groundwater and waterways as well as run off impacts to soil, we need to reassess how landfills are excavated, filled and monitored. More extreme rain events predicted with climate change may mean existing settling ponds are insufficient and contaminated water runoff may cause additional harm to water resources. Arsenic has been found above limits in test wells - is this truly a normal environmental phenomena or a landfill impact? Methane production and release over the entire surface of the landfill needs to be more accurately characterized. 14 - 16 years of capacity is sufficient time to allow the County and its residents to assess what is in our best interests. What about safety with current practices? Republic Services was allowed to abandon their on-site leachate treatment without repercussion and instead transfer this toxic liquid to Corvallis, the Willamette River and any downstream user. The fire risk and impacts on people and the environment have not been considered. Please do not allow the closure of Coffin Butte Road. Republic Services has turned Coffin Butte Landfill into their "cash cow". They claim to care about the community, so how can they be incentivized to consider Benton County's 50 year landfill needs without expansion? They have other options for how to manage this Landfill and where to haul trash. The County needs to stop making it so attractive for Republic Services to bring as much trash, as fast as possible to fill Coffin Butte Landfill.

Q11

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I generally disagree with this section of the report.

Q12

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I disagree with the ability for County leaders to limit SWAC's role - this is silencing the public voice! The land use and legal context are intergenerational issues that have become increasingly complex. It is like a cancer that grows slowly, incrementally, until it hits an exponential growth curve. The status quo is no longer acceptable. We are the generation who can STOP and course correct, instead of passing this problem onto the next generation who will live with the consequences of our unwillingness to make difficult decisions today.

Q13

Past Land Use Application Conditions [This section of the report starts on Page 96]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Past Land Use Application Conditions section of the Report:

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Q14

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This is another inter-generational issue that must be addressed. Over time, incremental allowances have resulted in today's industrial landfill operation. Republic Services does not appear to be complying with past agreements (CUPR-8), so why should they be allowed to submit a new CUP? I quote John Deuel..."One of the trends I saw throughout this process, and in the report about these land use actions, is that the County and others were derelict in securing and maintaining accurate records of land use requirements and compliance with those requirements. I strongly hope that going forward, the County and others responsible for authorizing and enforcing land use conditions will allocate the resources needed to maintain sufficient records so that 50 years from now, the next generation of citizen decision makers will have better information."

Q15

Community Education & Public Involvement [This section of the report starts on Page 109]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Community Education & Public Involvement section of the Report:

I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.

Q16

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Some of the recommendations are good and I hope the County will actually implement a plan that meets residents where they are and in a manner we can understand. To date, in my opinion, the BCTT outreach has not helped clarify nor build trust.

Q17

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We need to take a long term view and make difficult fiscal decisions now, rather than taking the easy way out. Signing the 20 year franchise agreement with Republic Services that removed the tonnage cap to capturing more short term revenues was wrong. Please prioritize a neutral 3rd party LONG TERM cost-benefit analysis and environmental impact assessment for hosting a regional landfill.

#9

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Q1 Over 65

What is your age range?

Q2 Monroe

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 County email

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 County email

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 Respondent skipped this question

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Q7 I generally agree with this section of the report.

Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) [This section of the report starts on Page 47]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the SMMP section of the Report:

Q8

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two things are apparent and urgent: Avoid public confusion. No amount of recycling or circular economic development by Benton Co residents will impact the lifespan or toxic conditions present at Coffin Butte.

A SMMP is long over due. Benton Co residents are at the mercy of Republic Services and their contractual relationships with other counties who transport waste to Coffin Butte. This is a shame and makes us all totally vulnerable.

Q9

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Why was lifting the tonnage cap linked to approval of landfill expansion? If money/income to Benton Co from the franchise agreement is the only motivating factor for the Board of Commissioners, it is not clear that their economic impact analysis is thorough or robust. The income from Republic services does not seem like enough to balance the environmental damage from the leechate and other risks.

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This sections identifies the legal roles of Valley Landfill (owner), Coffin Butte Landfill (operator) but does not identify the legal roles of Republic Services and Allied Waste. That should be added. Recommendations are not clear. They are written in a style that is vague. The findings identify Benton Co code they say is vague but they do not suggest alternatives/improvements. LLU-F19 is illogical. It says that the county doesnot have the expertise to determine if an environmental parameter is being exceeded but it does have the expertise, and it is "simpler," to require a specific mitigation. Doesn't that imply the same level of expertise? The land use approval status of Cell 6 must be resolved before Republic Services submits another CUP application.

Q13 **I generally agree with this section of the report.**

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What a travesty. The County has been motivated by money to negotiate with Republic Services, then did not trouble with due diligence to protect county residents. Shameful!!!

Q15 **I generally agree with this section of the report.**

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Making volunteer effort onerous with long meetings and ever-longer reports seems like a strategy to limit public involvement. I believe that, generally, people who are sincere and understand what they are talking about can get a message across succinctly and clearly.

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We are all vulnerable to Republic Service's submittal of a new CUP application because of the time it takes to implement these recommendations, especially code changes and SMMP development. The franchise agreement is long lasting (20 years?). If they submit this year, this entire effort is moot.

#10

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Q1 **46-64**

What is your age range?

Q2 **Corvallis**

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 **Social media**

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 **Social media**

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

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Q15

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People need to be responsible for following events and happenings in their community - the onus is not just on the county for getting the word out. Things happen and it is our responsibility to know about them!

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I understand why the county pursued this initiative, but in the end, I'm not sure the result is what they were looking for. There were a few people in the group that seemed to steer the conversation and made this entirely about personal feelings about the landfill when that was not the original purpose. Folks so worried about the landfill should focus their energy on contributing less to it.

#11

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Q1 **19-32**

What is your age range?

Q2 **Corvallis**

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 **Social media**

How did you learn about this survey?

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I just wanted to give a shout out to Republic for being very forthcoming during this process; I appreciate their work at community engagement

#12

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Q1 **19-32**

What is your age range?

Q2 **Corvallis**

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

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I want to recognize the efforts Republic has made to stay involved in our community, both throughout their time here and to explain how things work during this process

#13

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Q1 33-45

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Social media

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 Social media

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

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I've appreciated that Republic is willing to come to the table during this process

#14

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Q1 33-45

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Friend/Neighbor/Colleague

How did you learn about this survey?

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Q5 English

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I just want to give a shoutout to Republic for all the work it has done to support the community here in Benton County

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What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

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How did you learn about this survey?

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I have never seen anything as confusing and unhelpful as the 1,099 pages published by this group.

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I think the report was an utter waste of time and money. My guess is that the intention is to cram what Republic Services wants down our throats via this confusing conglomeration.

#16

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What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

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I want to acknowledge the patience Republic has had during this process, as well as their effort to engage meaningfully

#17

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Q1 19-32

What is your age range?

Q2 OSU Campus

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Social media

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 Social media

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

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In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

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I think it's nice that Republic appears to be working to improve things in the community instead of just trying to force things through

#18

COMPLETE

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Q1 Over 65

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Other (please specify):

How did you learn about this survey? Phone message

Q4 Mailer

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

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Use less jargon when writing. Just get to the point.

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Don't try to be everything for everyone. Just serve the community where you reside and you won't need to grow the size of the property used and the site will last much longer.

Q11

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Benton County needs to step up to its responsibilities to the community and consider first and foremost the citizens and not the landfill which is about profit in all decisions.

*Benton County has not and does not actively monitor compliance with many Conditions of Approval, nor does it proactively act to enforce compliance.

**Benton County relies on complaints to initiate action to enforce Conditions of Approval.

Q15

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The landfill should not be be run as a "for profit" company. It would better serve the people to be run as a "not for profit" service overseen by the county. It should focussed on reduction of waste, and it should only serve Benton County.

#19

COMPLETE

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Q1 Over 65

What is your age range?

Q2 Other (please specify):

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

My property abuts the landfill, right up against the infamous Cell 6

Q3 County email,

How did you learn about this survey?

Other (please specify):

I had to reach out and ask to be on the list for the email. Aside from the signs that community members put up in the neighborhood, I was not invited to participate in the discussion about the landfill expansion or the Cell 6 discussion.

Q4 County email

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6

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It is apparent that the survey is designed to neuter public opinion to the point that it can be used to support whatever the County and Republic want to accomplish. Poorly written! A SMMP should absolutely be required before making any operational decisions about the site. Also, the execution of the 2020 Landfill Franchise Agreement in private without the knowledge of the community was a serious breach of trust and dramatically reduces confidence in any other steps or positions that Benton County takes in the future. It is clear that monetary considerations outweighed other factors in the signing of this agreement.

Q9

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Since the public representatives did not come up with the same conclusion as the county and company representatives, there better be an neutral arbitration attempt or legal entity who decides if creating a "Cell 6" is legitimate. It sure wasn't on the site plan when I bought the adjacent property!

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The expansion to Cell 6 impacts me directly as I own the adjacent property to Cell 6, approximately 450 yards of shared property line. When I bought my land I had to sign an agreement that acknowledged that I knew there was a landfill next door. I was told by the operator at the time (1984) that since the "old cell" in that location was closed, landfill activities would not move closer to my land. Since then the quarry blasting has caused damage to my property and the dramatic change to the topology has changed the wind direction, water flow, and visual impact. The water supporting a small pond on my place was diverted (likely to reduce the risk of effluent runoff like how it did the Helms property and well) so now it only gets rainwater. I originally intended to expand it and stock it with fish. I have a well nearby that is fortunately not down-slope of the landfill, but is certainly below its level and 175 yards from the proposed Cell 6 - I am concerned. I have already seen an increase of light-weight garbage on my property carried by the wind - that will certainly increase if they begin to move garbage into the cell. So yes, there has been and will be an impact to adjacent property that has changed its character and potential use.

Q13

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I am at a loss at how purchasing land adjacent to the landfill will do anything more than reduce complaints. When it gets into Soap Creek, it's in Soap Creek. I assume that it already is since it contaminated the Helms' well.

Q15

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I am still surprised to not have been contacted by the Landfill or County during all these discussions. Back in the '90s before the current operator took over, there was a reasonably good relationship.

Q17

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Develop a SWMP and follow it. Monitor activities at the site. Communicate better with the neighbors. Offer some sort of concessions to the neighboring properties to offset their exposure to sight, smells, and sounds of the operation.

#20

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Q1 46-64

What is your age range?

Q2 Soap Creek

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Other (please specify):
How did you learn about this survey? through following the BCTT process itself

Q4 County email

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6
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You already have my email for communications. I'm trusting that is still in place.

Q7 Respondent skipped this question

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I would like to share with the Commissioners the following, specific to the "History" section of the final document. In this survey's instructions, it listed the "History of Coffin Butte Landfill" as the first item we would be asked questions about - but then failed to provide the requisite questions and comments/suggestions field for this item, so I am using this "other comments and suggestions" textbox to provide my comment, as it is my only outlet for doing so.

IN THE HISTORY SECTION

My comments below are structured as follows: I have 1) sited the page number and wording of specific sections which need correcting for accuracy, 2) explained my reason for corrections, and then 3) offered updated wording. Due to extremely limited formatting options in this comment textbox, I have used asterisks to emphasize specific text: *single asterisks* around text within existing report wording I called out and **double asterisks** around my suggested replacement wording.

Pg 36 -

The very first complete sentence at the top of the page currently reads:

"It is important to recognize that the current issue of Coffin Butte is not about closure, but about *the manner of expansion.*"

I question this premise. Why is an expansion assumed as a part of the future of solid waste management?

Here is my suggested updated wording:

"It is important to recognize that the current issue of Coffin Butte is not about closure, but about **whether or not to expand it and if so, the manner of expansion.**"

Pg 38 -

In the paragraph that begins, "Public Notice of the Planning Commission Hearing..." the second sentence reads:

"Public outcry had been building over the past few months as residents began to understand the ramifications of the 2020 Franchise Agreement and the corresponding CUP, *which proposed extending the landfill area south of Coffin Butte Road, which* had long been viewed locally as a 'case closed' impossibility given the 1983 and 1994 agreements."

What must be made clear here is that the proposed "extension" included "vacating" (i.e. permanently closing!) Coffin Butte Road and extending the landfill across it into the area south of the road. This was hands-down THE most contentious aspect of LU-21-047 and omitting this from the history section of this document is a failure to capture an accurate history.

Here is my suggested updated wording:

"Public outcry had been building over the past few months as residents began to understand the ramifications of the 2020 Franchise Agreement and the corresponding CUP, **which proposed permanently closing Coffin Butte Road so as to expand the landfill across it onto land south of the road. This** had long been viewed locally as a 'case closed' impossibility given the 1983 and 1994 agreements."

Now let's go back to Pg 23 -

In the diagram here, the second checkmark-bullet-point dated 2021, the wording is (again) misleading because it implies approval sought in expansion was only to "place waste south of Coffin Butte Rd." when in fact the approval being sought was to "permanently close Coffin Butte Rd. and extend waste across it to the south."

I realize space in this graphic's layout is tight, however physically there is room within it to accommodate this slight additional wording. Here is my suggested rewording:

Republic files CUP seeking approval to close and place waste across Coffin Butte Rd to the South. Expansion request approved by Solid Waste Advisory Council, then denied by Planning Commission.

#21

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Q1 Over 65

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis,
Other (please specify):
We live just west of Corvallis in the Oak Cr. Dr. area

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 County email

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 County email

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 Please provide your email address if you would like to receive further communications about solid waste-related issues. Your email and any other personally identifying information will not be associated with your answers to this survey.

Q7 I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.

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Even just scanning through this report takes a great deal of time and effort. How about a 1 paragraph summary?!?

Q9

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Q10

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Q11

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Q12

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My hope is that toxic "forever chemicals" will be addressed and safe mitigation ensured.

Q13

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Q16

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Media coverage is limited and needs to be improved.

Q17

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Would like Benton Co. to take waste from only Benton County. Would like "forever chemicals" to be addressed.

#22

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Q1 19-32

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Social media

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 Social media

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I just wanted to acknowledge the efforts Republic has made to work with Benton County

#23

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Q1 33-45

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Social media

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I've appreciated the work Republic has done here in Corvallis over the years

#24

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Q1 19-32

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Social media

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I'm just glad Republic has been collaborating and engaging with the community

#25

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Q1 46-64

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Q2 Corvallis

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Q1 **19-32**

What is your age range?

Q2 **Corvallis**

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Q3 **Social media**

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Q1 **46-64**

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Q2 **Corvallis**

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Q1 46-64

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Friend/Neighbor/Colleague

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 Newspaper ad

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

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At the end of the day this is an issue of how much trash we all create. This is our problem as residents, we need to take responsibility and realize that our trash is something that has to be dealt with one way or another. Republic Services even if they're a private business is basically like any other public utility that we rely on. Their services are just necessary for us and as a community and I think we have to accept that. They've been a good participant through this whole thing and showed good faith which I thought was respectable

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Q1 33-45

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 County website

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 County website

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

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I actually thought Republic was a good contributor to the work group. I know not everyone agrees. But they came to every meeting and they provide important services for all of us.

#36

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Q1 46-64

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Friend/Neighbor/Colleague

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 Social media

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

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I recognize the time and effort that the workgroup put into these topics, and the report is evidence of that, but it is simply not representative of the attitudes shared within my community and the county writ large. This process was dictated by the loudest and most biased voices on these topics, and from the beginning it turned into a way to settle personal scores rather than a serious attempt to investigate pathways towards a more sustainable future.

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Q1 46-64

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 County email

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 County email

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

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Q1 Over 65

What is your age range?

Q2 Other (please specify):
North side of Coffin Butte

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Friend/Neighbor/Colleague

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 County email

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I'm a strong believer in local landfills. To enjoy a more sustainable environment, people should be aware of the full cycle of the materials they utilize. Hence, ideally, refuse should not be transported great distances to landfills. Distances greater than 50 miles seem great in my opinion. One possible exception might be for Hazardous waste disposal, which should be carefully controlled and with extremely limited access.

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I looked over the report but did not see if adjacent property owner's uses are honored and respected in the landfill use permit conditions. In particular, constraints on the absolute height of the landfill material deposit. The hilltop is used for radio communications repeaters and other equipment. This includes emergency communications systems for the local area, hence it is important to retain a height of the antennas above the landfill mass and to continue the line-of-sight pathways to various elements of the network.

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Having a good collection of the history of the site is wonderful.

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Communication and awareness for all is key. Thanks.

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Kindly look at my comments above, particularly in answer box 10 and 12.

Other items that are important are management of debris that end up on the highways near the landfill, trucks leaving the landfill and not having fully functional containment devices covering the now empty containers, odor control, scenery perspective experienced by travelers on major highways (such as HWY 99W), and sadly, the possible need to ensure security to avoid mischief by random demented individuals. Clearly, the use of 21st century recording devices could go a long way to reduce the challenges faced by law enforcement personnel regarding many of these items, hence, possibly installation of a speed and debris camera on HW 99W at the intersection into the entry road is a possible aid.

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

What is your age range?

Q2 Respondent skipped this question

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Respondent skipped this question

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FROM: Audubon Society of Corvallis

P.O. Box 148

Corvallis, OR 97339-0148

DATE: May 24, 2023

RE: Testimony regarding the Benton County Talks Trash Working Group
and the Benton County Landfill

TO: Benton County Board of Commissioners Benton County Planning Commission
4500 SW Research Way 360 SW Avery Ave.
Corvallis, Oregon 97333 Corvallis, OR 97333-1139

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the discussion and review conducted under the Benton County Talks Trash Working Group (BCTT). We would also take this opportunity to address some of the many concerns our members have with the future of solid waste disposal in Benton County. The improvisational development and management of the Coffin Butte landfill has occurred in the absence of a strategic planning approach, resulting now in the possible import and deposition of unrestricted amounts of unscreened solid waste from most of western Oregon to this landfill.

Our more than 300 individual and family memberships include residents of the mid-Willamette Valley, primarily Benton and Linn County residents who rely on trash and garbage collection services. All of us depend on the thoughtful disposal of household, business, and industrial wastes. We do not want waste contributing to the continued losses to our community's character, infrastructure, and environment, or to our region's environment.

We have witnessed the tremendous recent growth of the Coffin Butte landfill. Due to the review process undertaken by the BCTT at considerable expense to Benton County, we better understand some of the many adverse environmental impacts of the continued acceptance of solid waste without significant restraints. We value the contributions of volunteer members of the BCTT, but we know that the process entirely missed another opportunity to develop the solid waste management plan which we desperately need.

We find that the current Coffin Butte landfill already seriously interferes with the character of the area, and places undue and unmitigated impacts on public and environmental services from local to global in scale. With this history in mind, we support a denial of any expansion of this landfill beyond currently permitted landfill cells until a county solid waste management plan is developed and adopted by Benton County through established norms and order.

The Current Landfill Site

Using an honor system to keep hazardous waste out of collected or self-delivered household, business, and industrial trash has resulted in the delivery of hazardous waste into the landfill. Whether through insufficient education, lack of alternative disposal methods or methods with higher costs, absence of thorough regulation or independent monitoring, or even deliberate subterfuge, hazardous substances such as pesticides, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing chemical byproducts, heavy metals, and petrochemicals still end up in the landfill. Materials currently not classified as hazardous, such as waste incinerator ash known to contain hazardous substances, are also currently and knowingly accepted.

In western Oregon's climate, exclusion of precipitation entering the landfill is not possible, even with intact cap coverage which will degrade over time. Rain adds to the liquids from biochemical degradation which percolate down through landfill producing leachate. This can be extracted only if entirely contained in the cells with intact bottom linings. This leachate contains contaminants dissolved in and transported by that column of liquid. It is not known how much leachate is not intercepted but instead transported into the groundwater, but test wells southwest of the landfill have shown that contaminants found in leachate, including arsenic, are still occurring a decade after the last acknowledged leakage event.

Air contamination from significant amounts of methane and carbon dioxide, two potent greenhouse gases, are also expelled from decomposition within the landfill. A minor portion of methane and other flammable gases are extracted and used at an electricity generating station, some percentage of which is simply flared off. More noticeable are sulfur-containing noxious gases.

Wetlands surround much of Coffin Butte. Earlier, an on-site attempt to "treat" leachate in wetlands southwest of Coffin Butte was abandoned after contaminants were found in the soils, and testing continues to show elevated levels of tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), and 1,1-dichloroethylene. A second leachate remediation effort using leachate to irrigate a hybrid poplar planting southeast of the landfill has also been abandoned. A third reverse osmosis treatment was also soon abandoned, and leachate is now transported off-site. Wetlands surrounding Coffin Butte have not been evaluated to establish whether they qualify as significant wetlands, and are incorrectly assumed to be insignificant.

Landfill operation continues to attract avian scavengers, from bald eagles, ravens, and gulls to European starlings.

Environmental Impacts

Wildlife

The growing mountain of trash at Coffin Butte will obstruct the movement of wildlife between the lowlands of Soap Creek valley and the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Management area, a travel corridor for humans, ungulates, and other mammals, as well as for great blue herons. Creating a continuous height barrier bridging from Coffin Butte to Tampico Ridge will hinder currently known nesting heron foraging activity in the lower portion of Soap Creek valley during the nesting season, when nearby foraging opportunities are essential for reproductive success.

The heronry earlier occupying a young Douglas-fir stand shifted first eastward to the poplar plantation, and now has apparently shifted further east again, now immediately adjacent to and east of Oregon Highway 99W, where fledglings will be more subject to mortality, besides posing a traffic safety hazard. It is not known if intentional direct human disturbance caused the two heronry abandonments, or if those were indirectly precipitated by increased human activity.

Bald eagles congregate at the landfill, and when their scavenging is disrupted by operations they will shift to forage nearby, including eating undefended nestlings such as great blue herons. As with herons, eagle nest failures are linked to unpredictable human disruptions. But unlike herons, eagles defend individual nest territories. Nesting eagle pairs are known to co-exist near some heronries with mutual benefit, alerting one another when nest predators like other eagles or gulls threaten nestlings. Thus the loss of a Coffin Butte eagle nest may also reduce the viability of any nearby heronry.

By both reducing nearby heron foraging opportunities and extinguishing the viability of any future heronry in the landfill area, this equates to the taking of an entire breeding colony of a special status species in Oregon.

The concentrated presence of gulls, ravens, and invasive Eurasian starlings associated with the waste management, disrupts and threatens many ground nesting birds, including rare and declining prairie nesting western meadowlarks, Oregon vesper sparrows, and streaked horned larks that use the surrounding fields. Starlings can also disrupt or displace cavity nesting birds including western bluebirds, purple martins, nuthatches, acorn woodpeckers, and chickadees.

Noise and Odor

Noise and odors emanating from the landfill operation affect not only local residents, but also members of the wildlife viewing community and other outdoor recreationists who visit E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, and the McDonald-Dunn Forest. Independent air-quality monitoring data by a Eugene-based non-profit shows that concentrations of hydrogen sulfide regularly exceed 0.1 ppm at locations 3 miles from the landfill on the edge of McDonald Forest, and can rise to 0.5 ppm on days when landfill odors are strong. This is consistently above the normal human sensory detection threshold of 0.01 ppm, and infringes on the expectation of breathing clean air at this popular site for outdoor recreation and nature experiences. The problem is even worse closer to the landfill on E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, especially on the Coffin Butte hiking trail.

Noise from the landfill and the associated methane-fueled electrical generating plant also affects the experience of nature-based recreation in nearby natural areas. High levels of ambient noise including nighttime hours are an impediment to surveys for nocturnal birds, especially owls. Research indicates that high ambient noise levels from industrial operations can be an impediment to breeding success for some bird species. The continued expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill from an initially small facility to a major industrial operation, in an otherwise quiet rural area, may be impacting wildlife in an area that Benton County has previously designated as an important wildlife corridor.

Twenty-four-hour activity

Despite prior land use decisions that limited the operating hours of the landfill to a window from 8 am to 5 pm, the operator has asserted a right for commercial garbage haulers to access the site at all hours. In current practice, this means trucks lining up on the scale house entrance road well before dawn, as early as 4 am, with bright lighting atop the landfill even earlier. Bright lights particularly in the early pre-dawn hours are known to be a significant hazard for migrating songbirds, which are drawn toward the light. The phenomenon of “tower kills” of migrant birds is well documented in relation to the communications industry, and has led to recommendations and regulations to limit such deaths. Bright, pre-dawn lighting atop the landfill poses a similar hazard for migrant birds.

Wetland and groundwater contamination

The landfill operator’s own environmental monitoring data show recurring and persistently high levels of arsenic near the compliance boundary for the site. Arsenic is a contaminant well-known to be associated with landfill leachate, and the operator’s own data show that leachate from Coffin Butte Landfill contains about 120 ppb, which is more than ten times the US EPA’s regulatory limit for drinking water.

To our knowledge there has been no monitoring of either groundwater or surface water outside of the landfill’s compliance boundary, to check if these contaminants migrate on to the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area. This is state land, so state assistance will be needed to investigate how far the contaminated zone extends beyond the landfill site boundaries.

Regional and Global Impacts

Leachate amounts, currently being trucked off-site, will increase in quantity and duration, and far longer than any of our human generations. No on-site treatment or remediation has been successful. All leachate now passes through municipal wastewater treatment facilities at Corvallis or Salem and discharges into the Willamette River. These facilities are not designed to remove a number of leachate contaminants. All the contaminants not captured by the treatment process pass directly into the Willamette River, while captured contaminants travel to sludge disposal sites. Ultimately, the pollutants Benton County has chosen to collect and concentrate at Coffin Butte are redistributed across the terrestrial and aquatic region. Inevitable ingestion and subsequent trophic bioaccumulation of contaminants like PFAS, lead, cadmium, mercury and other heavy metals puts the lives of secondary and tertiary consumers, scavengers and detritivores further at risk. Some tertiary consumers like salmon and other fishes become important human food.

Climate disrupting gases--especially methane and carbon dioxide--emitted from Coffin Butte landfill are already identified at the global scale. [<https://climatetrace.org/map>]. Benton County residents, in a nation already ranked as the greatest contributor to carbon emissions, will become some of the highest-ranked emitters on the planet.

Conclusion

As Benton County continues to accept regional waste, the expansive growth of the Coffin Butte landfill may soon rank Benton County residents on a per capita basis as some of the greatest contributors to climate change on our entire planet. Our residents also become forever accountable for what we choose to bequeath to our descendants here, at a site that already puts a wide range of contaminants into our air, into our water, and on and into our lands. Continuing this practice without a plan makes absolutely no sense. Regardless of how much effort and expense was consumed in producing the BCTT report, our community is no further advanced in planning our solid waste future. Until we have that plan, the County should not issue any permit that would allow expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill, which already interferes with the character of the area and places an undue burden on public facilities and services, including those related to environmental preservation, outdoor recreation, and quality of life.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment on the BCTT final report.

Respectfully submitted,

David K. Mellinger, Co-President

Karan A. Fairchild, Co-President

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Q1 46-64

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Other (please specify):
LinkedIn

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 Other (please specify):
Text alerts

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6
Please provide your email address if you would like to receive further communications about solid waste-related issues. Your email and any other personally identifying information will not be associated with your answers to this survey.

Q7 I generally agree with this section of the report.

Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) [This section of the report starts on Page 47]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the SMMP section of the Report:

Q8

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

We need to be able to put all recycling in one bin and all numbers without driving to Circle Blvd with trash in our nice new cars?

Q9

I generally agree with this section of the report.

Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56].Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

Q10

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Please allow all numbers and glass in the bin with the recycle symbol and have technology and money/ resources put into designing a recycle machine that can take all plastic and all paper transitioned to one material. Willing to do a grad school program on the topic.

Q11

I generally agree with this section of the report.

Legal Issues & Land Use Review [This section of the report starts on Page 70].Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Legal Issues & Land Use Review section of the Report:

Q12

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See above

Q13

I generally agree with this section of the report.

Past Land Use Application Conditions [This section of the report starts on Page 96]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Past Land Use Application Conditions section of the Report:

Q14

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

See above

Q15

I generally agree with this section of the report.

Community Education & Public Involvement [This section of the report starts on Page 109]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Community Education & Public Involvement section of the Report:

Q16

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

See above

Q17

Benton County and the BCTT Workgroup recognize that solid waste and disposal are complex topics. While the workgroup was able to complete a substantial amount of work within the time allowed, we do not presume to have captured all possible issues during the BCTT process. What other comments and suggestions would you like to share with the County Board of Commissioners on any solid waste topic?

See above

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Q1 19-32

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Mailer,
Other (please specify):
How did you learn about this survey? I received a postcard about the open house, and then looked up more information on the website.

Q4 Mailer,
Other (please specify):
What is your preferred method of communication from the County? Receiving email or postcards about particularly important topics

Q5 English
In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 Respondent skipped this question
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Q7

I generally agree with this section of the report.

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Q8

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I would like to reemphasize the need for circular system that reduces waste. In the case of unavoidable waste, could safe incineration with proper environmental protection standards be a better disposal method than landfilling, with its accompanying safety concerns such as groundwater contamination and methane emissions? Is there a waste incinerator somewhere in Oregon that could be used, or could a facility be constructed with the most advanced equipment available?

Q9

I generally agree with this section of the report.

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What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

It is depressing to read that the volume of waste has been increasing over time. Is this primarily due to consumer waste, industrial waste, or both? It seems we need to put much more effort into reducing waste and creating a circular economy. Perhaps consumers could be provided more financial incentives to produce less waste. Also, the large discrepancy in methane capture rates reported by DEQ and Republic Services is concerning. These rates should be monitored in a more thorough and transparent manner. There is no reason for organic waste that could be composted to end up in the landfill.

Q11

I generally agree with this section of the report.

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I found this section difficult to understand. I agree with the need for more transparency around the franchise agreement. There should not be incentives to produce more waste. I found the letter from the lawyer who declined the invitation to join the working group slightly concerning; however, I did not understand the letter well enough to make an informed opinion.

Q13

I generally agree with this section of the report.

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I agree that transparency and enforcement need to be improved. It seems that more information is needed about leachate and its potential environmental concerns. Is the leachate tested for PFAS or other chemicals? Are contaminants removed by the treatment process or are they ending up in the Willamette River? This is concerning.

Q15

I generally agree with this section of the report.

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What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I think that notification is most important at start of any process, so that interested parties hear about any proceedings and can follow further events. Too many notifications could cause people to start ignoring them.

Q17

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1. Please consider instituting municipal pet waste composting. Pet waste adds a completely unnecessary burden on landfill capacity. Composting this material, using appropriate methods to reach temperatures that kill any potential pathogens, is safe, effective, and sustainable, turning it from a nuisance into a resource. Many communities across the US and Canada allow pet waste in their municipal compost. Several brands of compostable bags are available, with appropriate certifications to ensure they are indeed compostable (for example a California company called beyondGREEN). A private company has provided pet waste composting to the Portland area; why don't we have this service in Benton County? We could serve as a model for expanding this practice throughout the region, saving resources, reducing waste, and making the county more sustainable.
 2. I found that the history section was informative and provided valuable context for thinking about waste management in Benton County.
 3. I find it concerning that some public members of the committee were removed. I also found some of the member statements about the working group process concerning. All opinions should have been heard. Removing those who don't agree in order to reach consensus goes against the fundamental idea of consensus. It's hard to gauge how the process went without being there, and some member statements were more positive, so this leaves me with a feeling of uneasiness about the report and whether it is truly representative of our community.
 4. Finally, this report is quite long and most community members will not have time to read such an extensive document. To encourage broader community engagement, I think a more targeted report would work better, focusing on key issues where the county truly plans to engage and listen to public opinions.
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Q1 Over 65

What is your age range?

Q2 Corvallis

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Social media

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 Social media

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 English

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 Respondent skipped this question

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Q7 I generally agree with this section of the report.

Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) [This section of the report starts on Page 47]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the SMMP section of the Report:

Q8 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q9 I generally agree with this section of the report.

Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56].Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

Q10 Respondent skipped this question

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Q11 I generally agree with this section of the report.

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Q12 What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

In first row (Wetlands) of the table on page 92, delete the text in the last column (Notes). Subsequent votes of the working group revised this. As they recognized, this statement as stated is deceiving. No significant wetlands were found because the County's wetland inventory did not survey areas near the landfill, so the significance of known wetlands there remains unassessed by Oregon DSL's legally specified protocols.

Q13 I generally agree with this section of the report.

Past Land Use Application Conditions [This section of the report starts on Page 96]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Past Land Use Application Conditions section of the Report:

Q14 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q15 I generally agree with this section of the report.

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Q16 Respondent skipped this question

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Q17 Respondent skipped this question

Benton County and the BCTT Workgroup recognize that solid waste and disposal are complex topics. While the workgroup was able to complete a substantial amount of work within the time allowed, we do not presume to have captured all possible issues during the BCTT process. What other comments and suggestions would you like to share with the County Board of Commissioners on any solid waste topic?

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Q1 Respondent skipped this question

What is your age range?

Q2 North Albany

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 Newspaper ad

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 Newspaper ad

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 Spanish

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 Please provide your email address if you would like to receive further communications about solid waste-related issues. Your email and any other personally identifying information will not be associated with your answers to this survey.

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Q7 I generally agree with this section of the report.

Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) [This section of the report starts on Page 47]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the SMMP section of the Report:

Q8

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I generally agree with the Sustainable Materials Management Plan section, and its main theme that an SMMP should help transition and re-focus from linear, end-of-life waste management to more holistic, systemic, circular approaches for all materials. This is important to respect the values that Benton County residents hold in my experience and to live up to the values that Benton County government officially espouses.

One notable absence in this section: WHY has Benton County never had a Sustainable Materials Management Plan?! As the site of Coffin Butte Landfill, a regional landfill? How did that happen? Why did it happen and why has it been left for so long? It seems like it took the denial of the last expansion to wake the County up.

The disappointing part of this section is how none of its thinking seems to have made its way into the other sections of the report: the Legal Issues Section C ignores it entirely, the Landfill Size Section B only pays it scant attentions, and so on. This strikes me as a big failing of this report.

Q9

I generally disagree with this section of the report.

Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

Q10

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I "generally" disagree with this section because it seems wrongheaded: it focuses on the landfill's physical parameters over the factors that cause the waste flow to grow or diminish. It also chooses to prioritize information about the landfill that is supplied by the landfill operator, which seems to be putting the fox in charge of the henhouse. The report should prioritize third-party information, not diminish it. Especially because it seems there is information the landfill operator refuses to disclose, such as the true status of the quarry (see below).

It seems to me that by relying exclusively on landfill data supplied by the landfill operator, Benton County is saying out loud that it is not and will not represent the community's interest in the issues surrounding the landfill. Which seems like a gross dereliction of duty. I call attention to LSCL R3, which advises the County to: "Benton County should contract for an updated Baseline Study to evaluate the impact of the current intake level at Coffin Butte. As with the 2001 Baseline Study stipulated in the 2000 Landfill Franchise Agreement, this new study should determine and measure adverse effects, including but not limited to: traffic, soil conditions and contamination levels, air quality, surface and ground water conditions and contamination levels, noise, odor, visual screenings, litter, hours of operation, solid waste control systems and compliance with all solid waste Permits. This baseline study could help inform Benton County in decision making and financial choices regarding how to use the income from the landfill."

Why isn't the County objecting to this discription of the landfill situation, which I am copying from the Coffin Butte Landfill website?

"While the quarry is a vital part of Coffin Butte Landfill's waste disposal infrastructure, it is still being mined, and will not be ready for use for years. Meanwhile, Coffin Butte Landfill has approximately four years of life left in its current disposal area. That means that without approval of the CUP, there will be no outlet for the County's waste in the very near future, which will create numerous challenges and added costs for residents and businesses."

This representation of the landfill's capacity is directly contradicted by LSCL F17, which states that the quarry will be excavated in time to receive garbage when needed? Again, the County seems unwilling to even question whatever the landfill operator throws up.

The factors that can cause the waste flow to diminish are the factors that this section should focus on, because these can cause the most positive outcomes for the County and its residents, and which are most in line with the County's values as I understand them. I call the Board's attention to LSCL R1, which says "The Sustainable Materials Management Plan should further develop scenarios and factors that may impact

the landfill lifespan, including detailed analyses of likely projections. The Commissioners and County staff should keep the questions about these factors and their effects in mind when making decisions affecting the landfill."

Q11

I generally disagree with this section of the report.

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Q12

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I more than "generally disagree" with this section of the report, I heartily disagree with it. This section seems to be an attempt to assert "common understandings" and "recommended guidelines" and suchlike "definitions" over matters which the law specifically does not define, in order to make the law flexible enough to adapt to individual situations and changing conditions. The findings here seem to freely mix legal findings with interpretations of language ("spin") in a way that is confusing as to what is what. Both the findings and recommendations strike me as fairly transparent attempts to supply language that a commission or a board could use when allowing an expansion application, that could ostensibly be cited as "citizen workgroup findings" when the reality is quite different.

I look in vain through this section to find any examples of language that a commission or a board could cite when denying an expansion application. This seems to be by design. The authors of this section seem to have overlooked any analysis of the legal issues surrounding extraordinary concessions contained in an application, as closing Coffin Butte Road would have been in the last application, for example.

The authors were particularly blind to the issue of the "known unknowns" swirling around the landfill, known hazards such as PFAS contamination in leachate, landfill gas emissions and other air quality impacts, transportation air pollution, and climate destruction by methane, to name but four. These hazards exist, and data is emerging by which their severity can be assessed, but the section avoids addressing this fact of known unknowns – a policy of "strategic ignorance" which is unlikely to fare well in real life against a mobilized and knowledgeable public.

Q13

Respondent skipped this question

Past Land Use Application Conditions [This section of the report starts on Page 96]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Past Land Use Application Conditions section of the Report:

Q14

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I generally agree with one particular outcome of the section: the County has seemingly not even tried to enforce any Land Use Application Conditions in the past (as in, not even one) and thus it's meaningless to attach any Conditions of Approval to the next expansion application. They will similarly be ignored by both the County and the applicant.

This simple ground truth echoes throughout this entire report, but I'll point to one item in particular: "No Conditions Enforced, Ever" invalidates the finding in LLU F19 concerning health and environmental impacts of the landfill, which I'll excerpt here:

"The County could potentially determine that DEQ's regulation of a particular parameter is inadequate to prevent the proposed land use from seriously interfering with uses on surrounding properties. However, the County must articulate why DEQ's requirements are insufficient, and the County typically lacks the expertise or personnel to determine whether a particular environmental parameter is being exceeded. Alternatively, the County could require that specified mitigations be implemented, which is simpler to monitor than the level of certain emissions."

The last sentence is attempting to assert that Conditions of Approval can be used to wave away emerging environmental and health hazards of an expansion, and lauds it as being "simpler." Again, this is advocating a policy of "strategic ignorance" which is unlikely to fare well in real life against a mobilized and knowledgeable public.

To my mind, there is no scenario in which Conditions of Approval can have any validity or "teeth". The culture of "un-enforcement" at the County is now too entrenched for any Condition of Approval to be viable. In the last application for expansion, the County's response included an "analysis" that the landfill had complied with a condition for visual screening, which made the rounds on social media, it was such a laughingstock. You can't fix that level of pander.

Q15

Respondent skipped this question

Community Education & Public Involvement [This section of the report starts on Page 109]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Community Education & Public Involvement section of the Report:

Q16

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

I'm including a comment about the History section here (pp. 21-39) which otherwise seems to be glossed over by this Survey.

The "History of Coffin Butte" omits any mention of the proposed closure of Coffin Butte Road in the 2021 Expansion Application! Seems like too important of an element to have been left out of this historical record (although I can understand why the County might like for it to be swept under the rug). Especially relevant, because it might reappear in the next application.

Regarding the Community Education section: I agree that the County needs better outreach – but I'm disappointed that the recommendations don't include anything innovative. It seems a fact of life today that the old ways of communication are becoming less and less effective, more scattered, so what are the new ways of getting in touch with people in your area?

The report in general seems to be bereft of any innovation – in form and content it seems to be a hasty compiled document from the early 2000s rather than an outcome of collaboration in the year 2023. The recommendations for all the sections seem to be incremental ideas rather than anything that acknowledges that we're now in a time of rapid social and technological change. Also where are the innovations in how you talk to people and encourage them to talk back? To leverage the power of community? Very disappointed by their absence.

Q17

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I would just like to say that I have found this Survey very difficult and the Report to be very disappointing. I had expected to read about something more like a charette or a workshop, where people get together to share visions, especially because we are dealing with creating a future that connects to our values. But what I have found is more like a decision by committee on steroids, an outcome that pulls everything apart rather than putting it together.

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Q1 46-64

What is your age range?

Q2 Other (please specify):
Rural Benton County

In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Q3 County email

How did you learn about this survey?

Q4 Respondent skipped this question

What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

Q5 Spanish

In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Q6 Respondent skipped this question

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Q7 Respondent skipped this question

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Q8

What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

This is a bad poll.

Q9

Respondent skipped this question

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This is a bad poll. Are you joking?

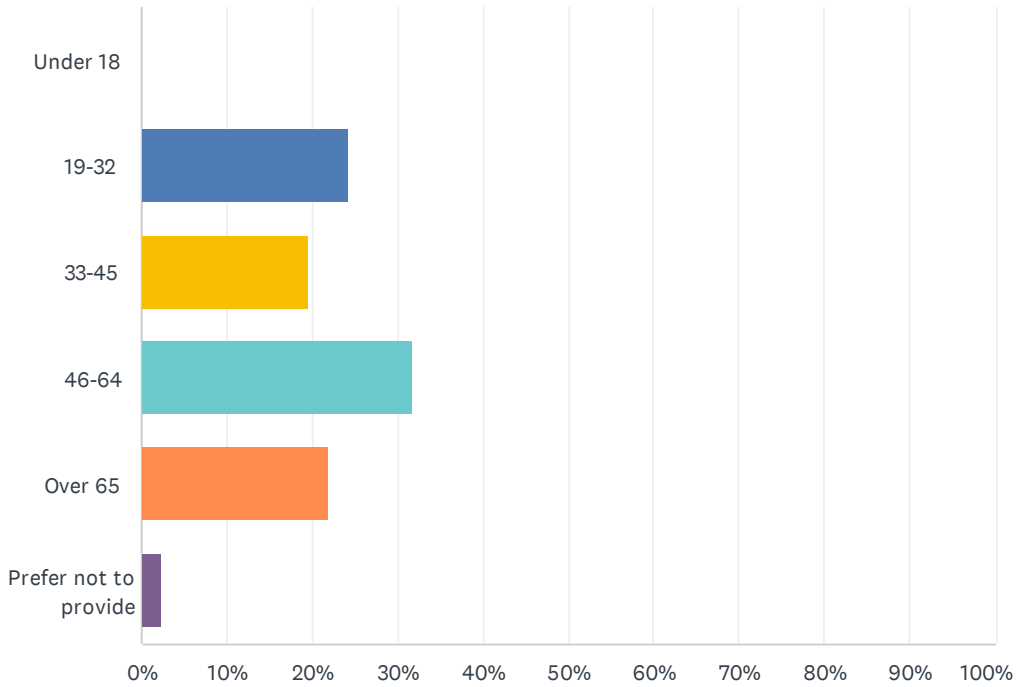
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If you want our honest opinions, get serious.

Q1 What is your age range?

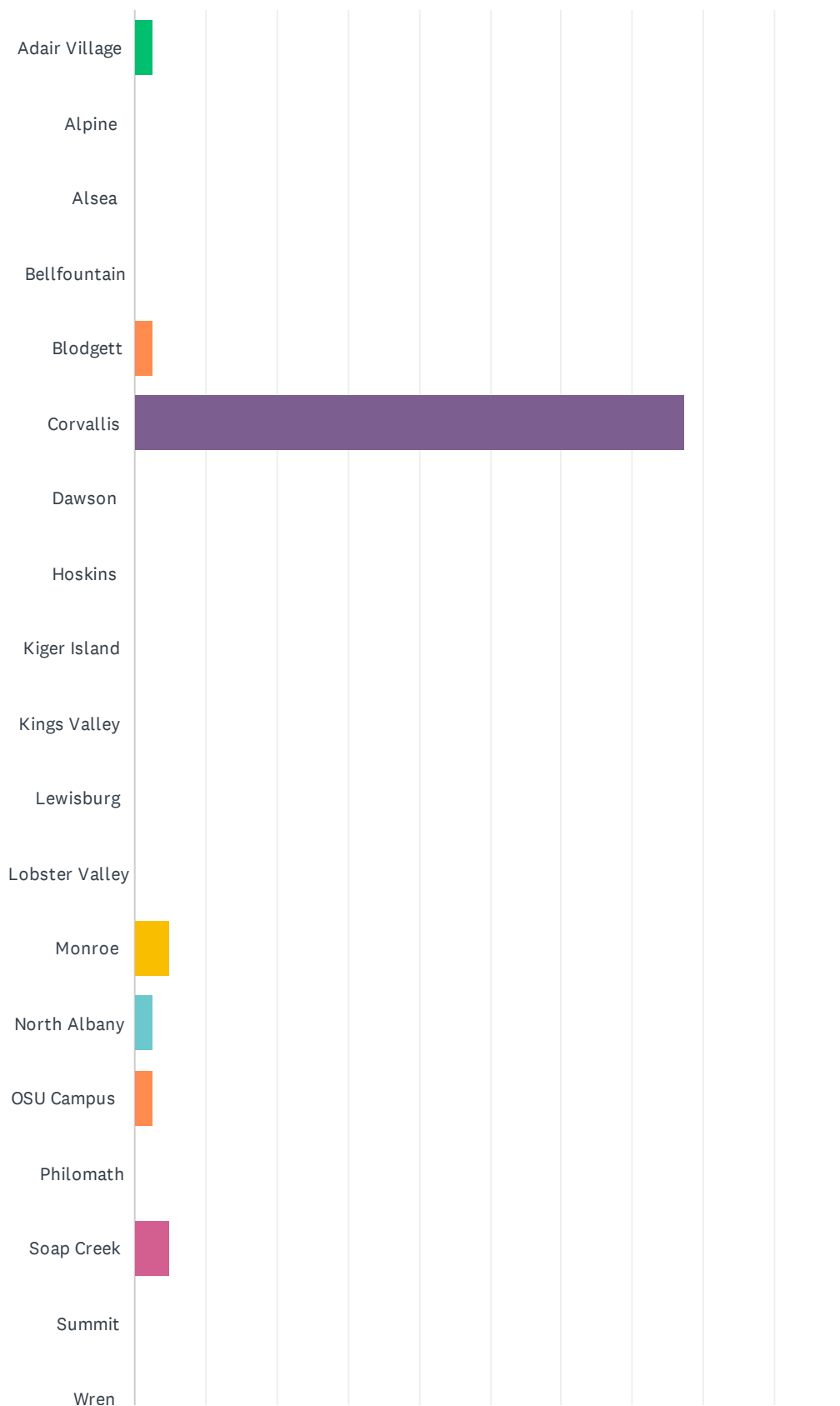
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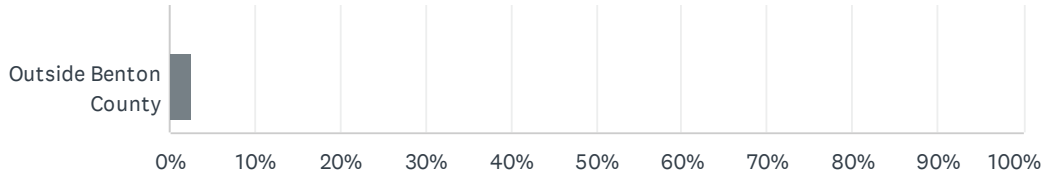
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19-32	24.39%	10
33-45	19.51%	8
46-64	31.71%	13
Ove 65	21.95%	9
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Q2 In which community or area do you live? (Please check one)

Answered: 40 Skipped: 4



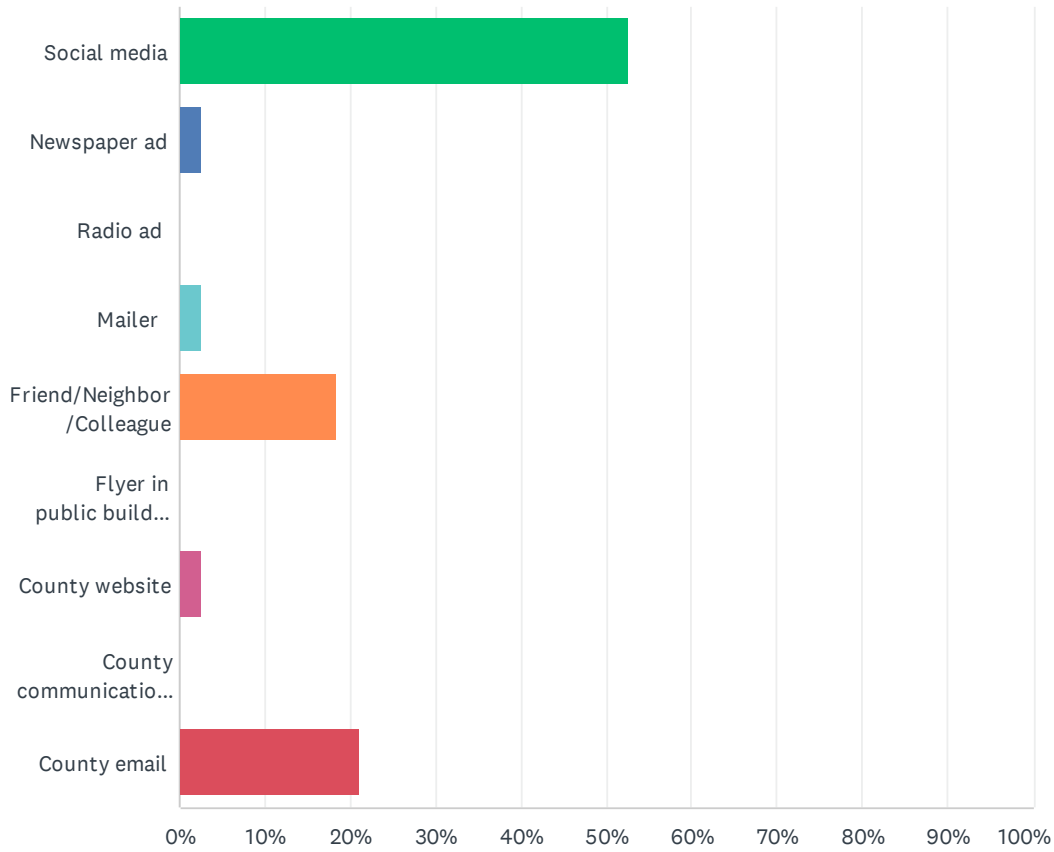
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
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Dawson	0.00%	0
Hosk ns	0.00%	0
K ge Is and	0.00%	0
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Lew sbu g	0.00%	0
Lobster Va ey	0.00%	0
Mon oe	5.00%	2
No th A bany	2.50%	1
OSU Campus	2.50%	1
Ph omath	0.00%	0
Soap C eek	5.00%	2
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Outs de Benton County	2.50%	1
TOTAL		40

Q3 How did you learn about this survey?

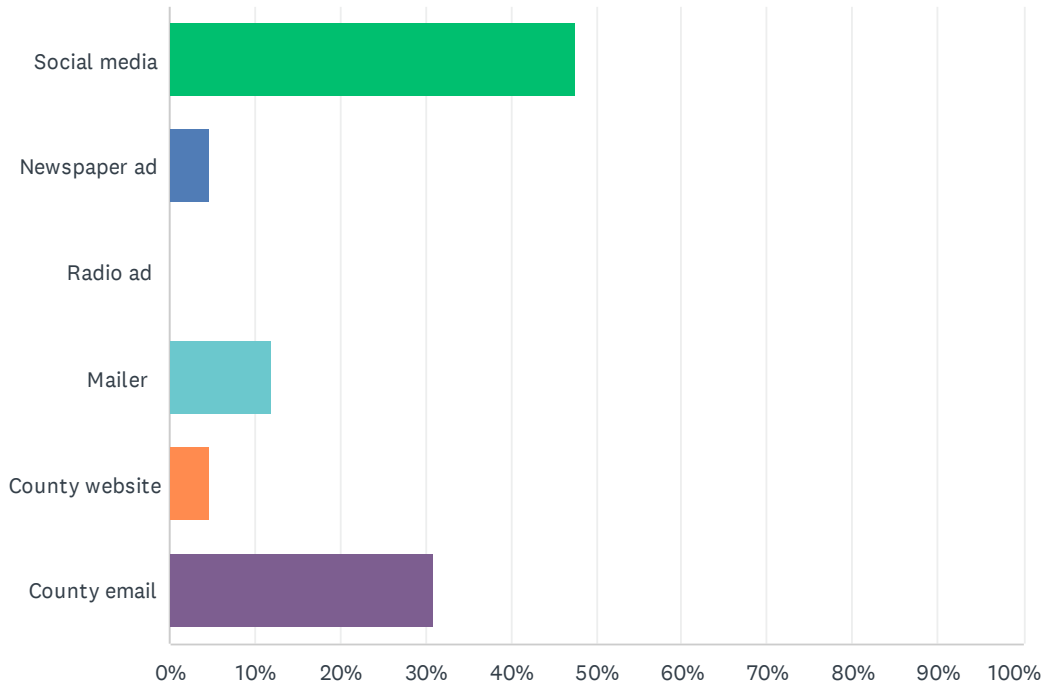
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Social media	52.63%	20
Newspaper ad	2.63%	1
Radio ad	0.00%	0
Ma e	2.63%	1
F end/Ne ghbo /Co eague	18.42%	7
F ye n pub c bu d ng (l b a y, etc.)	0.00%	0
County webs te	2.63%	1
County commun cat on fo someth ng e se I am nvo ved n	0.00%	0
County ema	21.05%	8
TOTAL		38

Q4 What is your preferred method of communication from the County?

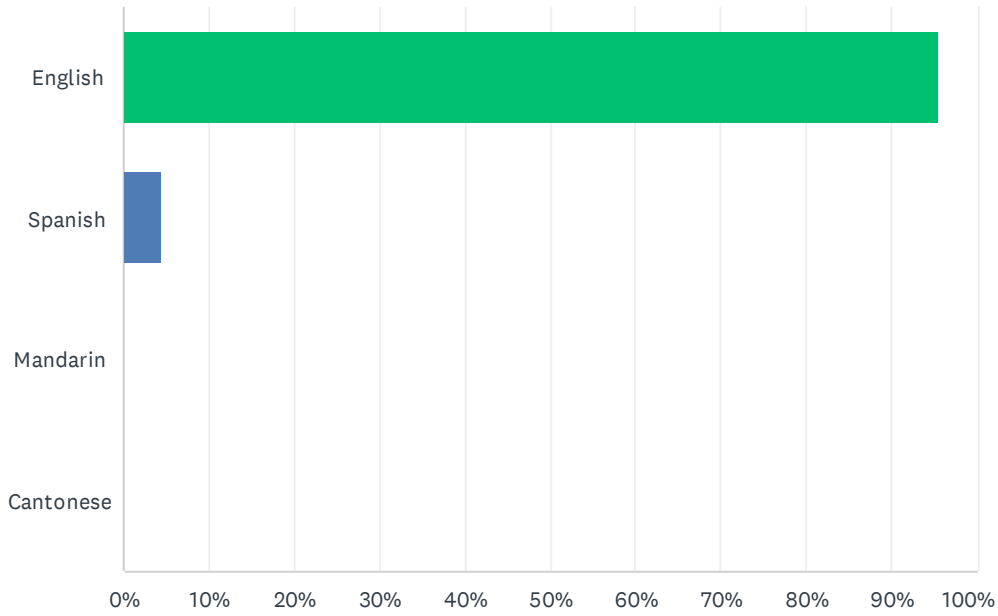
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Soc al med a	47.62% 20
Newspape ad	4.76% 2
Rad o ad	0.00% 0
Ma e	11.90% 5
County webs te	4.76% 2
County ema	30.95% 13
TOTAL	42

Q5 In what language(s) do you prefer to receive County communications?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Eng sh	95.45%	42
Span sh	4.55%	2
Mandar n	0.00%	0
Cantonese	0.00%	0
TOTAL		44

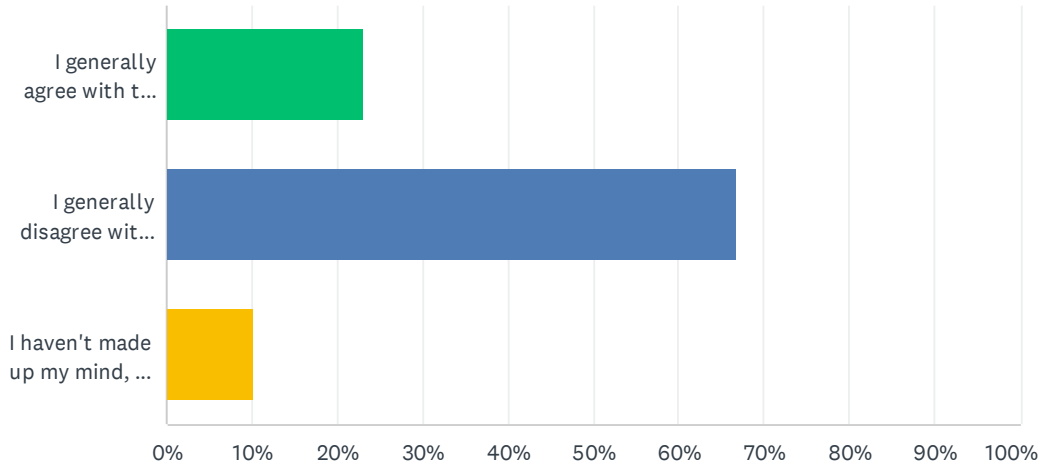
Q6 Please provide your email address if you would like to receive further communications about solid waste-related issues. Your email and any other personally identifying information will not be associated with your answers to this survey.

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1	[REDACTED]	5/26/2023 4:59 PM
2	[REDACTED]	5/25/2023 3:21 PM
3	[REDACTED]	5/23/2023 10:15 PM
4	[REDACTED]	5/16/2023 3:57 PM
5	[REDACTED]	5/8/2023 1:13 PM
6	You already have my email for communications. I'm trusting that's still in place.	5/8/2023 12:22 PM
7	[REDACTED]	5/3/2023 10:14 PM
8	[REDACTED]	4/27/2023 2:12 PM
9	[REDACTED]	4/14/2023 5:20 PM
10	[REDACTED]	4/12/2023 6:45 PM

Q7 Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) [This section of the report starts on Page 47]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the SMMP section of the Report:

Answered: 39 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I generally agree with this section of the report.	23.08%	9
I generally disagree with this section of the report.	66.67%	26
I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.	10.26%	4
TOTAL		39

Q8 What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Answered: 14 Skipped: 30

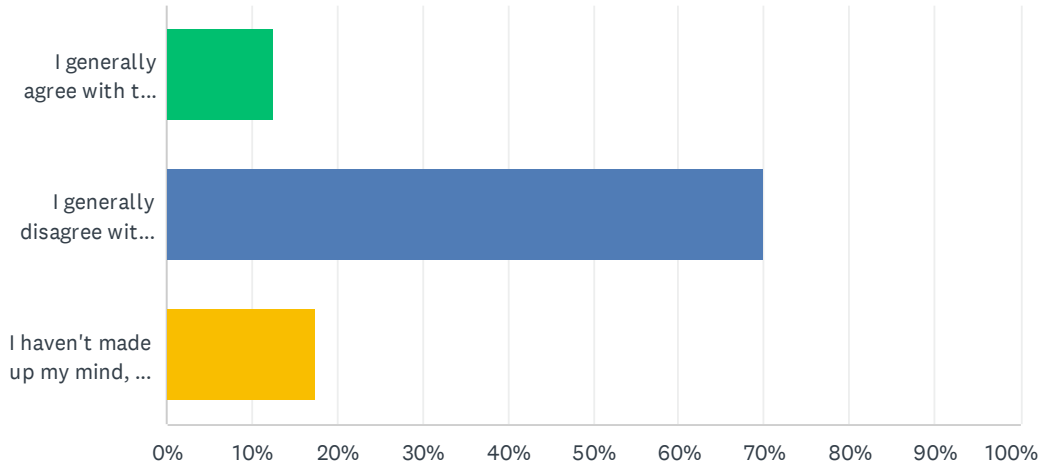
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This is a bad poll.	5/26/2023 9:03 PM
2	I generally agree with the Sustainable Materials Management Plan section, and its main theme that an SMMP should help transition and re-focus from linear, end-of-life waste management to more holistic, systemic, circular approaches for all materials. This is important to respect the values that Benton County residents hold in my experience and to live up to the values that Benton County government officially espouses. One notable absence in this section: WHY has Benton County never had a Sustainable Materials Management Plan?! As the site of Coffin Butte Landfill, a regional landfill? How did that happen? Why did it happen and why has it been left for so long? It seems like it took the denial of the last expansion to wake the County up. The disappointing part of this section is how none of its thinking seems to have made its way into the other sections of the report: the Legal Issues Section C ignores it entirely, the Landfill Size Section B only pays it scant attentions, and so on. This strikes me as a big failing of this report.	5/26/2023 4:59 PM
3	I would like to reemphasize the need for circular system that reduces waste. In the case of unavoidable waste, could safe incineration with proper environmental protection standards be a better disposal method than landfilling, with its accompanying safety concerns such as groundwater contamination and methane emissions? Is there a waste incinerator somewhere in Oregon that could be used, or could a facility be constructed with the most advanced equipment available?	5/25/2023 8:38 PM
4	We need to be able to put all recycling in one bin and all numbers without driving to Circle Blvd with trash in our nice new cars?	5/25/2023 3:21 PM
5	Please see end comment.	5/23/2023 10:15 PM
6	Even just scanning through this report takes a great deal of time and effort. How about a 1 paragraph summary?!?	5/8/2023 1:13 PM
7	It is apparent that the survey is designed to neuter public opinion to the point that it can be used to support whatever the County and Republic want to accomplish. Poorly written! A SMMP should absolutely be required before making any operational decisions about the site. Also, the execution of the 2020 Landfill Franchise Agreement in private without the knowledge of the community was a serious breach of trust and dramatically reduces confidence in any other steps or positions that Benton County takes in the future. It is clear that monetary considerations outweighed other factors in the signing of this agreement.	5/3/2023 10:14 PM
8	Use less jargon when writing. Just get to the point.	5/1/2023 4:11 PM
9	two things are apparent and urgent: Avoid public confusion. No amount of recycling or circular economic development by Benton Co residents will impact the lifespan or toxic conditions present at Coffin Butte. A SMMP is long over due. Benton Co residents are at the mercy of Republic Services and their contractual relationships with other counties who transport waste to Coffin Butte. This is a shame and makes us all totally vulnerable.	4/21/2023 10:57 AM
10	The SMMP is a critical next step. A cost-benefit analysis and environmental impact assessment for hosting a regional landfill should be considered as a part of the SMMP. Benton County residents deserve to have more of a say in what goes into Coffin Butte Landfill. It should start with the SMMP process and include outreach to other counties whose trash ends up at this Landfill.	4/20/2023 10:49 AM
11	Too long and redundant. Not specific or action oriented	4/18/2023 11:36 AM

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12	Hiring a consultant would be very expensive in terms of time and dollars and likely would have no real impact.	4/13/2023 10:06 PM
13	There are a lot of words here and few clear actionable items to address. Ultimately, Benton County should only be responsible for local waste, nothing beyond the county. The waste accepted and the management of it should be strictly regulated with environmental and social impact at the forefront of the issue (less waste = less impact, for property values, for local streams/wildlife/air quality). Forming committee after committee from area after area is going to be a lengthy process that leads to constant negotiation with no progress. Let's start small and lead by example, not bite off more than we can chew and outsource the problem to a consultant who it going to be expensive and produce page after page of bureaucratic literature that ultimately covers up the lack of progress and need for immediate change.	4/12/2023 2:59 PM
14	This portion seems well written and in line with my values as a community member.	4/12/2023 8:36 AM

Q9 Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity [This section of the report starts on Page 56]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Landfill Size/Capacity/Longevity section of the Report:

Answered: 40 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I generally agree with this section of the report.	12.50%	5
I generally disagree with this section of the report.	70.00%	28
I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.	17.50%	7
TOTAL		40

Q10 What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Answered: 15 Skipped: 29

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This is a bad poll.	5/26/2023 9:03 PM
2	I “generally” disagree with this section because it seems wrongheaded: it focuses on the landfill’s physical parameters over the factors that cause the waste flow to grow or diminish. It also chooses to prioritize information about the landfill that is supplied by the landfill operator, which seems to be putting the fox in charge of the henhouse. The report should prioritize third-party information, not diminish it. Especially because it seems there is information the landfill operator refuses to disclose, such as the true status of the quarry (see below). It seems to me that by relying exclusively on landfill data supplied by the landfill operator, Benton County is saying out loud that it is not and will not represent the community’s interest in the issues surrounding the landfill. Which seems like a gross dereliction of duty. I call attention to LSCL R3, which advises the County to: “Benton County should contract for an updated Baseline Study to evaluate the impact of the current intake level at Coffin Butte. As with the 2001 Baseline Study stipulated in the 2000 Landfill Franchise Agreement, this new study should determine and measure adverse effects, including but not limited to: traffic, soil conditions and contamination levels, air quality, surface and ground water conditions and contamination levels, noise, odor, visual screenings, litter, hours of operation, solid waste control systems and compliance with all solid waste Permits. This baseline study could help inform Benton County in decision making and financial choices regarding how to use the income from the landfill.” Why isn’t the County objecting to this description of the landfill situation, which I am copying from the Coffin Butte Landfill website? “While the quarry is a vital part of Coffin Butte Landfill’s waste disposal infrastructure, it is still being mined, and will not be ready for use for years. Meanwhile, Coffin Butte Landfill has approximately four years of life left in its current disposal area. That means that without approval of the CUP, there will be no outlet for the County’s waste in the very near future, which will create numerous challenges and added costs for residents and businesses.” This representation of the landfill’s capacity is directly contradicted by LSCL F17, which states that the quarry will be excavated in time to receive garbage when needed? Again, the County seems unwilling to even question whatever the landfill operator throws up. The factors that can cause the waste flow to diminish are the factors that this section should focus on, because these can cause the most positive outcomes for the County and its residents, and which are most in line with the County’s values as I understand them. I call the Board’s attention to LSCL R1, which says “The Sustainable Materials Management Plan should further develop scenarios and factors that may impact the landfill lifespan, including detailed analyses of likely projections. The Commissioners and County staff should keep the questions about these factors and their effects in mind when making decisions affecting the landfill.”	5/26/2023 4:59 PM
3	It is depressing to read that the volume of waste has been increasing over time. Is this primarily due to consumer waste, industrial waste, or both? It seems we need to put much more effort into reducing waste and creating a circular economy. Perhaps consumers could be provided more financial incentives to produce less waste. Also, the large discrepancy in methane capture rates reported by DEQ and Republic Services is concerning. These rates should be monitored in a more thorough and transparent manner. There is no reason for organic waste that could be composted to end up in the landfill.	5/25/2023 8:38 PM
4	Please allow all numbers and glass in the bin with the recycle symbol and have technology and money/ resources put into designing a recycle machine that can take all plastic and all paper transitioned to one material. Willing to do a grad school program on the topic.	5/25/2023 3:21 PM
5	Please see end comment.	5/23/2023 10:15 PM
6	I’m a strong believer in local landfills. To enjoy a more sustainable environment, people should be aware of the full cycle of the materials they utilize. Hence, ideally, refuse should not be	5/16/2023 3:57 PM

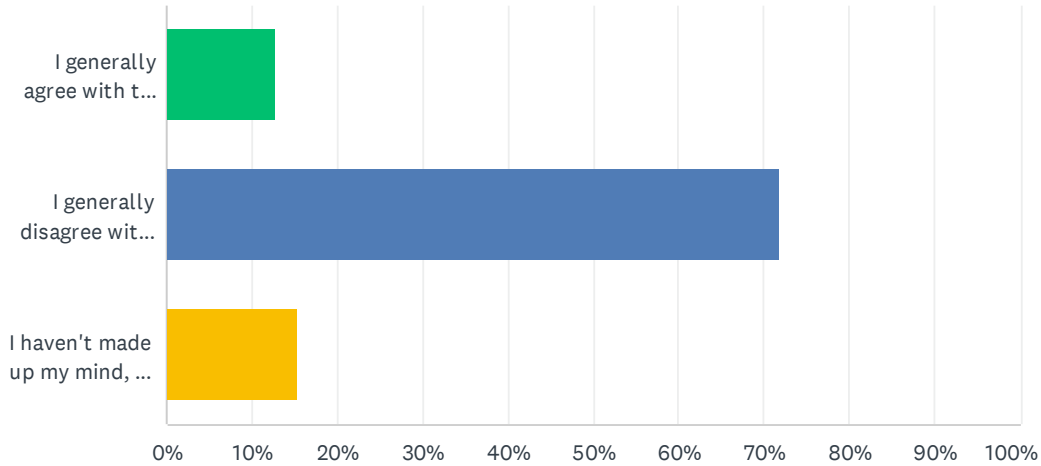
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transported great distances to landfills. Distances greater than 50 miles seem great in my opinion. One possible exception might be for Hazardous waste disposal, which should be carefully controlled and with extremely limited access.

7	Since the public representatives did not come up with the same conclusion as the county and company representatives, there better be an neutral arbitration attempt or legal entity who decides if creating a "Cell 6" is legitimate. It sure wasn't on the site plan when I bought the adjacent property!	5/3/2023 10:14 PM
8	Don't try to be everything for everyone. Just serve the community where you reside and you won't need to grow the size of the property used and the site will last much longer.	5/1/2023 4:11 PM
9	I have never seen anything as confusing and unhelpful as the 1,099 pages published by this group.	4/27/2023 2:12 PM
10	Why was lifting the tonnage cap linked to approval of landfill expansion? If money/income to Benton Co from the franchise agreement is the only motivating factor for the Board of Commissioners, it is not clear that their economic impact analysis is thorough or robust. The income from Republic services does not seem like enough to balance the environmental damage from the leechate and other risks.	4/21/2023 10:57 AM
11	I am not convinced current practices and assumptions for landfill size and scope are appropriate for the future. Given our growing knowledge of the environmental problems associated with landfills, including impacts to groundwater and waterways as well as run off impacts to soil, we need to reassess how landfills are excavated, filled and monitored. More extreme rain events predicted with climate change may mean existing settling ponds are insufficient and contaminated water runoff may cause additional harm to water resources. Arsenic has been found above limits in test wells - is this truly a normal environmental phenomena or a landfill impact? Methane production and release over the entire surface of the landfill needs to be more accurately characterized. 14 - 16 years of capacity is sufficient time to allow the County and its residents to assess what is in our best interests. What about safety with current practices? Republic Services was allowed to abandon their on-site leachate treatment without repercussion and instead transfer this toxic liquid to Corvallis, the Willamette River and any downstream user. The fire risk and impacts on people and the environment have not been considered. Please do not allow the closure of Coffin Butte Road. Republic Services has turned Coffin Butte Landfill into their "cash cow". They claim to care about the community, so how can they be incentivized to consider Benton County's 50 year landfill needs without expansion? They have other options for how to manage this Landfill and where to haul trash. The County needs to stop making it so attractive for Republic Services to bring as much trash, as fast as possible to fill Coffin Butte Landfill.	4/20/2023 10:49 AM
12	This should be more of a technical evaluation than a public argument	4/18/2023 11:36 AM
13	I disagree with effort spend a lot of time to determine how past decisions were made. The removal of the tonnage cap was probably a mistake. Republic got a win on that. See if leverage to revisit that could be used in a future CUP approval. I worked in Republic management locally there for many years. They are beholden to shareholders and therefore short sighted. The current backlash they are facing is a perfect time to renegotiate annual tonnage limits. This could help other cities and counties to be put on notice that they need to develop other disposal sites.	4/13/2023 10:06 PM
14	These recommendations all don't seem to recognize that there is a problem here and now. They are all, "find out more about" and "investigate this" types of empty statements. Republic Services, a for profit company, has no interest in preserving the needs, wants, and health of Benton County. They are going to continue to fill up Coffin Butte as long as it is profitable, then move on. Stop taking on trash from Surrounding communities, Benton County needs to be accountable for our own waste and ours alone so we can make quick and efficient work of this growing problem. Why is our beautiful backyard the dumping grounds of the entire area?	4/12/2023 2:59 PM
15	We need to operate this landfill in a sustainable manner for the long term. That means accommodating periodic expansions. I am in favor of periodic expansions to meet the community's needs.	4/12/2023 8:36 AM

Q11 Legal Issues & Land Use Review [This section of the report starts on Page 70]. Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Legal Issues & Land Use Review section of the Report:

Answered: 39 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I generally agree with this section of the report.	12.82%	5
I generally disagree with this section of the report.	71.79%	28
I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.	15.38%	6
TOTAL		39

Q12 What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

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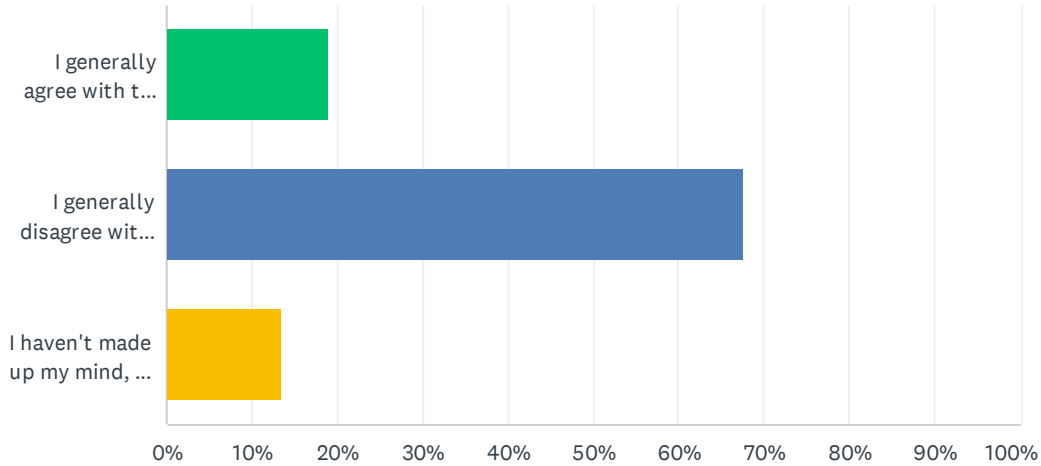
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This is a bad poll.	5/26/2023 9:03 PM
2	I more than “generally disagree” with this section of the report, I heartily disagree with it. This section seems to be an attempt to assert “common understandings” and “recommended guidelines” and suchlike “definitions” over matters which the law specifically does not define, in order to make the law flexible enough to adapt to individual situations and changing conditions. The findings here seem to freely mix legal findings with interpretations of language (“spin”) in a way that is confusing as to what is what. Both the findings and recommendations strike me as fairly transparent attempts to supply language that a commission or a board could use when allowing an expansion application, that could ostensibly be cited as “citizen workgroup findings” when the reality is quite different. I look in vain through this section to find any examples of language that a commission or a board could cite when denying an expansion application. This seems to be by design. The authors of this section seem to have overlooked any analysis of the legal issues surrounding extraordinary concessions contained in an application, as closing Coffin Butte Road would have been in the last application, for example. The authors were particularly blind to the issue of the “known unknowns” swirling around the landfill, known hazards such as PFAS contamination in leachate, landfill gas emissions and other air quality impacts, transportation air pollution, and climate destruction by methane, to name but four. These hazards exist, and data is emerging by which their severity can be assessed, but the section avoids addressing this fact of known unknowns – a policy of “strategic ignorance” which is unlikely to fare well in real life against a mobilized and knowledgeable public.	5/26/2023 4:59 PM
3	In first row (Wetlands) of the table on page 92, delete the text in the last column (Notes). Subsequent votes of the working group revised this. As they recognized, this statement as stated is deceiving. No significant wetlands were found because the County’s wetland inventory did not survey areas near the landfill, so the significance of known wetlands there remains unassessed by Oregon DSL’s legally specified protocols.	5/26/2023 6:52 AM
4	I found this section difficult to understand. I agree with the need for more transparency around the franchise agreement. There should not be incentives to produce more waste. I found the letter from the lawyer who declined the invitation to join the working group slightly concerning; however, I did not understand the letter well enough to make an informed opinion.	5/25/2023 8:38 PM
5	See above	5/25/2023 3:21 PM
6	Please see end comment.	5/23/2023 10:15 PM
7	I looked over the report but did not see if adjacent property owner's uses are honored and respected in the landfill use permit conditions. In particular, constraints on the absolute height of the landfill material deposit. The hilltop is used for radio communications repeaters and other equipment. This includes emergency communications systems for the local area, hence it is important to retain a height of the antennas above the landfill mass and to continue the line-of-sight pathways to various elements of the network.	5/16/2023 3:57 PM
8	My hope is that toxic "forever chemicals" will be addressed and safe mitigation ensured.	5/8/2023 1:13 PM
9	The expansion to Cell 6 impacts me directly as I own the adjacent property to Cell 6, approximately 450 yards of shared property line. When I bought my land I had to sign an agreement that acknowledged that I knew there was a landfill next door. I was told by the operator at the time (1984) that since the "old cell" in that location was closed, landfill activities would not move closer to my land. Since then the quarry blasting has caused damage to my property and the dramatic change to the topology has changed the wind direction, water flow, and visual impact. The water supporting a small pond on my place was diverted (likely to	5/3/2023 10:14 PM

reduce the risk of effluent runoff like how it did the Helms property and well) so now it only gets rainwater. I originally intended to expand it and stock it with fish. I have a well nearby that is fortunately not down-slope of the landfill, but is certainly below its level and 175 yards from the proposed Cell 6 - I am concerned. I have already seen an increase of light-weight garbage on my property carried by the wind - that will certainly increase if they begin to move garbage into the cell. So yes, there has been and will be an impact to adjacent property that has changed its character and potential use.

10	This section appears as confusing as the others. What a waste of time and effort.	4/27/2023 2:12 PM
11	This sections identifies the legal roles of Valley Landfill (owner), Coffin Butte Landfill (operator) but does not identify the legal roles of Republic Services and Allied Waste. That should be added. Recommendations are not clear. They are written in a style that is vague. The findings identify Benton Co code they say is vague but they do not suggest alternatives/improvements. LLU-F19 is illogical. It says that the county doesnot have the expertise to determine if an environmental parameter is being exceeded but it does have the expertise, and it is "simpler," to require a specific mitigation. Doesn't that imply the same level of expertise? The land use approval status of Cell 6 must be resolved before Republic Services submits another CUP application.	4/21/2023 10:57 AM
12	I disagree with the ability for County leaders to limit SWAC's role - this is silencing the public voice! The land use and legal context are intergenerational issues that have become increasingly complex. It is like a cancer that grows slowly, incrementally, until it hits an exponential growth curve. The status quo is no longer acceptable. We are the generation who can STOP and course correct, instead of passing this problem onto the next generation who will live with the consequences of our unwillingness to make difficult decisions today.	4/20/2023 10:49 AM
13	Why would this even be in the report	4/18/2023 11:36 AM
14	I see the loudest voices coming from landfill neighbors. I know the landfill has purchased neighboring land as it became available as buffer zones. I keep wondering if the current neighbors Somehow bought their property not knowing about the landfill and it's zoning? Their decision to buy a house, and subsequent realization about what that means shouldn't impose a substantial cost to the rest of us in Benton County in terms of higher tipping fees. But I agree that there should be greater scrutiny going forward regarding compliance on tonnage limits. I'm my experience, the local landfill management always tried to address local concerns and be a good neighbor but pressures from the corporate office to increase revenue led to negotiations in their favor. Benton county oversight was maybe lax (SWAC was pretty much a rubber stamp) but the DEQ is the ultimate authority and they do a good job.	4/13/2023 10:06 PM
15	This section is confusing and unusable for the average person to make a decision on the matter. It appears the goal of this document is to exhaust those interested in the topic until we can't afford the time to invest in decision making. Please consider making these surveys purposeful and respectful of those with an opinion and also a full time job.	4/12/2023 2:59 PM

Q13 Past Land Use Application Conditions [This section of the report starts on Page 96]Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Past Land Use Application Conditions section of the Report:

Answered: 37 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I generally agree with this section of the report.	18.92%	7
I generally disagree with this section of the report.	67.57%	25
I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.	13.51%	5
TOTAL		37

Q14 What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

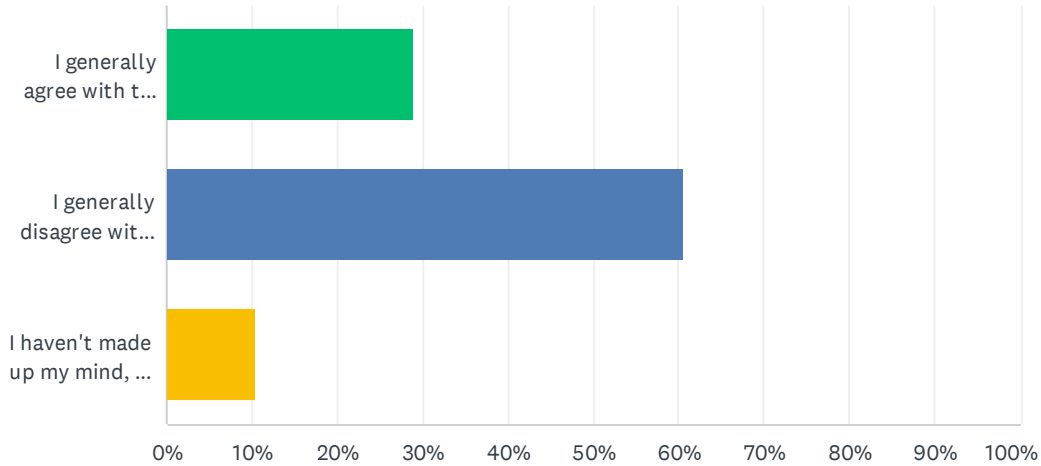
Answered: 14 Skipped: 30

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This is a bad poll.	5/26/2023 9:03 PM
2	I generally agree with one particular outcome of the section: the County has seemingly not even tried to enforce any Land Use Application Conditions in the past (as in, not even one) and thus it's meaningless to attach any Conditions of Approval to the next expansion application. They will similarly be ignored by both the County and the applicant. This simple ground truth echoes throughout this entire report, but I'll point to one item in particular: "No Conditions Enforced, Ever" invalidates the finding in LLU F19 concerning health and environmental impacts of the landfill, which I'll excerpt here: "The County could potentially determine that DEQ's regulation of a particular parameter is inadequate to prevent the proposed land use from seriously interfering with uses on surrounding properties. However, the County must articulate why DEQ's requirements are insufficient, and the County typically lacks the expertise or personnel to determine whether a particular environmental parameter is being exceeded. Alternatively, the County could require that specified mitigations be implemented, which is simpler to monitor than the level of certain emissions." The last sentence is attempting to assert that Conditions of Approval can be used to wave away emerging environmental and health hazards of an expansion, and lauds it as being "simpler." Again, this is advocating a policy of "strategic ignorance" which is unlikely to fare well in real life against a mobilized and knowledgeable public. To my mind, there is no scenario in which Conditions of Approval can have any validity or "teeth". The culture of "un-enforcement" at the County is now too entrenched for any Condition of Approval to be viable. In the last application for expansion, the County's response included an "analysis" that the landfill had complied with a condition for visual screening, which made the rounds on social media, it was such a laughingstock. You can't fix that level of pander.	5/26/2023 4:59 PM
3	I agree that transparency and enforcement need to be improved. It seems that more information is needed about leachate and its potential environmental concerns. Is the leachate tested for PFAS or other chemicals? Are contaminants removed by the treatment process or are they ending up in the Willamette River? This is concerning.	5/25/2023 8:38 PM
4	See above	5/25/2023 3:21 PM
5	Please see end comment.	5/23/2023 10:15 PM
6	Having a good collection of the history of the site is wonderful.	5/16/2023 3:57 PM
7	I am at a loss at how purchasing land adjacent to the landfill will do anything more than reduce complaints. When it gets into Soap Creek, it's in Soap Creek. I assume that it already is since it contaminated the Helms' well.	5/3/2023 10:14 PM
8	Benton County needs to step up to its responsibilities to the community and consider first and foremost the citizens and not the landfill which is about profit in all decisions. *Benton County has not and does not actively monitor compliance with many Conditions of Approval, nor does it proactively act to enforce compliance. **Benton County relies on complaints to initiate action to enforce Conditions of Approval.	5/1/2023 4:11 PM
9	Confusing, not helpful.	4/27/2023 2:12 PM
10	This section is egregious and there is absolutely no reason to have created the findings and recommendations.	4/25/2023 10:28 AM
11	What a travesty. The County has been motivated by money to negotiate with Republic Services, then did not trouble with due diligence to protect county residents. Shameful!!!	4/21/2023 10:57 AM

12	<p>This is another inter-generational issue that must be addressed. Over time, incremental allowances have resulted in today's industrial landfill operation. Republic Services does not appear to be complying with past agreements (CUPR-8), so why should they be allowed to submit a new CUP? I quote John Deuel..."One of the trends I saw throughout this process, and in the report about these land use actions, is that the County and others were derelict in securing and maintaining accurate records of land use requirements and compliance with those requirements. I strongly hope that going forward, the County and others responsible for authorizing and enforcing land use conditions will allocate the resources needed to maintain sufficient records so that 50 years from now, the next generation of citizen decision makers will have better information."</p>	4/20/2023 10:49 AM
13	<p>Redundant to the land use process</p>	4/18/2023 11:36 AM
14	<p>Please make information on land use readily accessible to the average resident (in language, content, and availability). No one logs into this rudimentary website for updates, we need updates via mailers and social media to stay up to date. This is true with any big decisions. The small group of people present at local meetings is not representative of the whole community.</p>	4/12/2023 2:59 PM

Q15 Community Education & Public Involvement [This section of the report starts on Page 109] Please select the following statement that best reflects your response to the findings and recommendations in the Community Education & Public Involvement section of the Report:

Answered: 38 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I generally agree with this section of the report.	28.95%	11
I generally disagree with this section of the report.	60.53%	23
I haven't made up my mind, but am curious to know more.	10.53%	4
TOTAL		38

Q16 What comments and suggestions would you like to share with the Board on this topic or Report section? Please write your response in the box below.

Answered: 15 Skipped: 29

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This is a bad poll. Are you joking?	5/26/2023 9:03 PM
2	I'm including a comment about the History section here (pp. 21-39) which otherwise seems to be glossed over by this Survey. The "History of Coffin Butte" omits any mention of the proposed closure of Coffin Butte Road in the 2021 Expansion Application! Seems like too important of an element to have been left out of this historical record (although I can understand why the County might like for it to be swept under the rug). Especially relevant, because it might reappear in the next application. Regarding the Community Education section: I agree that the County needs better outreach – but I'm disappointed that the recommendations don't include anything innovative. It seems a fact of life today that the old ways of communication are becoming less and less effective, more scattered, so what are the new ways of getting in touch with people in your area? The report in general seems to be bereft of any innovation – in form and content it seems to be a hasty compiled document from the early 2000s rather than an outcome of collaboration in the year 2023. The recommendations for all the sections seem to be incremental ideas rather than anything that acknowledges that we're now in a time of rapid social and technological change. Also where are the innovations in how you talk to people and encourage them to talk back? To leverage the power of community? Very disappointed by their absence.	5/26/2023 4:59 PM
3	I think that notification is most important at start of any process, so that interested parties hear about any proceedings and can follow further events. Too many notifications could cause people to start ignoring them.	5/25/2023 8:38 PM
4	See above	5/25/2023 3:21 PM
5	Please see end comment.	5/23/2023 10:15 PM
6	Communication and awareness for all is key. Thanks.	5/16/2023 3:57 PM
7	Media coverage is limited and needs to be improved.	5/8/2023 1:13 PM
8	I am still surprised to not have been contacted by the Landfill or County during all these discussions. Back in the '90s before the current operator took over, there was a reasonably good relationship.	5/3/2023 10:14 PM
9	Confusing, not helpful.	4/27/2023 2:12 PM
10	People need to be responsible for following events and happenings in their community - the onus is not just on the county for getting the word out. Things happen and it is our responsibility to know about them!	4/25/2023 10:28 AM
11	Making volunteer effort onerous with long meetings and ever-longer reports seems like a strategy to limit public involvement. I believe that, generally, people who are sincere and understand what they are talking about can get a message across succinctly and clearly.	4/21/2023 10:57 AM
12	Some of the recommendations are good and I hope the County will actually implement a plan that meets residents where they are and in a manner we can understand. To date, in my opinion, the BCTT outreach has not helped clarify nor build trust.	4/20/2023 10:49 AM
13	I agree more community notice would be good. The problem is that our community does not know about all of the complexities involved (as with most issues, though, as would not be expected).	4/13/2023 10:06 PM
14	The "email blast, website post, and displays or presentations where people already spend time (i.e., Library, community events)" is ineffective at reaching many people in the community. You	4/12/2023 2:59 PM

have to sign up to receive the emails, so right off the bat, you are missing people who had no idea this is a requirement to stay informed. My demographic of working professionals doesn't go to the library, benton county website, or community events. We go to work, the grocery store, and come home. Please send out mailers for ALL of the meetings and updates for those not enrolled via email and PLEASE don't vary your methods of contact for one thing or another (ex. bulletin posts for surveys but emails for board meetings and mailers for updates on land use). People need to be informed consistently and with good intent to reach ALL community members, not just those with kids attending library functions or the time to be combing the internet for updates.

15	I didn't like how the previous expansion process got derailed by people who jumped in at the last minute. That's not a healthy process and it does a disservice to the thousands of community members who were expecting their elected commissioners to handle the expansion in an even-handed, expedient manner.	4/12/2023 8:36 AM
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Q17 Benton County and the BCTT Workgroup recognize that solid waste and disposal are complex topics. While the workgroup was able to complete a substantial amount of work within the time allowed, we do not presume to have captured all possible issues during the BCTT process. What other comments and suggestions would you like to share with the County Board of Commissioners on any solid waste topic?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 9

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If you want our honest opinions, get serious.	5/26/2023 9:03 PM
2	I would just like to say that I have found this Survey very difficult and the Report to be very disappointing. I had expected to read about something more like a charette or a workshop, where people get together to share visions, especially because we are dealing with creating a future that connects to our values. But what I have found is more like a decision by committee on steroids, an outcome that pulls everything apart rather than putting it together.	5/26/2023 4:59 PM
3	1. Please consider instituting municipal pet waste composting. Pet waste adds a completely unnecessary burden on landfill capacity. Composting this material, using appropriate methods to reach temperatures that kill any potential pathogens, is safe, effective, and sustainable, turning it from a nuisance into a resource. Many communities across the US and Canada allow pet waste in their municipal compost. Several brands of compostable bags are available, with appropriate certifications to ensure they are indeed compostable (for example a California company called beyondGREEN). A private company has provided pet waste composting to the Portland area; why don't we have this service in Benton County? We could serve as a model for expanding this practice throughout the region, saving resources, reducing waste, and making the county more sustainable. 2. I found that the history section was informative and provided valuable context for thinking about waste management in Benton County. 3. I find it concerning that some public members of the committee were removed. I also found some of the member statements about the working group process concerning. All opinions should have been heard. Removing those who don't agree in order to reach consensus goes against the fundamental idea of consensus. It's hard to gauge how the process went without being there, and some member statements were more positive, so this leaves me with a feeling of uneasiness about the report and whether it is truly representative of our community. 4. Finally, this report is quite long and most community members will not have time to read such an extensive document. To encourage broader community engagement, I think a more targeted report would work better, focusing on key issues where the county truly plans to engage and listen to public opinions.	5/25/2023 8:38 PM
4	See above	5/25/2023 3:21 PM
5	FROM: Audubon Society of Corvallis P.O. Box 148 Corvallis, OR 97339-0148 DATE: May 24, 2023 RE: Testimony regarding the Benton County Talks Trash Working Group and the Benton County Landfill TO: Benton County Board of Commissioners Benton County Planning Commission 4500 SW Research Way 360 SW Avery Ave. Corvallis, Oregon 97333 Corvallis, OR 97333-1139 We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the discussion and review conducted under the Benton County Talks Trash Working Group (BCTT). We would also take this opportunity to address some of the many concerns our members have with the future of solid waste disposal in Benton County. The improvisational development and management of the Coffin Butte landfill has occurred in the absence of a strategic planning approach, resulting now in the possible import and deposition of unrestricted amounts of unscreened solid waste from most of western Oregon to this landfill. Our more than 300 individual and family memberships include residents of the mid-Willamette Valley, primarily Benton and Linn County residents who rely on trash and garbage collection services. All of us depend on the thoughtful disposal of household, business, and industrial wastes. We do not want waste contributing to the continued losses to our community's character, infrastructure, and environment, or to our	5/23/2023 10:15 PM

region's environment. We have witnessed the tremendous recent growth of the Coffin Butte landfill. Due to the review process undertaken by the BCTT at considerable expense to Benton County, we better understand some of the many adverse environmental impacts of the continued acceptance of solid waste without significant restraints. We value the contributions of volunteer members of the BCTT, but we know that the process entirely missed another opportunity to develop the solid waste management plan which we desperately need. We find that the current Coffin Butte landfill already seriously interferes with the character of the area, and places undue and unmitigated impacts on public and environmental services from local to global in scale. With this history in mind, we support a denial of any expansion of this landfill beyond currently permitted landfill cells until a county solid waste management plan is developed and adopted by Benton County through established norms and order. The Current Landfill Site Using an honor system to keep hazardous waste out of collected or self-delivered household, business, and industrial trash has resulted in the delivery of hazardous waste into the landfill. Whether through insufficient education, lack of alternative disposal methods or methods with higher costs, absence of thorough regulation or independent monitoring, or even deliberate subterfuge, hazardous substances such as pesticides, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing chemical byproducts, heavy metals, and petrochemicals still end up in the landfill. Materials currently not classified as hazardous, such as waste incinerator ash known to contain hazardous substances, are also currently and knowingly accepted. In western Oregon's climate, exclusion of precipitation entering the landfill is not possible, even with intact cap coverage which will degrade over time. Rain adds to the liquids from biochemical degradation which percolate down through landfill producing leachate. This can be extracted only if entirely contained in the cells with intact bottom linings. This leachate contains contaminants dissolved in and transported by that column of liquid. It is not known how much leachate is not intercepted but instead transported into the groundwater, but test wells southwest of the landfill have shown that contaminants found in leachate, including arsenic, are still occurring a decade after the last acknowledged leakage event. Air contamination from significant amounts of methane and carbon dioxide, two potent greenhouse gases, are also expelled from decomposition within the landfill. A minor portion of methane and other flammable gases are extracted and used at an electricity generating station, some percentage of which is simply flared off. More noticeable are sulfur-containing noxious gases. Wetlands surround much of Coffin Butte. Earlier, an on-site attempt to "treat" leachate in wetlands southwest of Coffin Butte was abandoned after contaminants were found in the soils, and testing continues to show elevated levels of tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), and 1,1-dichloroethylene. A second leachate remediation effort using leachate to irrigate a hybrid poplar planting southeast of the landfill has also been abandoned. A third reverse osmosis treatment was also soon abandoned, and leachate is now transported off-site. Wetlands surrounding Coffin Butte have not been evaluated to establish whether they qualify as significant wetlands, and are incorrectly assumed to be insignificant. Landfill operation continues to attract avian scavengers, from bald eagles, ravens, and gulls to European starlings. Environmental Impacts Wildlife The growing mountain of trash at Coffin Butte will obstruct the movement of wildlife between the lowlands of Soap Creek valley and the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Management area, a travel corridor for humans, ungulates, and other mammals, as well as for great blue herons. Creating a continuous height barrier bridging from Coffin Butte to Tampico Ridge will hinder currently known nesting heron foraging activity in the lower portion of Soap Creek valley during the nesting season, when nearby foraging opportunities are essential for reproductive success. The heronry earlier occupying a young Douglas-fir stand shifted first eastward to the poplar plantation, and now has apparently shifted further east again, now immediately adjacent to and east of Oregon Highway 99W, where fledglings will be more subject to mortality, besides posing a traffic safety hazard. It is not known if intentional direct human disturbance caused the two heronry abandonments, or if those were indirectly precipitated by increased human activity. Bald eagles congregate at the landfill, and when their scavenging is disrupted by operations they will shift to forage nearby, including eating undefended nestlings such as great blue herons. As with herons, eagle nest failures are linked to unpredictable human disruptions. But unlike herons, eagles defend individual nest territories. Nesting eagle pairs are known to co-exist near some heronries with mutual benefit, alerting one another when nest predators like other eagles or gulls threaten nestlings. Thus the loss of a Coffin Butte eagle nest may also reduce the viability of any nearby heronry. By both reducing nearby heron foraging opportunities and extinguishing the viability of any future heronry in the landfill area, this equates to the taking of an entire breeding colony of a special status species in Oregon. The concentrated presence of gulls, ravens, and invasive Eurasian starlings associated with the waste management, disrupts and threatens many ground nesting birds, including rare and declining prairie nesting western meadowlarks, Oregon vesper sparrows, and streaked horned larks that use the surrounding

fields. Starlings can also disrupt or displace cavity nesting birds including western bluebirds, purple martins, nuthatches, acorn woodpeckers, and chickadees. Noise and Odor Noise and odors emanating from the landfill operation affect not only local residents, but also members of the wildlife viewing community and other outdoor recreationists who visit E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, and the McDonald-Dunn Forest. Independent air-quality monitoring data by a Eugene-based non-profit shows that concentrations of hydrogen sulfide regularly exceed 0.1 ppm at locations 3 miles from the landfill on the edge of McDonald Forest, and can rise to 0.5 ppm on days when landfill odors are strong. This is consistently above the normal human sensory detection threshold of 0.01 ppm, and infringes on the expectation of breathing clean air at this popular site for outdoor recreation and nature experiences. The problem is even worse closer to the landfill on E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area, especially on the Coffin Butte hiking trail. Noise from the landfill and the associated methane-fueled electrical generating plant also affects the experience of nature-based recreation in nearby natural areas. High levels of ambient noise including nighttime hours are an impediment to surveys for nocturnal birds, especially owls. Research indicates that high ambient noise levels from industrial operations can be an impediment to breeding success for some bird species. The continued expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill from an initially small facility to a major industrial operation, in an otherwise quiet rural area, may be impacting wildlife in an area that Benton County has previously designated as an important wildlife corridor. Twenty-four-hour activity Despite prior land use decisions that limited the operating hours of the landfill to a window from 8 am to 5 pm, the operator has asserted a right for commercial garbage haulers to access the site at all hours. In current practice, this means trucks lining up on the scale house entrance road well before dawn, as early as 4 am, with bright lighting atop the landfill even earlier. Bright lights particularly in the early pre-dawn hours are known to be a significant hazard for migrating songbirds, which are drawn toward the light. The phenomenon of "tower kills" of migrant birds is well documented in relation to the communications industry, and has led to recommendations and regulations to limit such deaths. Bright, pre-dawn lighting atop the landfill poses a similar hazard for migrant birds. Wetland and groundwater contamination The landfill operator's own environmental monitoring data show recurring and persistently high levels of arsenic near the compliance boundary for the site. Arsenic is a contaminant well-known to be associated with landfill leachate, and the operator's own data show that leachate from Coffin Butte Landfill contains about 120 ppb, which is more than ten times the US EPA's regulatory limit for drinking water. To our knowledge there has been no monitoring of either groundwater or surface water outside of the landfill's compliance boundary, to check if these contaminants migrate on to the E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area. This is state land, so state assistance will be needed to investigate how far the contaminated zone extends beyond the landfill site boundaries. Regional and Global Impacts Leachate amounts, currently being trucked off-site, will increase in quantity and duration, and far longer than any of our human generations. No on-site treatment or remediation has been successful. All leachate now passes through municipal wastewater treatment facilities at Corvallis or Salem and discharges into the Willamette River. These facilities are not designed to remove a number of leachate contaminants. All the contaminants not captured by the treatment process pass directly into the Willamette River, while captured contaminants travel to sludge disposal sites. Ultimately, the pollutants Benton County has chosen to collect and concentrate at Coffin Butte are redistributed across the terrestrial and aquatic region. Inevitable ingestion and subsequent trophic bioaccumulation of contaminants like PFAS, lead, cadmium, mercury and other heavy metals puts the lives of secondary and tertiary consumers, scavengers and detritivores further at risk. Some tertiary consumers like salmon and other fishes become important human food. Climate disrupting gases--especially methane and carbon dioxide--emitted from Coffin Butte landfill are already identified at the global scale. [<https://climatetrace.org/map>]. Benton County residents, in a nation already ranked as the greatest contributor to carbon emissions, will become some of the highest-ranked emitters on the planet. Conclusion As Benton County continues to accept regional waste, the expansive growth of the Coffin Butte landfill may soon rank Benton County residents on a per capita basis as some of the greatest contributors to climate change on our entire planet. Our residents also become forever accountable for what we choose to bequeath to our descendants here, at a site that already puts a wide range of contaminants into our air, into our water, and on and into our lands. Continuing this practice without a plan makes absolutely no sense. Regardless of how much effort and expense was consumed in producing the BCTT report, our community is no further advanced in planning our solid waste future. Until we have that plan, the County should not issue any permit that would allow expansion of the Coffin Butte landfill, which already interferes with the character of the area and places an undue burden on public facilities and services, including those related to environmental preservation, outdoor recreation, and quality of life. Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment on the BCTT final report. Respectfully submitted, David K. Mellinger, Co-President Karan A.

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6	Kindly look at my comments above, particularly in answer box 10 and 12. Other items that are important are management of debris that end up on the highways near the landfill, trucks leaving the landfill and not having fully functional containment devices covering the now empty containers, odor control, scenery perspective experienced by travelers on major highways (such as HWY 99W), and sadly, the possible need to ensure security to avoid mischief by random demented individuals. Clearly, the use of 21st century recording devices could go a long way to reduce the challenges faced by law enforcement personnel regarding many of these items, hence, possibly installation of a speed and debris camera on HW 99W at the intersection into the entry road is a possible aid.	5/16/2023 3:57 PM
7	I recognize the time and effort that the workgroup put into these topics, and the report is evidence of that, but it is simply not representative of the attitudes shared within my community and the county writ large. This process was dictated by the loudest and most biased voices on these topics, and from the beginning it turned into a way to settle personal scores rather than a serious attempt to investigate pathways towards a more sustainable future.	5/12/2023 1:33 PM
8	I actually thought Republic was a good contributor to the work group. I know not everyone agrees. But they came to every meeting and they provide important services for all of us.	5/12/2023 12:35 PM
9	At the end of the day this is an issue of how much trash we all create. This is our problem as residents, we need to take responsibility and realize that our trash is something that has to be dealt with one way or another. Republic Services even if they're a private business is basically like any other public utility that we rely on. Their services are just necessary for us and as a community and I think we have to accept that. They've been a good participant through this whole thing and showed good faith which I thought was respectable	5/12/2023 11:49 AM
10	I just wanna give props to Republic for the work they've done with Benton County	5/11/2023 7:24 PM
11	My appreciation to Republic for working with the community	5/11/2023 7:10 PM
12	I support the effort Republic has put in to work with Benton County	5/10/2023 10:08 PM
13	Hats off to Republic to the work they've done with Benton County!	5/10/2023 9:04 PM
14	I appreciate the work Republic has done with the community and bolstering engagement with this process	5/9/2023 7:56 PM
15	I appreciate what Republic's done to partner with the community and encourage collaboration	5/9/2023 7:45 PM
16	I'm just glad Republic has been collaborating and engaging with the community	5/9/2023 8:55 AM
17	I've appreciated the work Republic has done here in Corvallis over the years	5/9/2023 8:42 AM
18	I just wanted to acknowledge the efforts Republic has made to work with Benton County	5/9/2023 8:16 AM
19	Would like Benton Co. to take waste from only Benton County. Would like "forever chemicals" to be addressed.	5/8/2023 1:13 PM
20	I would like to share with the Commissioners the following, specific to the "History" section of the final document. In this survey's instructions, it listed the "History of Coffin Butte Landfill" as the first item we would be asked questions about - but then failed to provide the requisite questions and comments/suggestions field for this item, so I am using this "other comments and suggestions" textbox to provide my comment, as it is my only outlet for doing so. IN THE HISTORY SECTION My comments below are structured as follows: I have 1) sited the page number and wording of specific sections which need correcting for accuracy, 2) explained my reason for corrections, and then 3) offered updated wording. Due to extremely limited formatting options in this comment textbox, I have used asterisks to emphasize specific text: *single asterisks* around text within existing report wording I called out and **double asterisks** around my suggested replacement wording. Pg 36 - The very first complete sentence at the top of the page currently reads: "It is important to recognize that the current issue of Coffin Butte is not about closure, but about *the manner of expansion.* " I question this premise. Why is an expansion assumed as a part of the future of solid waste management? Here is my suggested updated wording: "It is important to recognize that the current issue of Coffin Butte is not about closure, but about **whether or not to expand it and if so, the manner of expansion.** " Pg 38 - In the paragraph that begins, "Public Notice of the Planning	5/8/2023 12:22 PM

Commission Hearing...” the second sentence reads: “Public outcry had been building over the past few months as residents began to understand the ramifications of the 2020 Franchise Agreement and the corresponding CUP, *which proposed extending the landfill area south of Coffin Butte Road, which* had long been viewed locally as a ‘case closed’ impossibility given the 1983 and 1994 agreements.” What must be made clear here is that the proposed “extension” included “vacating” (i.e. permanently closing!) Coffin Butte Road and extending the landfill across it into the area south of the road. This was hands-down THE most contentious aspect of LU-21-047 and omitting this from the history section of this document is a failure to capture an accurate history. Here is my suggested updated wording: “Public outcry had been building over the past few months as residents began to understand the ramifications of the 2020 Franchise Agreement and the corresponding CUP, **which proposed permanently closing Coffin Butte Road so as to expand the landfill across it onto land south of the road. This** had long been viewed locally as a ‘case closed’ impossibility given the 1983 and 1994 agreements.” Now let’s go back to Pg 23 - In the diagram here, the second checkmark-bullet-point dated 2021, the wording is (again) misleading because it implies approval sought in expansion was only to “place waste south of Coffin Butte Rd.” when in fact the approval being sought was to “permanently close Coffin Butte Rd. and extend waste across it to the south.” I realize space in this graphic’s layout is tight, however physically there is room within it to accommodate this slight additional wording. Here is my suggested rewording: **Republic files CUP seeking approval to close and place waste across Coffin Butte Rd to the South. Expansion request approved by Solid Waste Advisory Council, then denied by Planning Commission.**

21	Develop a SWMP and follow it. Monitor activities at the site. Communicate better with the neighbors. Offer some sort of concessions to the neighboring properties to offset their exposure to sight, smells, and sounds of the operation.	5/3/2023 10:14 PM
22	The landfill should not be be run as a "for profit" company. It would better serve the people to be run as a "not for profit" service overseen by the county. It should focussed on reduction of waste, and it should only serve Benton County.	5/1/2023 4:11 PM
23	I think it's nice that Republic appears to be working to improve things in the community instead of just trying to force things through	4/28/2023 12:23 PM
24	I want to acknowledge the patience Republic has had during this process, as well as their effort to engage meaningfully	4/27/2023 3:12 PM
25	I think the report was an utter waste of time and money. My guess is that the intention is to cram what Republic Services wants down our throats via this confusing conglomeration.	4/27/2023 2:12 PM
26	I just want to give a shoutout to Republic for all the work it has done to support the community here in Benton County	4/27/2023 11:51 AM
27	I've appreciated that Republic is willing to come to the table during this process	4/27/2023 8:33 AM
28	I want to recognize the efforts Republic has made to stay involved in our community, both throughout their time here and to explain how things work during this process	4/26/2023 10:14 AM
29	I just wanted to give a shout out to Republic for being very forthcoming during this process; I appreciate their work at community engagement	4/25/2023 7:08 PM
30	I understand why the county pursued this initiative, but in the end, I'm not sure the result is what they were looking for. There were a few people in the group that seemed to steer the conversation and made this entirely about personal feelings about the landfill when that was not the original purpose. Folks so worried about the landfill should focus their energy on contributing less to it.	4/25/2023 10:28 AM
31	We are all vulnerable to Republic Service's submittal of a new CUP application because of the time it takes to implement these recommendations, especially code changes and SMMP development. The franchise agreement is long lasting (20 years?). If they submit this year, this entire effort is moot.	4/21/2023 10:57 AM
32	We need to take a long term view and make difficult fiscal decisions now, rather than taking the easy way out. Signing the 20 year franchise agreement with Republic Services that removed the tonnage cap to capturing more short term revenues was wrong. Please prioritize a neutral 3rd party LONG TERM cost-benefit analysis and environmental impact assessment for hosting a regional landfill.	4/20/2023 10:49 AM

33	The landfill is an asset our county has in terms of franchise rates and relatively low tipping fees. But corporate greed played a part in where we are now. I think this should serve as an opportunity to get Republic to agree on lower tonnage limits in exchange for developing the new south cell. I also wonder if knife River could agree to excavate quicker on the previously planned cell and stockpile it until needed- at Republic's expense.	4/13/2023 10:06 PM
34	Please simplify your approach so we can achieve actual progress. First and foremost, limit waste accepted at Coffin Butte to just that of Benton County. Then, with a more manageable burden to take care of, address systems to maintain soil, air, and water. Next, focus on building a community of re-using waste. Stop letting a company like Republic Services bully residents into submission for their profits at the expense of Benton County's livability.	4/12/2023 2:59 PM
35	I am deeply disappointed in this and the last survey that went out to the community. Completely inaccessible and does not ask the kinds of questions that an average community member (let alone anyone) can understand. In broad strokes, I do not want Benton County to accept trash from other communities. That can and should not be our legacy. We should be finding ways to reduce our trash output instead of putting a terrible burden on those that live anywhere near the landfill.	4/12/2023 8:15 AM



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MEMORANDUM

To: Benton County Board of Commissioners
From: Nicholas Fowler, Planning Commission Chair
Darren Nichols, Community Development Director
Date: February 24, 2023
Re: Planning Commission request to visit with Board of Commissioners

Dear Board Members:

The Benton County Planning Commission recently reviewed Draft #3 of the Benton County Talks Trash Work Group Report. During its review, the Planning Commission recognized that while it was pleased to offer input into the Draft Report, that input should not be considered a complete review of the report or its Findings and Recommendations because the Draft Report was still a work in progress.

Further, because the Work Group's eventual Final Draft Findings and Recommendations are anticipated to impact the Planning Commission's review and consideration of landfill issues going forward, we suggest that the Board and the Planning Commission meet as soon as reasonably practical in April after the Work Group delivers its final report.

To ensure that the Planning Commission is briefed on the Board's expectations, we recommend that the Board meet with the Planning Commission to:

- provide Board insight and direction to the Planning Commission,
- receive feedback from the Planning Commission's review of the Final Report, and
- foster continued constructive dialogue between the two bodies while the County has an open window for dialogue outside of the restrictions of any active land use application.

The Planning Commission and staff are pleased to support the Board's investment in understanding and exploring constructive paths forward on the critically important issues of solid waste and disposal.

Please let us know what date(s) could work best for the Board to meet with the Planning Commission as well as any additional agenda items the Board would like to discuss.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Fowler".

Nicholas Fowler, Chair
Planning Commission

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darren J. Nichols".

Darren J. Nichols, Director
Community Development Department

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Request for Proposals

For development of a

Sustainable Materials Management Plan

Benton County
4500 SW Research Way
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Issue Date: -----, 2023

Response Due Date: 4:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time on -----, 2023

I. **INTRODUCTION**

The Benton County is seeking proposals from qualified proposers for the development of a Sustainable Materials Management Plan. The primary purpose of the plan will be to assist the County and others in determining methods to reduce the full life cycle impacts of materials, including materials management in the end-of-life phase. Current and proposed materials management system elements (including waste prevention, collection, recovery, and disposal) will be analyzed for environmental, social (including equity and health), and economic costs and benefits across the complete lifecycle of materials. The plan will acknowledge the regional nature of materials life cycles and will emphasize regional approaches to sustainable materials management, while highlighting unique resources available to Benton County and the region.

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The plan will be developed with extensive public engagement and will be designed to include principled engagement for intentional, constructive community feedback.

II. CONTACT PERSON

Daniel Redick

Phone: (541) 766-6819

Email: Daniel.Redick@BentonCountyOR.Gov

All questions should be directed to Mr. Redick.

III. SCHEDULE

RFP issue date: -----, 2023

Deadline for questions or clarifications: -----, 2023

Proposals due: -----, 2023

IV. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. on -----, 2023 via email, mail, or delivery.

[INSERT: Description of physical submittal requirements, copies, page limits, County property, public record, confidentiality process, registering contact information prior to submittal.]

Emails, envelopes or packages must be clearly marked "Benton County SMMP RFP" and addressed as follows:

Benton County, SMMP RFP

Attention: Daniel Redick

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V. BACKGROUND

Benton County is a political subdivision of the State of Oregon located in central western Oregon, roughly 80 miles south of Portland, OR, and 30 miles east of the coast. Benton County has a population of about 98,000 people, including of the five incorporated cities: Corvallis, North Albany (partially within Benton County), Philomath, Adair Village, and Monroe, and several unincorporated communities. Corvallis is the largest city in Benton County with over 60,000 people and is home to Oregon State University. Approximately 20,600 people reside in unincorporated rural areas of the county, including about 16,200 outside of Urban Growth Boundaries. The Benton County Wasteshed is comprised of waste generated within the county boundaries, including waste from incorporated cities and unincorporated areas.

The Benton County Wasteshed generated approximately 102,000 tons of waste in 2021, disposing about 67,000 tons, and recovering 35,000 tons (34.4% recovery rate). The Wasteshed

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has a recovery rate goal of 44% by 2025. Waste recovery, disposal, and waste generation are trending upward. The Benton County Wasteshed is part of a regional Mid-Willamette Valley waste stream, and part of the larger Oregon's statewide waste stream.

[Oregon's consumption-based greenhouse gas \(GHG\) emissions in 2015](#) show that 98.6% of the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the consumption of materials in Oregon occur during the production and supply chain, transportation, wholesale and retail, and use life-cycle phases. 1.4% of emissions occur in the post-consumer disposal life-cycle stage (which includes waste collection, landfilling, and recycling). While solid waste management planning typically focuses on materials' end-of-life, Benton County aims to also address upstream emissions from life-cycle stages prior to post-consumer disposal to more effectively reduce impacts associated with the consumption of materials, including GHG emissions.

Benton County administers a solid waste collection franchise for unincorporated areas, from which comingled recycling, mixed organics (food and yard debris), and disposal (landfill-bound material), are available to all residents and businesses county-wide through weekly curbside collection. Each incorporated city also has agreements with the same franchisee, providing at a minimum the same solid waste collection services as the unincorporated areas of the county. The local collection system does not use any transfer stations. At the direction of the solid waste collection franchisee, landfill-bound materials are disposed at Coffin Butte Landfill, mixed organics are composted at Pacific Region Compost (PRC, located near the Coffin Butte Landfill), and comingled recyclables are baled at a facility in Albany, Oregon and then transferred to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Clackamas, Oregon for recovery. Community members are also allowed to self-haul materials.

Solid waste generated in Benton County is primarily disposed at Coffin Butte Landfill located north of Corvallis in Benton County. The privately-owned and operated landfill has been in operation since the 1940s and is expected to fill its currently permitted air space volume between 2037-2039. Approximately 1,046,000 tons of solid waste was accepted at the landfill in 2021. The Benton County Wasteshed generates roughly 11% of total annual tonnage; most of the material originates in other wastesheds in the region. Benton County administers a solid waste disposal site franchise agreement, as the host county for the regional Coffin Butte Landfill.

In September 2022, the Board of Commissioners charged a community-driven solid waste process workgroup to develop common understandings and recommendations for "implementing a constructive path forward relating to sustainable materials management and the future of solid waste disposal in the Mid-Willamette Valley, including at the Coffin Butte regional landfill." Following that charge, over the next seven months the Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup developed a detailed report with consensus-based findings and recommendations for the Board's consideration. The report includes detailed information and recommendations from the Workgroup regarding the development of a Sustainable Materials

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Management Plan. The Workgroup Report is available [here](#).

The Oregon legislature passed the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act (SB 582) in 2021, which is expected to significantly update Oregon's waste and recycling system beginning in 2025. Some of the law's updates include implementing a statewide recycling list of accepted materials, expanding access to recycling services, and supporting material recovery facilities through an extended producer responsibility funding structure.

VI. PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK AND PROCESS

The purpose of the work is to provide Benton County with an analysis of methods to reduce environmental, social (including equity and health), and economic impacts across the complete lifecycle of materials, addressing current and future County needs, while incorporating regional approaches and extensive stakeholder engagement. The list below briefly summarizes some potential elements of the scope of work. The successful proposer may, however, include any topics that appropriately address the purpose described above. The County intends to further develop a final scope of work with the successful proposer, and as informed through community engagement.

- Complete lifecycle impacts of materials
 - Analyze environmental (including climate change), social (including equity and health), and economic impacts throughout all materials lifecycle stages. This analysis should identify key life cycle stages, materials, and management strategies that are particularly impactful, while considering future impacts of climate change. An equity component of this analysis should address the impacts to traditionally underserved populations.
- Waste stream analysis
 - Analyze waste generation in Benton County and throughout the region. This analysis should identify key sectors or industries and any unique waste streams. It should also provide waste generation forecasts.
- Upstream lifecycle stages
 - Identify methods to reduce environmental (including climate change), social (including equity and health), and economic impacts throughout upstream lifecycle stages, prior to post-consumer disposal. Evaluate the County's role in emerging state legislation and provide effective strategies to participate. This analysis should identify waste prevention, reduction, reuse and repair options, including resources, programs, and policy options. This analysis should include options addressing food waste and construction and demolition material.
- Waste collection
 - Identify methods to reduce environmental (including climate change), social (including equity and health), and economic impacts from waste collection. Analyze options for the County's solid waste collection franchise, as well as

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collaboration opportunities with incorporated cities, as they relate to current and recommended recovery and disposal options. This analysis should consider the costs and benefits of transfer stations, recycling depots, and collection events. The analysis should also consider state, national, and international best practices.

- Recovery
 - Identify methods to reduce environmental (including climate change), social (including equity and health), and economic impacts waste recovery. Analyze options for the County to meet or exceed waste recovery goals, while focusing on highest impact materials. This analysis should include options for recovering food waste and construction and demolition material. The analysis should also include options for material recovery facilities.
- Disposal
 - Identify methods to reduce environmental (including climate change), social (including equity and health), and economic impacts from disposal. Analyze disposal impacts of waste generated by Benton County Wasteshed sources, as well as materials disposed in Benton County and generated by other wastesheds (including costs and benefits of hosting a regional landfill). The analysis should address alternative approaches to disposal, including alternative technologies outside of landfilling, as well as alternative landfill sites.
- Hazardous materials
 - Identify hazardous materials in the waste stream and methods to reduce environmental (including climate change), social (including equity and health), and economic impacts from hazardous materials. Analyze collection, events, and facility options from a local and regional perspective.

[INSERT: Project scope does not include siting or designing facilities.]

[INSERT: Expectations for community and stakeholder engagement.]

[INSERT: Stakeholders group review process.]

VII. **PROPOSAL FORMAT AND CONTENT**

Proposal must contain the following information:

- a. Cover Letter.
- b. Project Team Experience and Qualifications.
- c. References.
- d. Experiences.
- e. Understanding of Project.
- f. Approach to the Scope of Work.
- g. Cost of the Proposal.
- h. Project Schedule.

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[NOTE: Timeline should allow for extensive public interaction and engagement. Proposers may include project scopes options at various costs and timelines. The report may be released in sections, based on timeline and content priorities.]

VIII. PROPOSALS – REVIEW AND SELECTION

Sample Ranking System Only

- Experience, Capabilities and Resources of the Proposer. **25 points.**
- Experience of project team members. **25 points.**
- Approach to the scope of work. **25 points**
- Schedule. **10 points**
- Reasonableness of the Cost Proposal. **15 points**

[INSERT: Description of proposal ranking and review process]

[INSERT: Additional presentation requirements]

[INSERT: Right to reject proposals]

IX. AGREEMENT

[To be completed consistent with Benton County Code.]

X. Contractual requirements

[To be completed consistent with Benton County Code.]

XI. Complaint processes and remedies

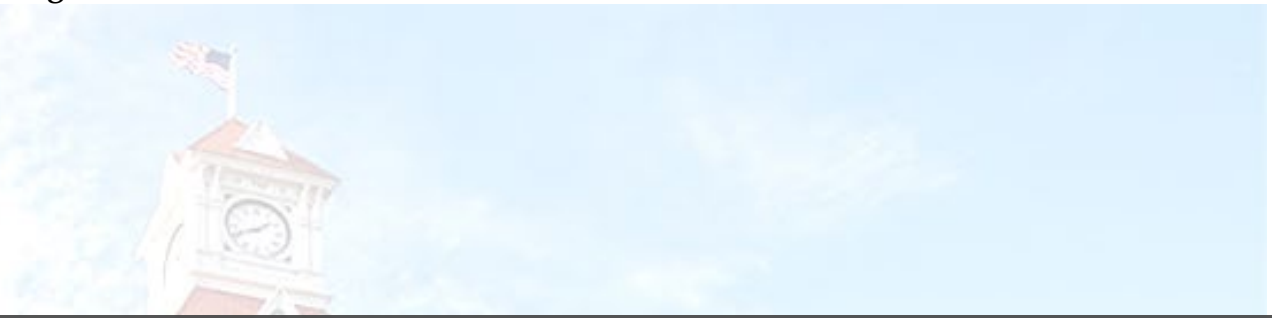
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XII. Provisions made for vendors to comment on any specifications which they feel limit competition

[To be completed consistent with Benton County Code.]

The Workgroup Report is available at the following link:

https://www.co.benton.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/8208/bctt_final_report_4-11-2023.pdf



Benton County Adult Drug Treatment Court

*Presented to the Benton County Board of Commissioners on June 13, 2023
Matthew Donohue, ADTC Judge and John Haroldson, Benton County District Attorney.*



WHAT IS AN ADULT DRUG TREATMENT COURT

- The drug court model links the resources of the criminal justice system & treatment programs to increase treatment participation and decrease criminal recidivism.
- Collaborative effort involving the Court and other public agencies and private organizations. Operates under statutory authority of the court.
- Involves frequent court appearances, intensive outpatient treatment, and random drug testing. This treatment has proven to be much more effective than jail or probation to break the cycle of addiction and reduce criminal activity.
- When followed to fidelity, this treatment model has proven much more effective to break the addiction and criminal activity cycles than jail or probation.
- If a program doesn't follow the basic drug court model as defined by the key components, then it is not a treatment court. Evidence shows harm results.

“The effectiveness of Drug Courts is not a matter of conjecture. It is the product of more than two decades of exhaustive scientific research” (Marlowe, 2010).

COST-EFFECTIVE OUTCOMES

- A meta-analysis concluded: average of **\$2.21** in direct benefits to the criminal justice system for **every \$1 invested**.¹
 - 221% return on investment
- When high risk offenders are targeted, this increases to **\$3.36** for **every \$1 invested**.¹
- For every \$1 spent on addiction treatment programs, there is a \$4 to \$7 reduction in the cost of drug-related crimes.²
- Treatment courts produce benefits of \$6,208 per participant, returning up to **\$27** for every \$1 invested.³

¹ Marlowe, D. B. (2010). Need to know: Research update on adult drug courts [Issue Brief]. https://www.ndci.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Research-Update-on-Adult-Drug-Courts-NADCP_1.pdf

² National Institutes of Health. (2006). NIDA announces recommendations to treat drug abusers, save money and reduce crime. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/nida-announces-recommendations-treat-drug-abusers-save-money-reduce-crime>.

³ Rossman, S., Rempel, M., Roman, J., Zweig, J., Lindquist, C., Green, M., Downey, M., Yahner, J., Bhati, Avenash, Farole, D. (2011). The multi-site adult drug court evaluation: The impact of drug courts, volume 4. U.S. Department of Justice. <https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/237112.pdf>.

The 10 Key Components

Define treatment courts (the model)

Principles as defined by the 10 Key Components:

- Multi-disciplinary team (Justice System and Treatment)
- Collaboration and information sharing
- Swift entry into treatment and other services
- Intensive monitoring
- Use of behavior modification (Incentives and Sanctions)
- Staff Training
- Self evaluation and feedback for performance improvement
- Sustainability

ADTC BEST PRACTICE STANDARDS¹

Operationalize the 10 Key Components: Research based practices on HOW to implement treatment courts effectively

Volume One

- Target population
- Equity and Inclusion
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Judge
- Incentives, Sanctions and Therapeutic Adjustments
- Substance Abuse Treatment

Volume Two

- Complementary Treatment and Social Services
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Multidisciplinary Team
- Census and Caseloads
- Monitoring and Evaluation

¹ Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards. NADCP. (2023). <https://www.nadcp.org/standards/adult-drug-court-best-practice-standards/>

“Drug Courts that learn the lessons of science reap benefits several times over through better outcomes and greater cost-effectiveness (Rossman & Zweig, 2012).”

MISSION STATEMENT

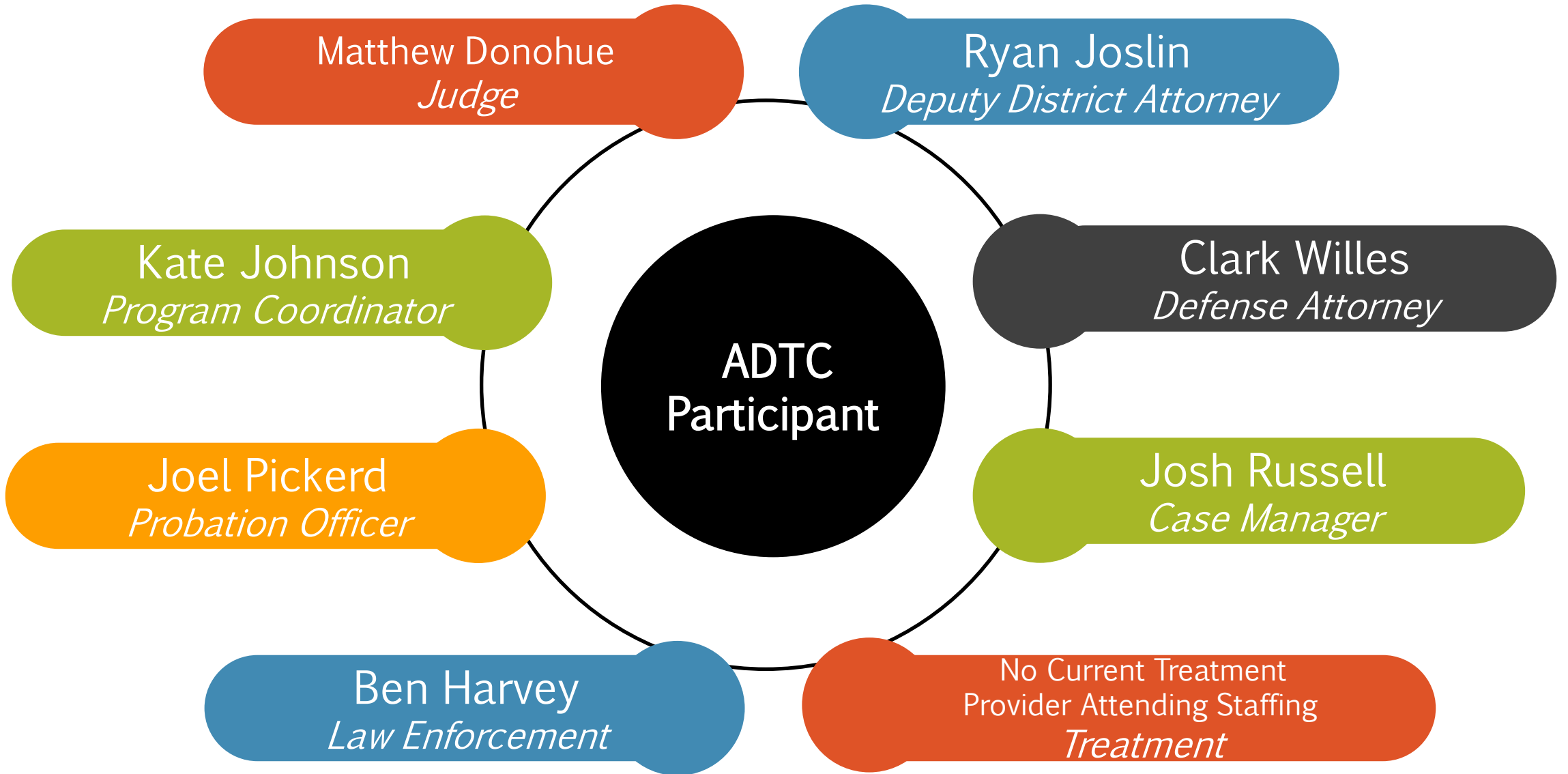
The Benton County Adult Drug Treatment Court (ADTC) will treat addiction to improve lives, reduce crime, and promote a healthy, safe community.

- To fulfill this mission, ADTC strives to reach the following goals and objectives:
 - Increase adult education.
 - Increase adult employment.
 - Increase adult housing stability.
 - Increase adult wage rate.
 - Reduce adult criminal recidivism.
 - Reduce adult substance abuse.

Multidisciplinary Team

- A dedicated multidisciplinary team of professionals manages the day-to-day operations of the Drug Court, including:
 - Reviewing participant progress during pre-court staff meetings.
 - Contributing observations and recommendations within respective areas of expertise.
 - Staffing team members provide weekly updates on participant progress.
 - Information sharing and collaborative discussion and decision-making.
 - Delivering or overseeing the delivery of legal, treatment and supervision services.

STAFFING TEAM



TEAM MEMBER ROLES

- Judge
 - Provides leadership, holds participants accountable with incentives and sanctions, and serves as decision-maker.
- Defense Attorney
 - Serves as the legal advocate and advisor to participants.
- Prosecuting Attorney
 - Serves as the gatekeeper to ADTC; advocates for effective sanctions and incentives to ensure community safety.
- Program Coordinator
 - Liaison between the ADTC team members and community partners and is responsible for the operation of program activities.
- Probation Officer
 - Supervises and directs participants, including the development of individual case plans to meet the needs of each participant.
- Case Manager
 - Provides supportive services (assistance with health insurance, housing, transportation, medical/dental care, job training, etc.).
- Treatment Provider
 - Provides individual and group alcohol and substance abuse education and treatment, including the development of and individualized treatment plan.
- Law Enforcement Representative
 - Provides input related to community safety and community relations.

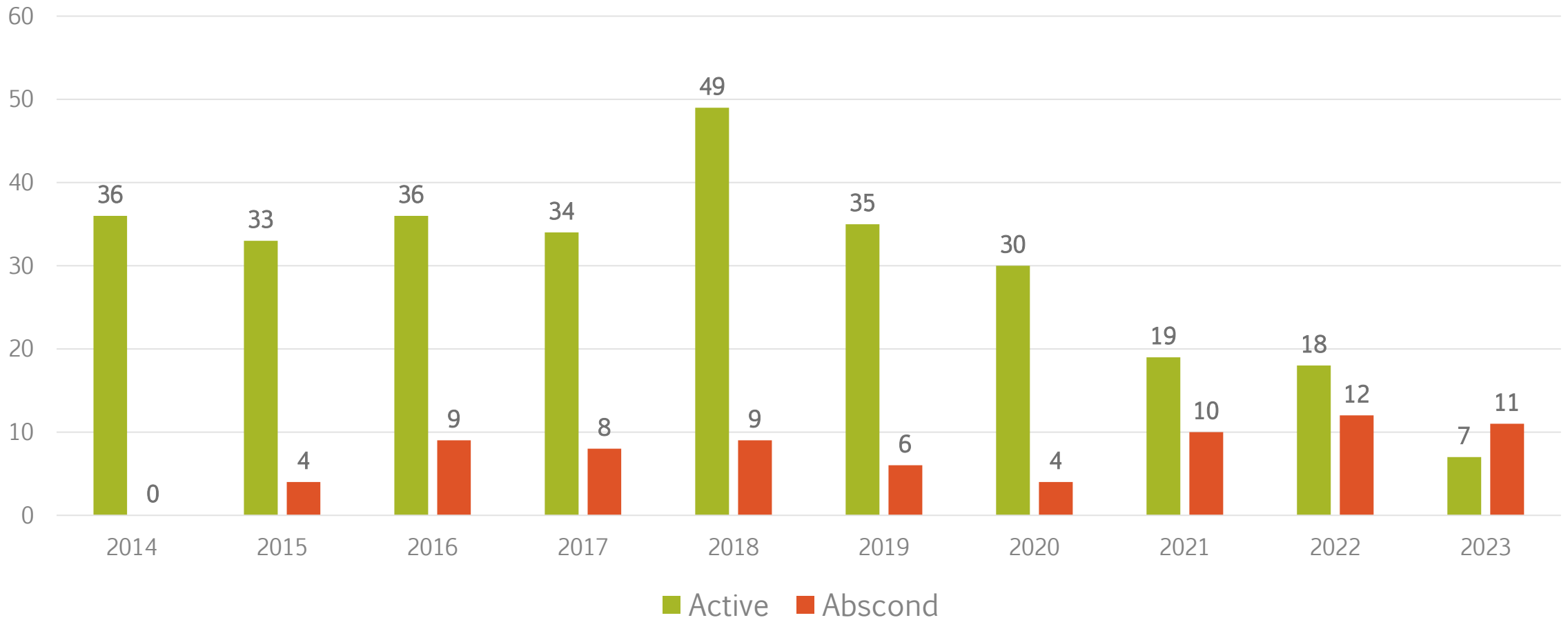
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- High Risk, High Need Individuals
- 5 Phase Program
 - Phase 1 – Acute Stabilization
 - Phase 2 – Clinical Stabilization
 - Phase 3 – Pro-Social Habilitation
 - Phase 4 – Adaptive Habilitation
 - Phase 5 – Continuing Care
- Minimum Program Length: 12 Months
- Average Program Length: 18 Months

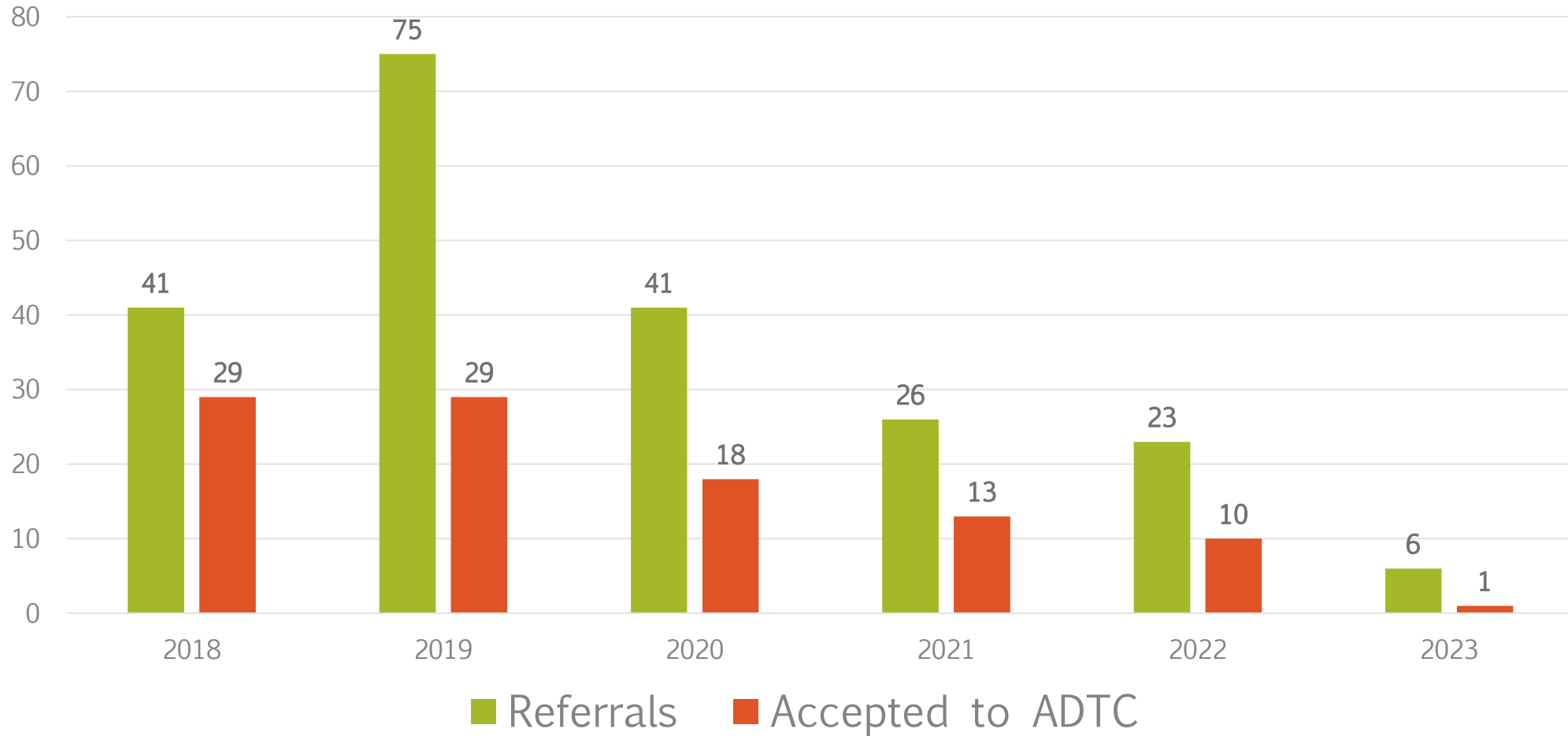
NDCI ADTC Mentor Court - 2010

- NADCP/NDCI highlight ADTC programs which exhibit exemplary practice.
 - Serve as educational and training sites for the Drug Court and broader justice field and public.
 - Serve as model court programs for individuals and court teams interested in starting an ADTC.
 - Serve as national “evaluation platforms” for outcome studies on the model as well as for the development, identification, and testing of ADTC best practices

PARTICIPANT CENSUS



ADTC REFERRALS

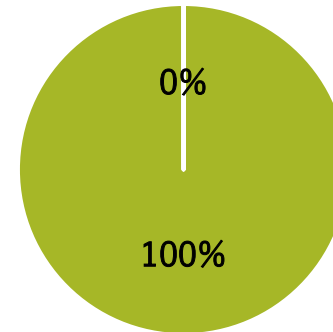


PROGRAM STATISTICS

- 660 Participants Served
- 331 Graduates
 - 6 Within Last Year

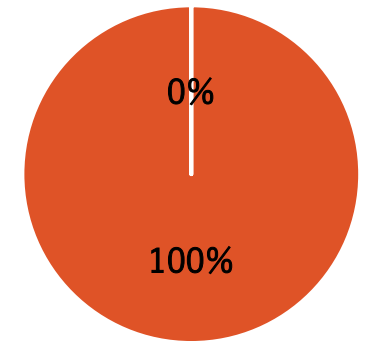
GRADUATES WITHIN LAST YEAR N=6

Upon Entry

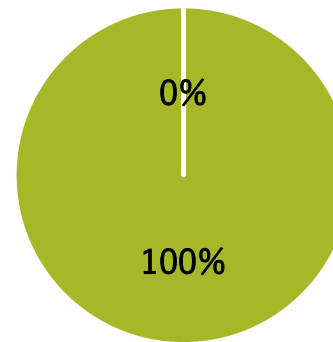


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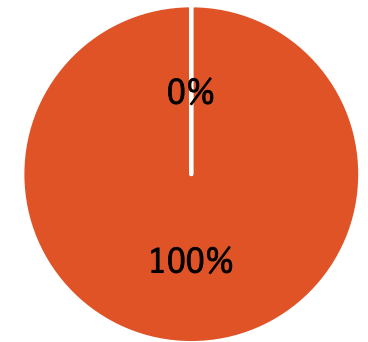
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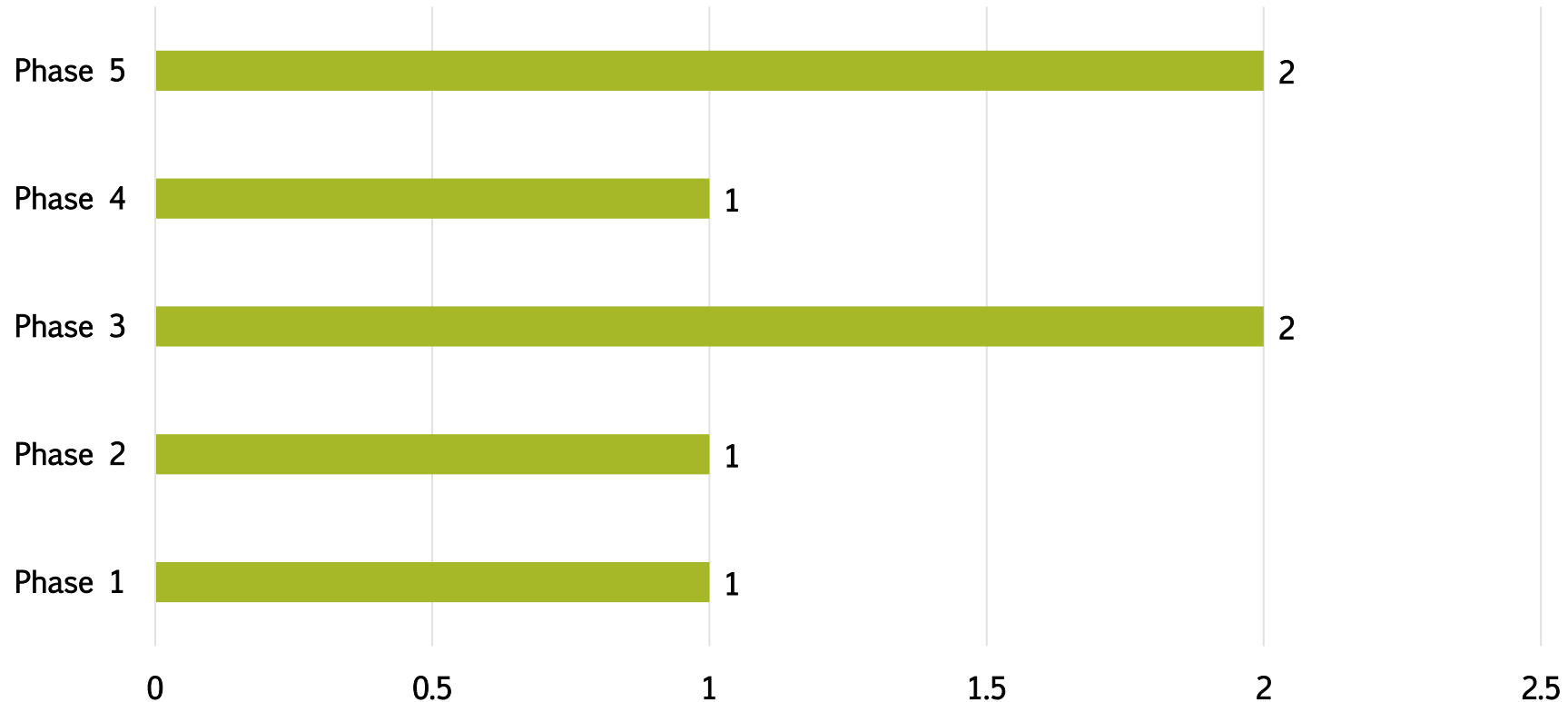
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ADTC PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS

- 7 Active Participants
- 4 Downward Dispositional Departures



ADTC COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- CHANCE
- Pathfinder Clubhouse
- DHS
- Oxford House
- God Gear
- Community Outreach, Inc.
- Community Services Consortium
- ARC

ADTC BEST PRACTICE COMPLIANCE ISSUES

- Due to funding limitations, County unable to uphold MOU commitments
- Treatment provider nonattendance at ADTC staffing
- Non-Forensic Drug Testing
- Removal of core criminal thinking treatment curriculum
- Co-gendered, mixed risk level treatment groups
- Reduction in evidence-based programming
- Lack of effective utilization of CHANCE peer support contract

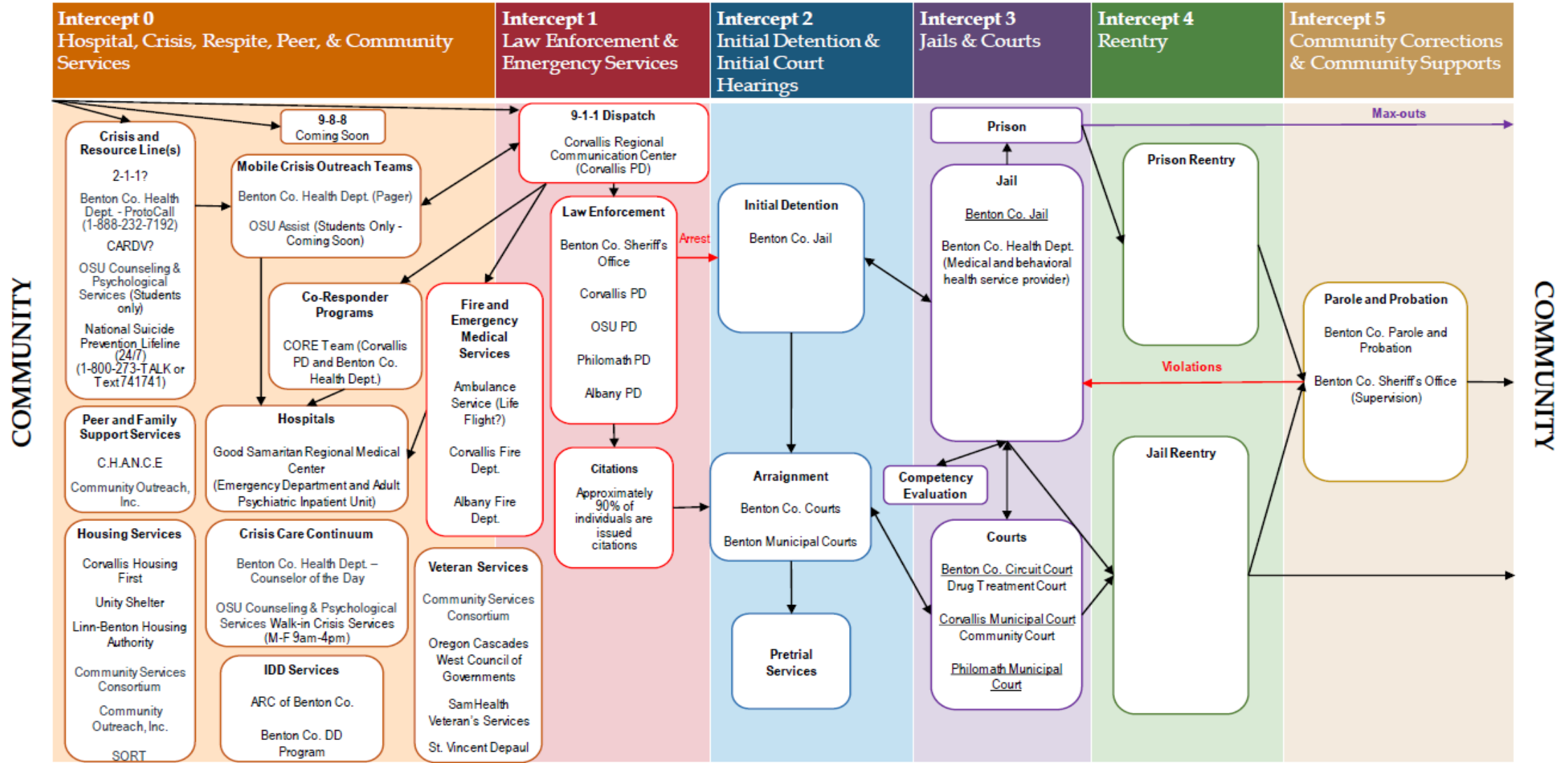
“Though Benton County Behavioral Health recognizes the value and importance of the drug court program, we are, regrettably, unable to align our services to fidelity with the national and state model.”

Damien Sands, BCBH Deputy Director / Behavioral Health Director

OUTCOMES IMPROVE WHEN:

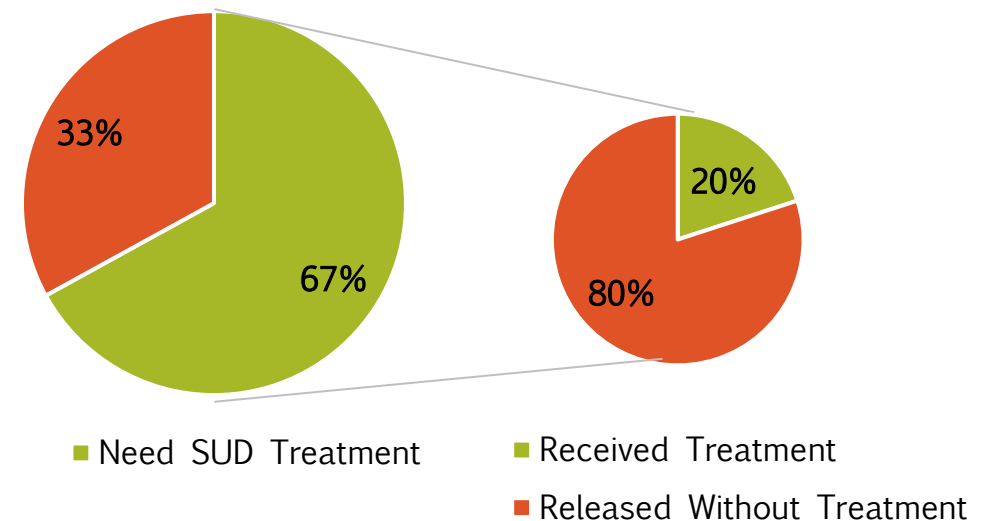
- Participants receive behavioral or cognitive-behavioral interventions.
- Interventions are carefully documented in treatment manuals. Providers are trained to deliver the intervention consistent with the manual.
- Fidelity to the treatment model is maintained through continual clinical oversight.
- Treatment lasts at least 9 to 12 months.
- On average participants receive 6-10 hours of counseling weekly in the initial phase and 200 hours counseling over the course of treatment.
- Treatment participates in staffing.

BENTON COUNTY SEQUENTIAL INTERCEPT MODEL



OREGON PRISON STATISTICS

- 4,000+ Individuals released last year¹
 - Annual Per Person Cost: \$50,000¹
- 90% of state prisoners are eventually released back into the community¹
- Of the two-thirds entering the prison system needing SUD treatment, over 80% were released without getting it¹



¹ Green, E. (2023, May 8). Most Oregon prisoners can't get addiction treatment; there's a bill to change that. The Lund Report. <https://www.thelundreport.org/content/most-oregon-prisoners-cant-get-addiction-treatment-theres-bill-change>

BI-ANNUAL BUDGET ESTIMATE – PRESUMES CENSUS OF UP 20 PARTICIPANTS

Service	Estimate
Treatment Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplies/Other • 1 FTE CADC II • 1 FTE CADC I • 1 FTE Case Manager • Central/Dept Cost Allocation & Facilities 	\$1,046,746
Peer Support Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 FTE PSS 	\$173,656
Drug Testing (Forensic Capability) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 - .2FTE UA Tech • 3,120 Urinalysis Tests • Buprenorphine Confirm • Fentanyl Confirm 	\$205,920
Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery Housing • Cascade Apartments • Utilities 	\$74,320
Wrap Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GED Tutoring • Test Fees • Transportation 	\$5,000
Training/Travel	\$40,000
Incentives	\$3,320
Subtotal	\$1,548,962
15% Contingency Management	\$232,344
TOTAL	\$1,781,306



CJC grant and insurance reimbursements may offset the costs of these categories.



Grant opportunities exist to offset wrap services and housing. Would require commitment of county grant administrator.

Source: Finance, Benton County Health Department

OREGON HEALTH PLAN REIMBURSEMENT RATES

Description	Rate	Unit
Peer Delivered Services		
• Self-Help/Peer Services	\$24.78 - \$30.98	15 Minutes
• Supported Employment/Education	\$25.11 - \$31.39	15 Minutes
• Skills Training & Development	\$27.39 - \$34.24	15 Minutes
Substance Use Disorder Services		
• Alcohol & Drug Assessments	\$214.31	Per Service
• Intensive Outpatient	\$112.32	Per Service
• Group Counseling	\$54.76	Per Service
• Case Management	\$29.33	15 Minutes
• Drug Testing	\$17.68	Per Service

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QUESTIONS?

Agenda Placement and Contacts

Suggested Agenda Date 06/13/23

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Suggested Placement* Work Session

Department* Board of Commissioners

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Meeting Attendee Name* Damien Sands, Suzanne Hoffman

Agenda Item Details

Item Title* Adult Drug Treatment Court (ADTC) Program

Item Involves *

Check all that apply

- Appointments
- Budget
- Contract/Agreement
- Discussion and Action
- Discussion Only
- Document Recording
- Employment
- Notice of Intent
- Order/Resolution
- Ordinance/Public Hearing 1st Reading
- Ordinance/Public Hearing 2nd Reading
- Proclamation
- Project/Committee Update
- Public Comment
- Special Report
- Other

Estimated Time *

10 minutes

Board/Committee Involvement *

- Yes
- No

Advertisement *

- Yes
- No

Item Issues and Description

Identified Salient Issues *

Benton County Behavioral Health (BCBH) is not able to align with the ADTC program model while striving to meet a high and increasing demand for services in the broader community. BCBH is able to continue to provide appropriate services to current participants in the ADTC program as described in the attached memorandum.

Options *

BCBH has redesigned service provision to program participants and requests permission to formally end BCBH participation in the ADTC program.

Fiscal Impact *

- Yes
- No

Fiscal Impact Description *

Staff resources are more responsibly allocated to serve a more individuals resulting in more billable services being provided.

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Describe how this agenda checklist advances the core values or focus areas of 2040, or supports a strategy of a departmental goal.

To review the initiative, visit the website [HERE](#).

Mandated Service? * Yes
 No

Values and Focus Areas

Check boxes that reflect each applicable value or focus area and explain how they will be advanced.

Core Values *

Select all that apply.

- Vibrant, Livable Communities
- Supportive People Resources
- High Quality Environment and Access
- Diverse Economy that Fits
- Community Resilience
- Equity for Everyone
- Health in All Actions
- N/A

Explain Core Values Selections *

Addressing mental health and substance use disorder treatment needs can contribute to community health and provide needed support to more people more equitably.

**Focus Areas and
Vision ***

Select all that apply.

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- Community Safety
- Emergency Preparedness
- Outdoor Recreation
- Prosperous Economy
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Mobility and Transportation
- Housing and Growth
- Arts, Entertainment, Culture, and History
- Food and Agriculture
- Lifelong Learning and Education
- N/A

**Explain Focus Areas
and Vision
Selection ***

Serving more people more equitably can contribute to reduced interactions with law enforcement while increasing safety for the individuals served and the broader community.

Item Recommendations and Motions

Staff Recommendations* Staff recommend formally ending BCBH participation in the ADTC program and to focus on meeting the growing demand for services in the community.

Work Session Motions*

I move to ...

...accept the staff recommendation to formally end BCBH participation in the ADTC program and to focus on meeting the growing demand for services in the community,

OR

...not accept the staff recommendation,

OR

...direct staff to bring forth additional information for consideration.

Attachments, Comments, and Submission

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Item Comments and Attachments

Attachments

Upload any attachments to be included in the agenda, preferably as PDF files. If more than one attachment / exhibit, please indicate "1", "2", "3" or "A", "B", "C" on the documents.

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Comments (optional) This agenda topic is adjacent to the ADTC program presentation being provided by the Judge and the District Attorney.

If you have any questions, please call ext.6800

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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 30, 2023

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Damien Sands, Behavioral Health Director, and Suzanne Hoffman, Interim County Administrator

Re: **Recommendation Regarding the Long-term Viability of Benton County's Adult Drug Treatment Court**

Program Types

In general, Adult Drug Treatment Courts (ADTCs) are specialized court programs designed to address the needs of individuals with substance use disorders who are involved in the criminal justice system. ADTCs aim to divert eligible participants from traditional criminal proceedings and offer them a structured, comprehensive, and integrated approach to treatment and rehabilitation.

Benton County's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) program, like most similarly constructed County programs, adheres to established and proven treatment approaches. These programs utilize evidence-based practices – treatment methods supported by scientific research and demonstrated effectiveness. SUD programming aims to provide individuals struggling with substance abuse disorders access to evidence-based interventions, therapies, and support services that have been shown to yield positive outcomes in helping individuals achieve and sustain recovery. Our SUD programs typically involve a comprehensive and tailored approach; combining various evidence-based interventions such as cognitive-behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, medication-assisted treatment, relapse prevention strategies, and ongoing support and monitoring. Overall, our SUD program strives to offer effective and evidence-backed interventions to individuals seeking help for their substance use disorders with the goal of promoting long-term recovery and improved quality of life.

Program Differentiation

The intent of the following is to not highlight the challenges surrounding ADTC but rather to highlight the general strengths of our SUD program and its ability to serve those in need. We do believe ADTCs can still play a valuable role in the justice system by offering alternative pathways for certain individuals who may benefit from the structure and supervision provided. That stated, outpatient substance use treatment that utilizes evidence-based practices should be the preferential choice for several reasons:

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- **Tailored Treatment:** Our SUD program provides personalized treatment plans based on an individual's specific needs and circumstances. When offering treatment based around evidence-backed practices, we know we are using current, scientifically validated approaches that have proven effective in treating substance use disorders.
- **Comprehensive Care:** We offer a broad range of services, including individual counseling, group therapy, medication-assisted treatment (MAT), peer services, housing supports, and general holistic support. This comprehensive approach addresses not only the substance use disorder but also underlying mental health issues or other related concerns.
- **Long-term Support:** We provide ongoing support even after the initial treatment phase is complete. This continuity of care helps individuals maintain their progress, prevent relapse, and develop effective coping strategies for long-term recovery.
- **Reduced Stigma and Legal Involvement:** Engaging in outpatient treatment allows individuals to receive support without the stigma of a physical setting associated with legal involvement. Drug treatment court, on the other hand, can subject individuals to additional scrutiny and legal consequences, which may hinder their recovery.

Long-term Viability

In addition to the previous discussion on differing therapeutic models, it is essential to consider the fiscal impact, community need, and fiduciary responsibilities associated with the topic. To provide context, when the County undertook this program, the expectation was to maintain a client census of 20 to 40 individuals, which would allow for economies of scale in both service and cost. However, as of May, we currently have only 4 active clients in the ADTC program, with an average of 6 to 10 clients throughout the year. Therefore, it is evident that the ADTC program has encountered several challenges and difficulties:

- **Ballot Measure 110:** Passed by voters in November 2020, this measure decriminalized the possession of small amounts of illicit drugs. As a result, 5,400 fewer people were arrested statewide in the 10 months after decriminalization compared to the same period in 2020.
- **Administrative Burden:** ADTC has a disproportionately high level of administrative burden, from programmatic requirements, staffing, and numerous meetings; all residing outside the actual services offered to clients, which must also be maintained.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** Outpatient treatment is far more cost-effective than drug treatment court. Outpatient treatment costs typically include expenses related to therapy, counseling, medication, and other support services, all of which fall under our billable services. Many ADTC activities fall outside our billable services.
- **Community Impact:** The needs within our community continue to grow when it comes to substance use. Our Children's and Family program is in desperate need of more focus and support from our SUD program. Unlike our current ADTC census, we believe these numbers will only continue to increase.

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Short-term Solution

In March 2023, it became evident the ADTC program's viability was at risk due to the fiscal burden and critically low client census. To address these challenges, we made the decision to transfer the program under our SUD Manager and relocate the services in-house at the Health Services Building. This enabled the incorporation of treatment models that align with current best practices and are financially sustainable. It also resulted in the utilization of a previously under-utilized space, which now serves as the location for our downtown Crisis team. We are now capable of providing uninterrupted services for as long as needed, guaranteeing continuity for the clients we serve. We realize our model does not fully align with the current standards of ADTC, but as described above, we believe it is a model that offers the supports individuals need for recovery.

Recommendation

We believe the best course of action for Benton County is to maintain the services within our SUD program with the model defined by Benton County Behavioral Health (BCBH). Within this current model, we can effectively allocate staff. We believe funds could be better utilized to address the current struggles of our broader community rather than solely focusing on criminal justice-involved individuals, especially considering the changes brought about by Measure 110 and the measure's intent to shift resources from the criminal justice system to treatment services. We recommend formally ending BCBH's involvement in the ADTC program.

Action Requested

Provide direction to staff:

1. Accept staff recommendation to formally end BCBH's participation in the ADTC program, or
2. Do not accept staff recommendation to formally end BCBH's participation in the ADTC program,
or
3. Direct staff to bring forth additional information for consideration.

Strategic Communications Update

May 2023 - Present

Cory Grogan

June 13, 2023



Analytics

- Q1 – 2023 Outreach



Crisis Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

- Planning
- Invites
- Outreach



Awareness Outreach



- Fentanyl Aware (BCHD, BCSO, BOC)
 - Benton County hosts multiagency fentanyl awareness session | Flickr
- AWPP video
- HOPE meeting & HB4123
- Flag raising at Crystal Lake Cemetery
- NAFA Fleet Award
- Historic Courthouse Advisory Committee

Product Tracker



- [Flag raising at Crystal Lake Cemetery](#)
 - [KMTR 16](#)
- Fentanyl Awareness media release
 - [KEZI 9](#)
 - [KPIC 4](#)
- [HOPE meeting](#)
 - [KEZI 9](#)
 - [Corvallis Advocate](#)
- [EAP training](#)
- Benton Public Podcast Episode 3 – Daytime Drop In Center
 - [Episode 2](#)
 - [RSS](#)
- [Fuel training](#)
- [NAFA Fleet Award](#)

JSIP Communications

- Collecting public feedback



Solid Waste Process workgroup

- Final report and feedback outreach for June 13 meeting



Publications



- BAT
- Biennial report
- Other (CD, PW, NAPE)

Ongoing work



- Newsletters
- Social media
- Media report
- PIO engagement calendar
- Media & Strategic Communications Policy
- Communications planning
 - Community Outreach and Engagement plan approved
 - Media relations plan



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Quarter 1 – 2023

Outreach impact & return on investment

Public Information, JonnaVe Stokes

April 2023



Review of Quarter 1 - 2023

Today's agenda

- Vision, mission & core values
- Glossary of metrics – why is this important?
- Website - Traffic, sources & top pages
- Social media - Engagement, growth & top content
- Email subscribers - Open & engagement rates
- Advertising impacts - Print, digital, radio & television
- Employee outreach - Open & engagement rates
- Appendix

Mission, Vision & Core Values

Mission: *to make Benton County a better place to live. We bring to our citizenry the authority, structure, and services to respond to public concerns and opportunities, and provide a means for local decision-making.*

Goal: *to promote a safe and nurturing environment where families and individuals can thrive and prosper.*

Key performance indicators: *reach, growth, engagement*

Communication goals:

1. *Get the right info to the right people at the right time.*
2. *Highlight Benton County's work in our community through the 2040 Thriving Community Initiatives.*

2040 Thriving Community Initiatives

Vision

Uphold and achieve our communities' core values today and tomorrow.

Mission

Deliver excellence and continual improvement in inclusive County government services, policies & operations.

Core Values

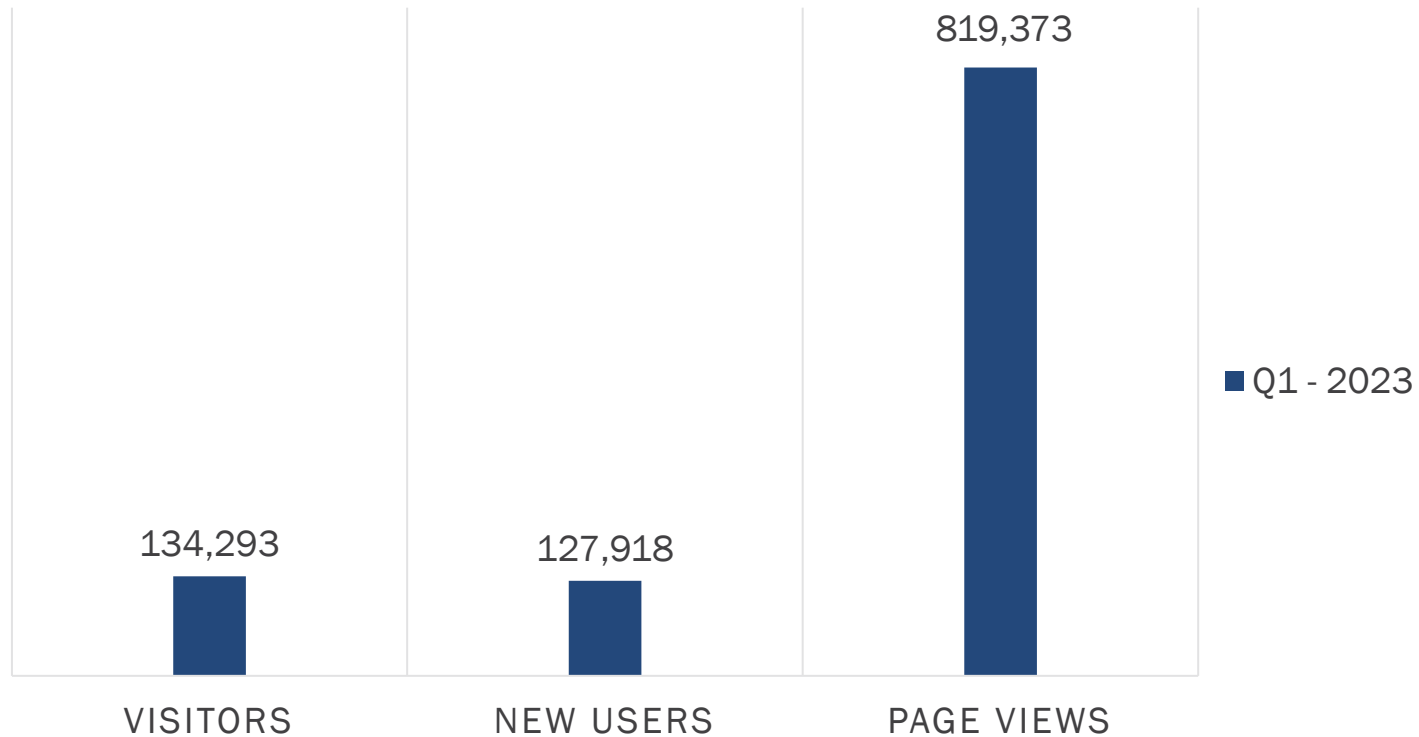
- Vibrant livable communities
- Supportive people & resources
- High quality environment & access
- Diverse economy that fits
- Community resilience

← Health + Equity →

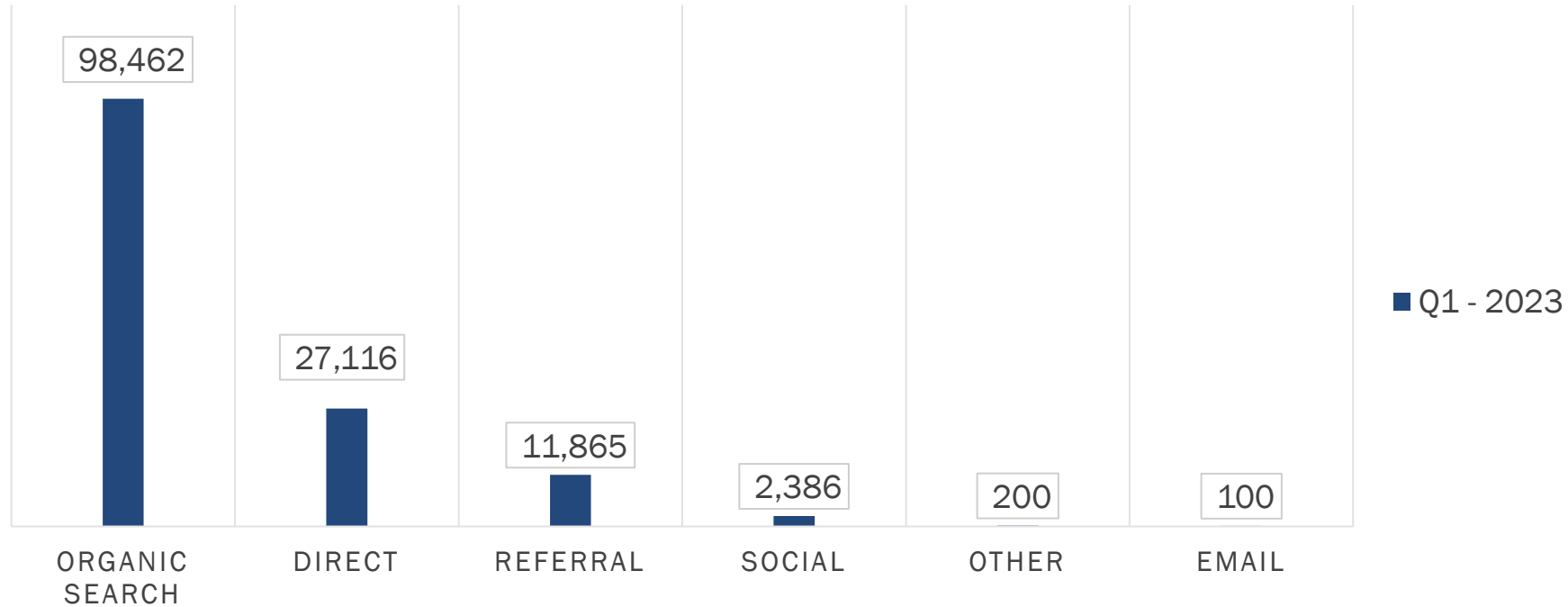
Web traffic and sources

Quarter 1 - 2023 Traffic

Total web traffic

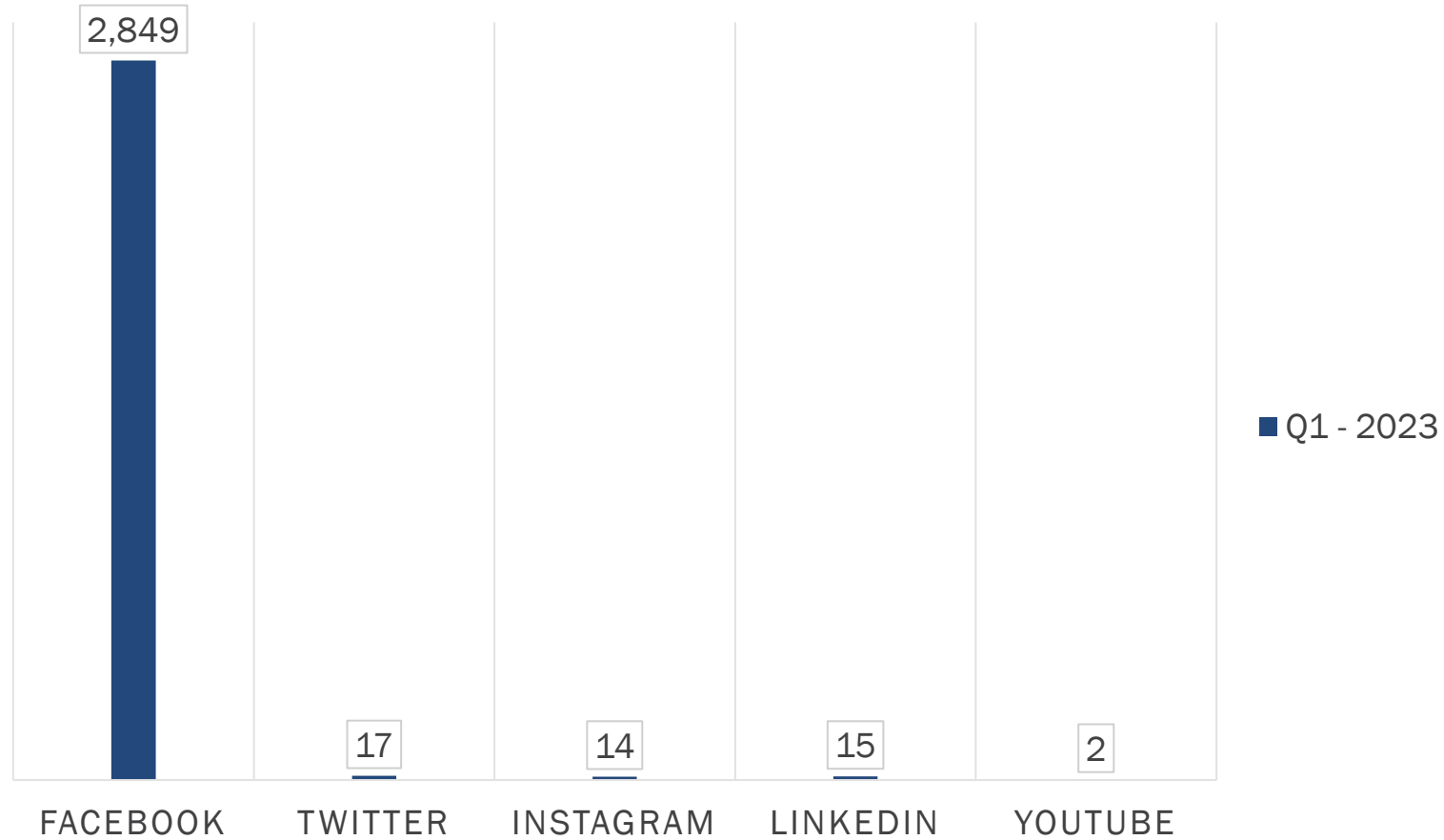


Traffic sources



- **Organic search** = traffic that comes to your site from a search engine, but that isn't paid for.
- **Direct** = traffic that does not come from a referring website.
- **Referral** = traffic that arrives on your website through another source, like through a link on another domain.
- **Social** = traffic coming to your website, mobile site or mobile app from social networks and social media platforms.
- **Other** = traffic that is not recognized within Google's default system defined channel rules like "Email" or "Social".

Traffic by social channel



Top 5 viewed pages

Quarter 1 - 2023

1. 169,361 Inmate custody list - Sheriff's Office
2. 104,417 Property search results - Assessment
3. 38,776 Inmate release list - Sheriff's Office
4. 20,339 Daily activity log - Sheriff's Office
5. 20,255 Homepage - Board of Commissioners

Social media

Quarter 1 - 2023 Engagement

What does it mean & why is it important?

Glossary

- **Reach** - the # of individual people who saw our content.
- **Impressions** - the # of times a post shows up in an individual's timeline.
- **Engagement** - any action an individual takes on our page or on one of our posts, includes: opens, clicks, likes, comments, shares, location check, tags.

Key Messages

- 2040 Thriving Community Initiative's
- Board of Commissioner and department projects

Social engagement

Likes, comments, shares, and link clicks.

Social reach

Number of accounts that saw content on our pages.

NEW: Mar. 31 launch of Benton County Public Podcast series, episode 1 (BCTT) receives 59 listening sessions.

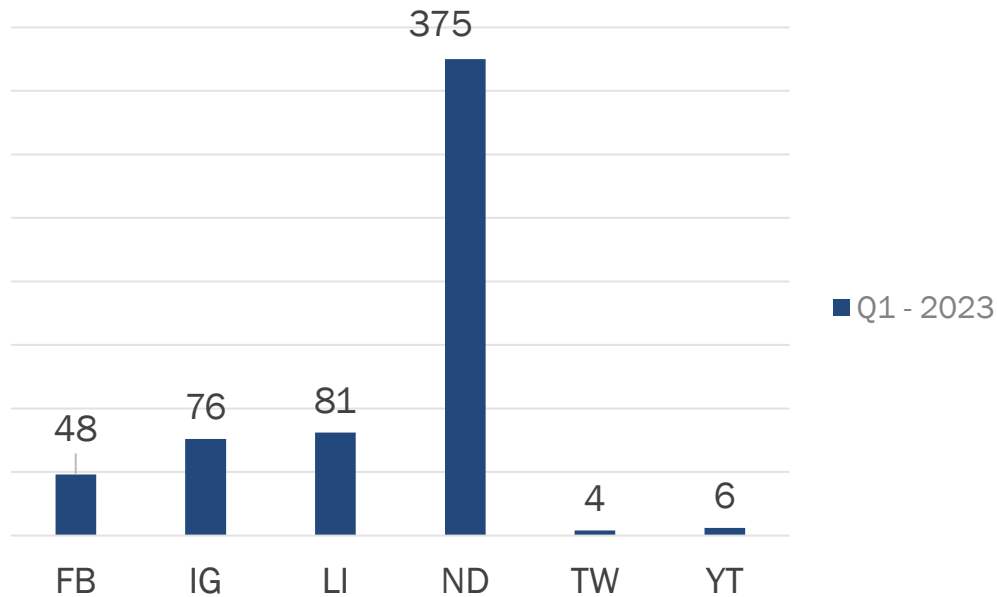
Quarter 1 - 2023

Channel	Post reach	Video reach	Post engagement	Video engagement
Facebook	17,844	2,796	2,067	12
Instagram	1,992	571	687	12
LinkedIn	8,993	55	1,155	43
Linktree	217	n/a	20	n/a
Nextdoor	50,754	n/a	131	n/a
Twitter	30,900+	n/a	248	n/a
YouTube	n/a	1,600+	n/a	15
Totals	110,700	5,022	4,308	82

A look at our audience

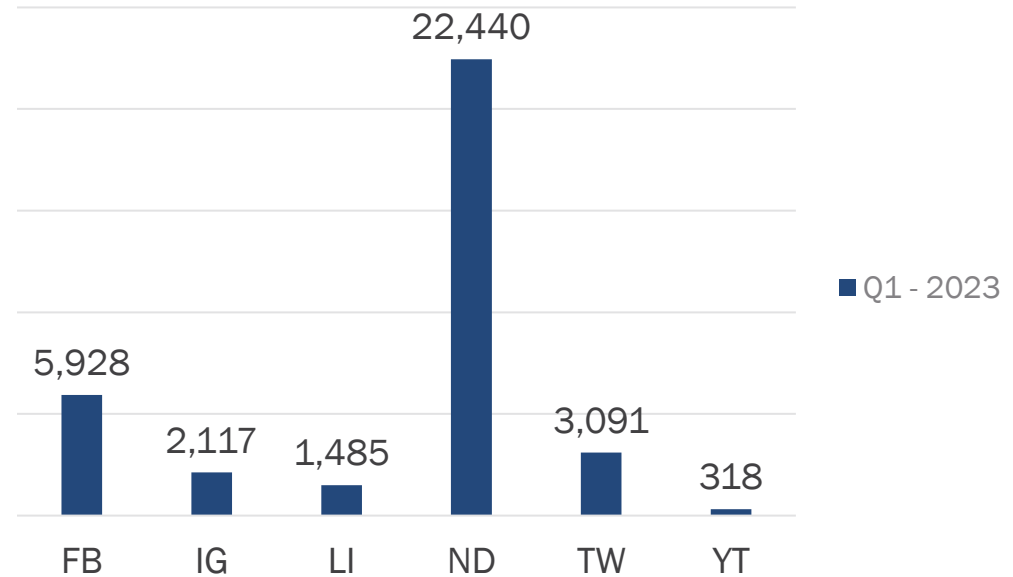
Quarter 1 - 2023 Engagement

Follower growth



Growth this quarter

590 new followers



Followers per channel

35,379 total followers

Follower demographics



Facebook

Corvallis - 38.6%
Albany - 12%
Philomath - 6.1%
Monroe - 2.4%
Lebanon - 2.1%
Eugene - 1.7%
Portland - 1.7%
Adair - 0.9%

Under 25 - 3.8%
25-34 - 19.1%
35-44 - 27.7%
45-54 - 22.8%
55+ - 26.4%

75.5% women
24.5% men



Twitter

No info. available



Instagram

Corvallis - 37.1%
Albany - 15.4%
Philomath - 6.6%
Eugene - 2.4%
Salem - 2.1%

Under 25 - 7.7%
25-34 - 24.5%
35-44 - 31.4%
45-54 - 19.7%
55+ - 16.7%

77% women
23% men



YouTube

Corvallis - 1%
Portland - 0.7%
Albany - 0.1%

Under 25 - 3.5%
25-34 - 50.1%
35-44 - 19.3%
45-54 - 13.5%
55+ - 13.6%

24.6% women
75.4% men



Nextdoor

Springhill - 2,157
Philomath - 1,799
Timberhill - 1,144
35th/Harrison - 1,119
The Woods - 980
Coho/S.Town - 845
Campus - 762
W. Landing - 639
Crescent V. - 608
Chintimini - 567

48% of our followers



Linked in

Portland - 44%
Fayetteville - 9.5%
Kennewick - 7.3%
Minneapolis - 5.6%
Eugene - 3.5%
Seattle - 1.9%
Iowa City - 1%
Bend - < 1%

Industries:
Government
Healthcare
Info. Technology
Mental Health
Public Policy
Non-profit
Education
Construction
Banking

Top + bottom social content

Quarter 1 - 2023 Engagement

Facebook top content - Q1 2023



6,698 / 136

Benton County is hosting a JSIP Open House for community members to share highlights about County plans for holistic improvements to community safety, mental health, and homelessness services.



5,706 / 84

Please use caution on 53rd Street by the railroad trestle in Corvallis and other high-water locations throughout the county. With the rainy season upon us, we are experiencing daily changes in high water.



3,450 / 106

Last month, Oregon's U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley and Senator Ron Wyden announced secured funding for community projects across Oregon in Congress's fiscal year 2023 omnibus appropriations package.



Oregon will lift mask requirements in health care settings April 3.

Mask requirements in any setting where health care is delivered, including hospitals, dental offices and behavioral health clinics, will end April 3.

Everyone in Oregon should feel welcome to continue wearing a high-quality mask based on their personal choice and need, even if it is not required in a health care or other indoor setting.



Oregon Health Services logo

1,890 / 55

Facebook bottom content - Q1 2023



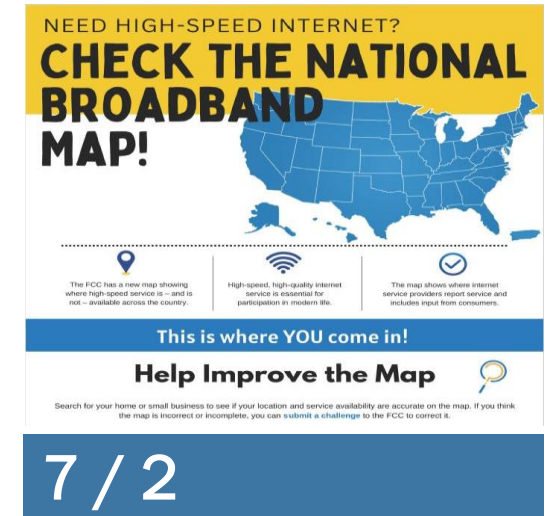
Curbside holiday tree collection is available through Jan. 13 on your regular trash pick-up day! Simply place your tree at the curb and be sure not to block bike lanes.



There is a lot of rain in the forecast this week. Winter rain storms can become flash floods in just minutes. Learn how you can prepare at: <http://ow.ly/MUNP50Hv3pb> and FloodSmart.gov, or contact your insurance agent.



Benton County is partnered with Crisis Text Line to offer FREE-CONFIDENTIAL-24/7 crisis counseling. Text OREGON to 741741 to be connected to a live-trained crisis counselor. Learn more: crisistextline.org/text-us



Provide your input on the FCC's new National Broadband Map. Visit BroadbandMap.gov and search for your home or business. If the reported service or speed is not available for purchase, submit a challenge to correct the map.

Facebook top GIFs/videos - Q1 2023



958 / 20

It's National Groundwater Awareness Week! This observance highlights how important groundwater is to people's health and the environment.



711 / 41

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343 / 3

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Happy New Year from Benton County...



298 / 8

Benton County Board of Commissioners Meeting March 21, 2023

Facebook bottom GIFs/videos - Q1 2023



Mark your calendars for the LAST Benton County “Talks Trash” – Solid Waste Process Workgroup in-person Community Open House!



Benton County Board of Commissioners Meeting January 17, 2023



Benton County Board of Commissioners Meeting March 7, 2023



Benton County Board of Commissioners Meeting February 7, 2023


Instagram top content - Q1 2023



"TALL COP"
JERMAINE GALLOWAY
NEW & TRENDING
MARIJUANA
PRODUCTS
VIRTUAL TRAINING
FEBRUARY 23, 2023
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

1,211 / 34

This Thursday at 11am, @samaritanhealthservices is hosting a training for community members to improve their awareness of new & trending marijuana products used in our communities.




864 / 46

The morning run of Benton Area Transit's Coast to Valley Express on Highway 20 has been canceled. For updates and service status visit RidetheBat.com. Please use caution if you have to drive. To check road conditions, use tripcheck.com or call 511.



631 / 30

Due to severe weather conditions and the expectation for icy roads this morning, Benton County offices will DELAY opening to the public until 10:00am, Wednesday, March 1, except for essential services: <http://ow.ly/IZUz50N5sBx>



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As the Benton County Public Works Department works to keep roads safe this morning, please plan for slippery road conditions before traveling. Hazardous conditions could impact driving today, so slow down and use caution.

Instagram bottom content - Q1 2023



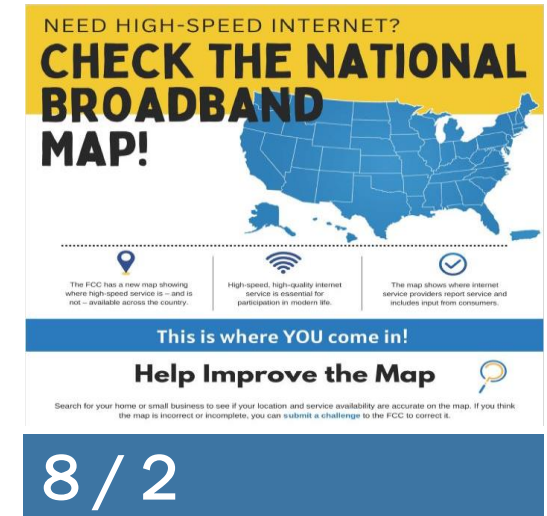
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Instagram GIFs/videos - Q1 2023



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Mark your calendars for the LAST Benton County "Talks Trash" – Solid Waste Process Workgroup in-person Community Open House!



207 / 3

All Benton County Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 in observance of Presidents' Day.



187 / 4

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LinkedIn top content - Q1 2023



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Provide your feedback



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1,816 / 44

Join us for the Benton County "Talks Trash" Solid Waste Process Workgroup Community Open House on April 4th!



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1,759 / 43

***PAID** Join us for the Benton County "Talks Trash" Solid Waste Process Workgroup Community Open House on April 4th!



415 / 53

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305 / 26

Benton County, Oregon, is seeking a strategic problem-solver who has a passion for public service, expertise in Natural Areas, Parks and Events and an aptitude for building relationships!

LinkedIn bottom content - Q1 2023



88 / 2

Join us tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. for our Justice System Improvement Program Open House event!



85 / 4

Get ready to share your feedback at the LAST Solid Waste Process Workgroup meeting on Thursday! Attend in-person or online.



81 / 2

"Listen to Episode 1 of Benton County's brand new Public Podcast:<https://lnkd.in/g/jzigs> Fw



57 / 1

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LinkedIn videos - Q1 2023



Apply for our Dental Assistant & Hygienist positions today:
<https://lnkd.in/g-nErB8P>



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Nextdoor top content - Q1 2023

*no options to post videos



7,159 / 15

March 22, 2023 - Benton County Board of Commissioners response to community petition regarding Coffin Butte Landfill



6,623 / 23

On March 1, 2023, Benton County will update the Phase II requirements of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issued by the U.S. EPA through the Oregon DEQ



4,345 / 10

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Keep warm this winter
Manténgase caliente este invierno

Warming centers available to the public for free
Centros de calentamiento gratuitos para el público

6,474 / 14

Cold winter weather with a chance for snow will continue through Saturday morning (2/25).



Nextdoor bottom content - Q1 2023

*no options to post videos

The February e-newsletter is here!

1,391 / 1

February 2023 - Benton County News

Solid Waste Process Workgroup Meeting

Recycle Food & Yard Waste Landfill

1,226 / 0

Please join us for the next Solid Waste Process Workgroup meeting #9.

Solid Waste Process Workgroup Meeting

Recycle Food & Yard Waste Landfill

1,048 / 0

Please join us for the LAST Solid Waste Process Workgroup meeting.

The April e-newsletter is here!

960 / 0

This month attend the Benton County Talks Trash open house event, celebrate National Crime Victims' Rights Week, get in the know about H2O, and more!

Twitter top content - Q1 2023



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1,568 / 26

Warming centers continue to be available throughout Benton County as we continue to experience low temperatures this week.



1,245 / 32

It's National Tsunami Awareness Week! DYK tsunamis can travel 20-30 mph with waves from 10-100 ft high, or they can happen anywhere along U.S. coasts?

Complete 1 activity a month to prepare you and your family for disasters!

Make a Communications Plan	Create an Action Plan	Store Water	Build Grab & Go Kits	Secure Important Documents	Be 2 Weeks Ready
Learn Fire Safety	Learn Utility Safety	Store Under the Bed Supplies	Practice Drop, Cover, and Hold On	Prepare to Shelter in Place	Conduct a Home Hazard Hunt

1,086 / 40

Start by preparing 1 hr per month for the next year to be ready for disasters. When disaster strikes, standard communication methods may not be readily available.



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747 / 4

Los centros de calentamiento siguen estando disponibles en todo el Condado de Benton mientras seguimos sintiendo temperaturas frías esta semana.

Twitter bottom content - Q1 2023



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117 / 2

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115 / 1

The Benton County Talks Trash Solid Waste Process Workgroup is seeking feedback from the community. Take a survey and provide your feedback on the Workgroup's draft recommendations until Mar. 22: ow.ly/cRJF50NkJw3



Join the American Red Cross to Sound the Alarm. Save a Life.

107 / 0

This month Join the American @RedCrossCascades Region to #SoundTheAlarm and #SaveALife!
More:
<http://ow.ly/ntEB50Njmc8>
pic.twitter.com/lviVak2cdgx

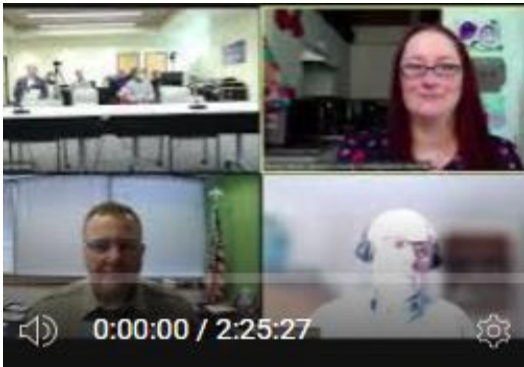
The March e-newsletter is here!



81 / 0

Have you seen the latest #BentonCoGov updates?
Sign up today or review the March E-news:
<http://ow.ly/m6IF50Nchfw>

YouTube top videos - Q1 2023



807 / 32.6 hrs

Benton County Board of Commissioners Meeting March 21, 2023



720 / 8 hrs

Benton County Board of Commissioners Meeting March 7, 2023



526 / 6 hrs

Benton County Board of Commissioners Meeting January 24, 2023



502 / 8.3 hrs

Hear what volunteers, staff, and community members have to say about their local resource center for unhoused and housing insecure members of the Benton County community.

YouTube bottom videos - Q1 2023



368 / 4.2 hrs

Benton County Board of Commissioners Meeting February 7, 2023



367 / 20.6 hrs

Benton County Board of Commissioners Meeting February 21, 2023



338 / 8.7 hrs

Benton County Board of Commissioners Meeting January 17, 2023

Meeting Agenda

- I. Welcome, Meeting Housekeeping, Overview of Agenda.....4:00pm
- II. Public Comment (up to 10 minutes)4:00pm
- III. Roll call and approve January 2023 meeting minutes4:10pm
- IV. HOPE Board feedback on the Strategic Plan Draft Outline for HB 4123 Pilot
Guests: Coordinated Homeless Response Office staff
- V. Community Progress Update5:15pm
- VI. Educational Component: OR Legislation & How to Track Bills.....5:35pm
- VIII. Next Steps5:55pm



158 / 7.6 hrs

H.O.P.E. Advisory Board Meeting - March 22, 2023

Email subscribers

Quarter 1 - 2023 Engagement

Email subscribers

- Advisory Committee members
- American Rescue Plan Act grantees
- Community-based organizations
- COVID-19 vaccine updates
- Employees
- E-newsletter
- H.O.P.E.
- Justice System Improvement Program
- Media outlets
- Solid Waste Process Workgroup

County vs. industry averages

- 2023 average open rate = **33%** vs. 34.5%
- 2023 average click rate = **3.7%** vs. 1.3%

Quarter 1 - 2023

Audience	Emails sent	Open rate	Engagement rate	New subscribers	Unsubscribes
E-news	82,824	50%	2%		
Employees	2,498	24%	4.5%		
JSIP	1,451	41%	6%		
Media	1,691	n/a	n/a		
SP Media	67	18%	0%		
SWPW	3,376	34%	6.2%		
Vaccine	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Totals	91,907	Ave. 33%	Ave. 3.7%		

Advertising impacts

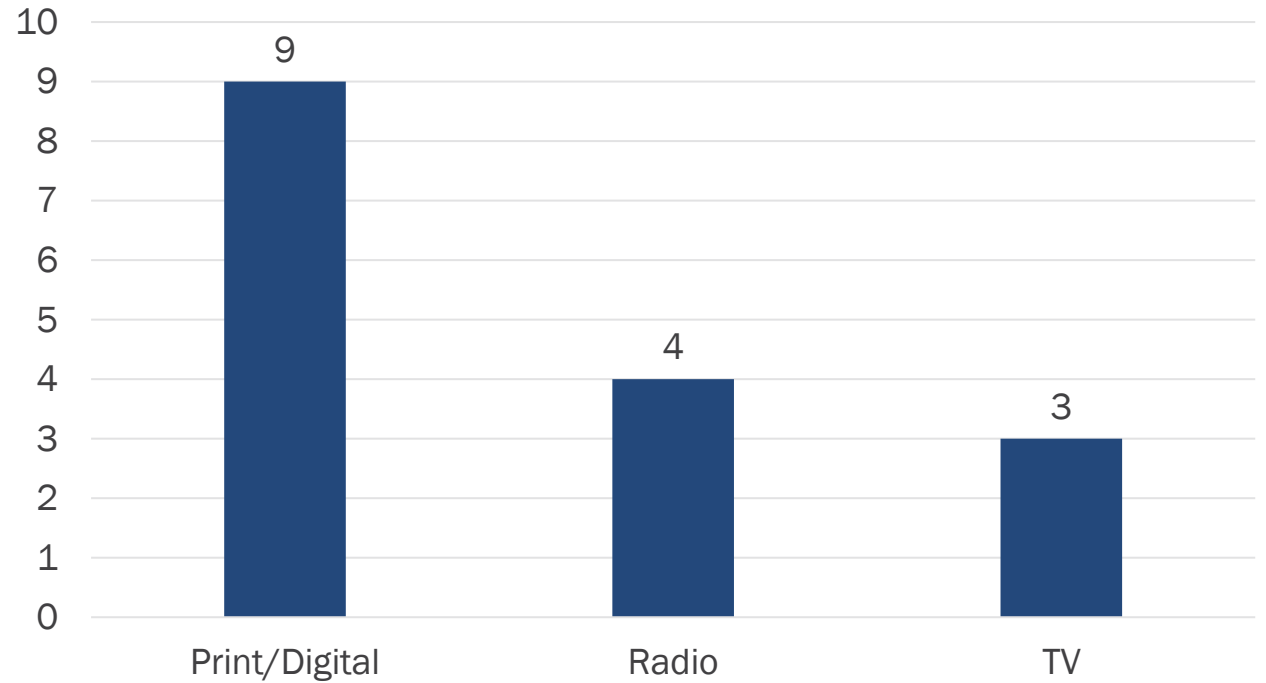
Quarter 1 - 2023 Engagement

Types of ads

- **Print & digital**
 - Alsea Valley Voice - 2
 - Corvallis Advocate - 3
 - Gazette-Times - 2
 - Philomath News - 2
- **Radio**
 - KRKT (99.9 FM), KLOO (106.3 FM), KLOO (1340 AM), KEJO (1240 AM) - 1
 - KORC (1.05.9 FM) - ?
- **Television**
 - KEZI - 3

Total ads shared

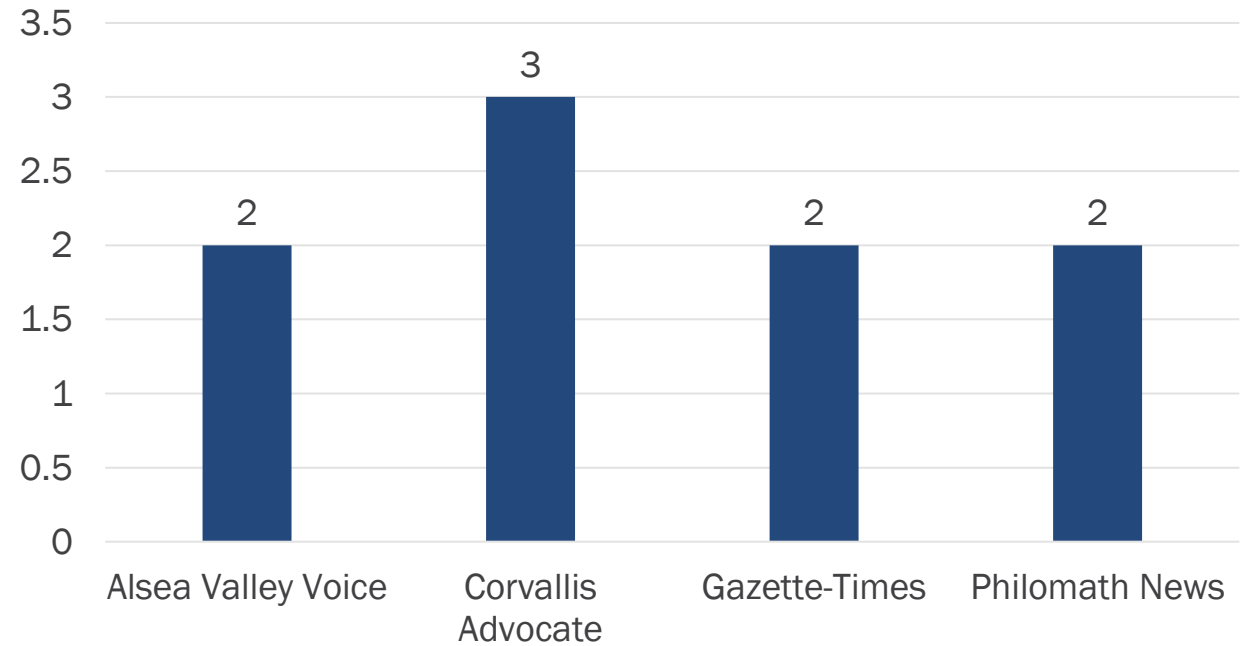
■ Q1 - 2023



Print & digital ads

- **Alsea Valley Voice**
 - We're hiring – Jan, Feb/Mar
- **Corvallis Advocate**
 - JSIP Feb. 8 forum - Jan
 - BCTT community open house & survey – Feb, Mar
- **Gazette-Times**
 - JSIP Feb. 8 forum - Jan
 - BCTT community open house & survey – Feb, Mar
- **Philomath News**
 - We're hiring – Feb
 - BCTT community open house & survey - Mar

Ad channels ■ Q1 - 2023



Print & digital ads



We are hiring!

Email: recruiting@co.benton.or.us
Phone: 541-766-6081
Web: co.benton.or.us/hr

View our current openings:

Scan for more info



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Justice System Improvement Program

Community open house

WHEN: February 8, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
WHERE: Kalapuya Bldg., 4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis
WHAT:

- Join elected officials, staff, and design teams to learn more about projects and transformations underway.
- Review design updates on the courthouse, District Attorney's office and crisis center.
- Learn about the projects to be included in the bond measure.

More details at: www.bentoncountyjustice.org




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For more info contact: pioinfo@co.benton.or.us



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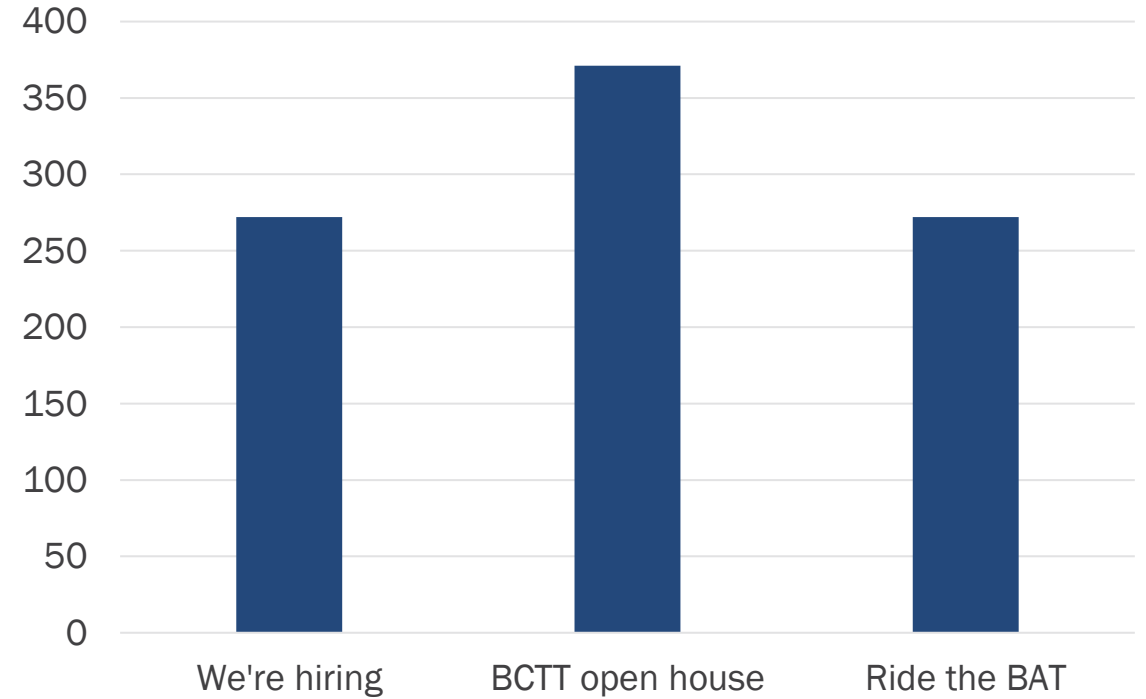
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Radio ads

- KRKT (99.9 FM), KLOO (106.3 FM), KLOO (1340 AM), KEJO (1240 AM)
 - BCTT open house 185 ads for \$1,500
- KORC (1.05.9 FM)
 - Ride the BAT 272 ads for \$250
 - BCTT open house 186 ads for \$250
 - We're hiring 272 ads for \$250

Total radio ads ■ Q1 - 2023



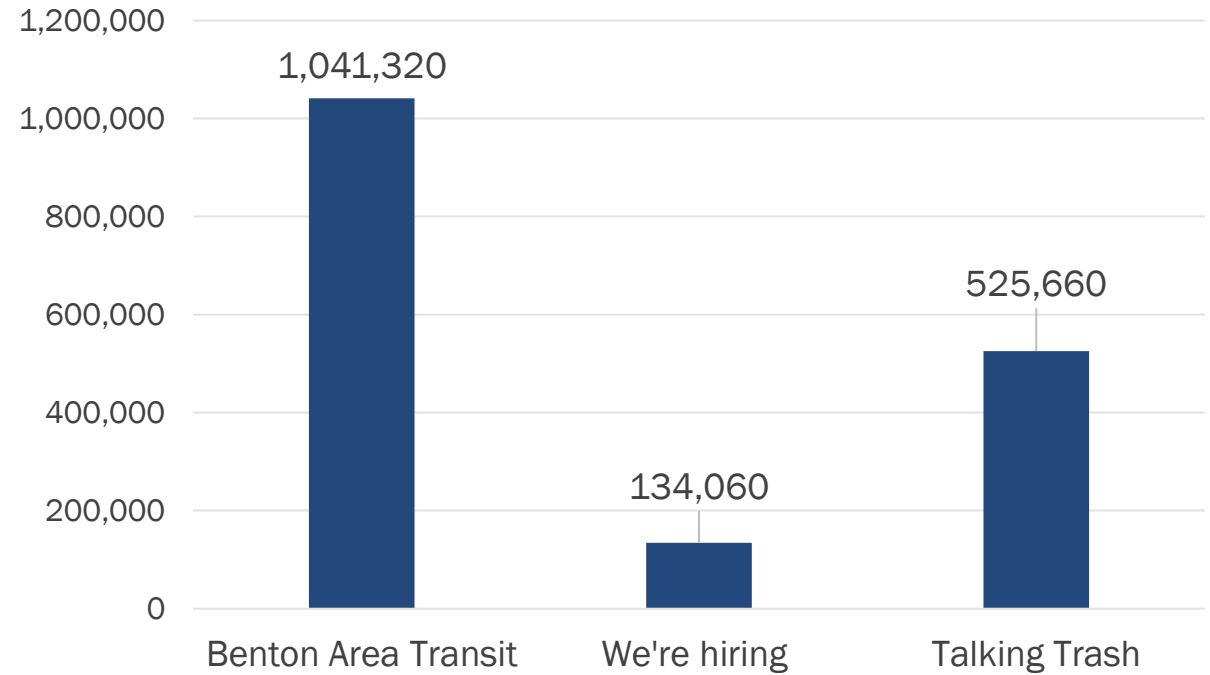
TV ads

KEZI total views: 1,701,040

Total investment: \$4,710

- Ride the BAT - \$2,835
- We're hiring - \$375
- Talking Trash - \$1,500

Ads viewed ■ Q1 - 2023



Television ads



Advertising return on investment

- **Print & digital reach**

- Alsea Valley Voice – 1,400
- Corvallis Advocate – no info available
- Gazette-Times – 13,474
- Philomath News – 49,275

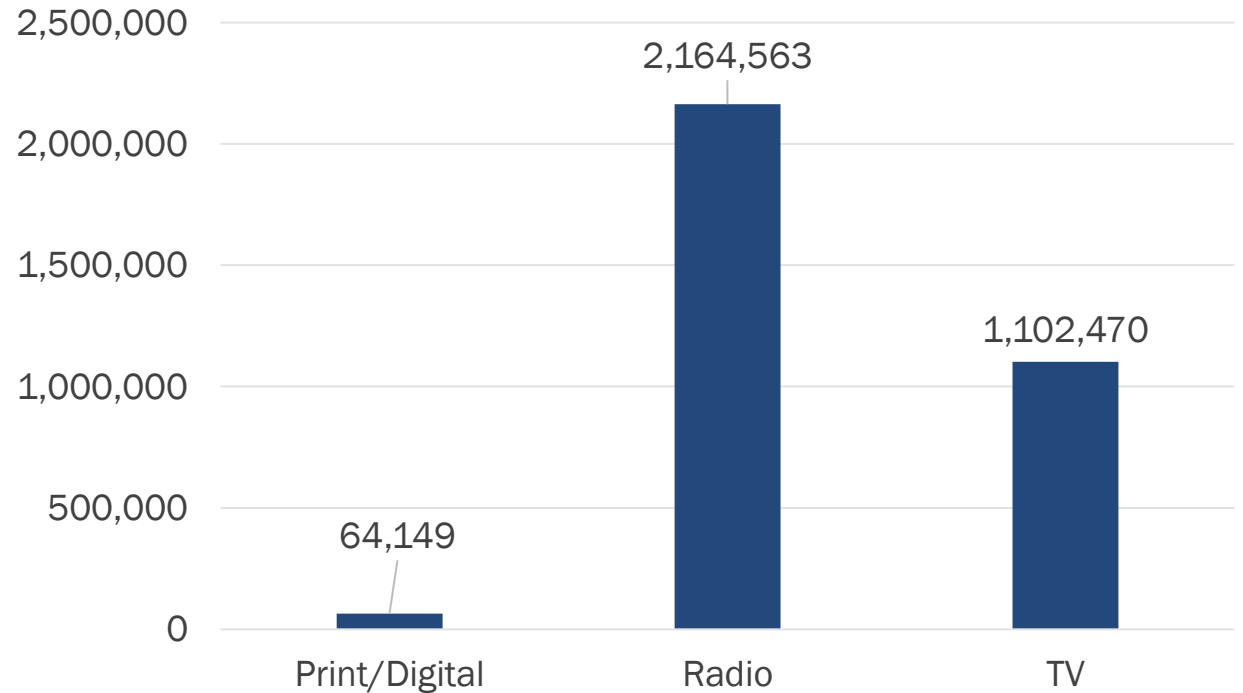
- **Radio reach**

- KRKT (99.9 FM), KLOO (106.3 FM), KTHH (AM), KEJO (AM) – 166,000/week
- KORC (1.05.9 FM) – 6,563+

- **Television reach**

- KEZI – 1,102,470

Reach ■ Q1 - 2023



Employee outreach

Quarter 1 - 2023 Engagement

Employee emails

- Buzz
- County Administrator updates
- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- PIO updates
- News
- Request for info. (RFI)

What aren't we tracking? emails from BOC, EDI, IT, HR and other dept. that send all employee emails.

County vs. industry averages

- 2023 average open rate = **25.6%** vs. 29%
- 2023 average click rate = **3.6%** vs. 4%

Q1 - 2023

Email type	Emails sent	Open rate	Engagement rate
Buzz	1,870	26%	5.5%
County Administrator	unavailable	-	-
EDI	unavailable	-	-
PIO news	628	18%	1.6%
RFI	103	33%	n/a no links sent
Totals	2,601	25.6%	3.6%



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Benton County

BOC Agenda Checklist Master

Agenda Placement and Contacts

Suggested Agenda Date 06/13/23

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Suggested Placement * Work Session

Department * Community Health Centers

Contact Name * Carla Jones

Phone Extension * 2131

Meeting Attendee Name * Carla Jones

Agenda Item Details 

Item Title * Benton County and Community Health Centers (CHCs) Board Co-applicant Agreement

Item Involves * Check all that apply

- Appointments
- Budget
- Contract/Agreement
- Discussion and Action
- Discussion Only
- Document Recording
- Employment
- Notice of Intent
- Order/Resolution
- Ordinance/Public Hearing 1st Reading
- Ordinance/Public Hearing 2nd Reading
- Proclamation
- Project/Committee Update
- Public Comment
- Special Report
- Other

Estimated Time * 40

Board/Committee Involvement * Yes
 No

**Name of
Board/Committee**

Community Health Centers Board

Advertisement*

Yes

No

Issues and Fiscal Impact

Item Issues and Description

Identified Salient Issues *

The Health Services Resources Administration (HRSA) conducted an onsite visit (OSV) audit May 24 through May 26, 2022 and found the CHC's of Benton and Linn Counties were out of compliance with Section "Board Authority" element 3.1 and 3.2. The finding was that the "Co-operative Operational Agreement" does not delegate all of the required authorities and functions to the co-applicant board and does not delineate the roles and responsibilities of the co-applicant board and the public agency. It also incorrectly refers to "FQHC applications and requirements" as opposed to Health Center Program applications and compliance requirements." The Board of Commissioners (BOC) also set a goal for the County Administrator in 2022 to clarify and define the roles and responsibilities of the CHC Board and Benton County in the co-applicant agreement.

As a result of the finding and the goal set by the BOC, a workgroup was created that included the CHC Executive Director, the County Administrator, the Human Resources Director, and the Chief Financial Officer to draft a co-applicant agreement that could be used to understand the relationship, liabilities, decision-making authority, and legalities of the co-applicant agreement.

Once the workgroup produced a draft co-applicant agreement, it was reviewed by the Health Services Compliance Manager and County Legal Counsel Vance Croney before being presented to the CHC Board for review.

The CHC Board convened for a work session on May 13, 2023 to review the draft Co-applicant Agreement. After a thorough review and proposed changes, the draft was reviewed by the Senior Leadership workgroup and by County Legal Counsel.

The Co-applicant Agreement is ready for discussion and consideration for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Options *

1. Approve the Co-applicant Agreement as presented.
2. Approve the Co-applicant Agreement with BOC revisions.
3. Deny the Co-applicant Agreement and provide other direction.

Fiscal Impact *

- Yes
 No

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Mandated Service? * Yes No

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Describe how this agenda checklist advances the core values or focus areas of 2040, or supports a strategy of a departmental goal.

To review the initiative, visit the website [HERE](#).

Mandated Service Description * If this agenda checklist describes a mandated service or other function, please describe here.

As a Public entity, Community Health Center, certified through the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), is mandated to have a co-applicant agreement with the CHC Board due to the Board composition and Board Authority requirements of HRSA that cannot be met by the BOC. This information can be found in the HRSA Compliance Manual available at www.hrsa.gov.

Values and Focus Areas

Check boxes that reflect each applicable value or focus area and explain how they will be advanced.

Core Values * Select all that apply.

- Vibrant, Livable Communities
- Supportive People Resources
- High Quality Environment and Access
- Diverse Economy that Fits
- Community Resilience
- Equity for Everyone
- Health in All Actions
- N/A

Explain Core Values Selections * Benton County believes in the health and well-being of all individuals in our community through all actions. We believe all members of the community should have access to integrated primary care services regardless of the ability to pay. This co-applicant agreement is the agreement between the County and the CHC Board to comply with the HRSA requirements bestowed upon us to ensure quality access to care for our community.

Focus Areas and Vision * Select all that apply.

- Community Safety
- Emergency Preparedness
- Outdoor Recreation
- Prosperous Economy
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Mobility and Transportation
- Housing and Growth
- Arts, Entertainment, Culture, and History
- Food and Agriculture
- Lifelong Learning and Education
- N/A

**Explain Focus Areas N/A
and Vision
Selection ***

Recommendations and Motions

Item Recommendations and Motions

Staff Recommendations*	Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the Co-applicant Agreement between the CHC Board and Benton County.
Work Session Motions*	I move toapprove the Co-applicant Agreement between the CHC Board and Benton County.

Attachments, Comments, and Submission

Item Comments and Attachments

Attachments

Upload any attachments to be included in the agenda, preferably as PDF files. If more than one attachment / exhibit, please indicate "1", "2", "3" or "A", "B", "C" on the documents.

4.4-CHC Cooperative Operation Agreement.pdf 200.19KB

Comments (optional)

If you have any questions, please call ext.6800

**Department
Approver**

MAURA KWIATKOWSKI

1.

Department Approval

Comments

Signature

Maura Kwiatkowski

2.

Counsel Approval

Comments

Signature

Vance H. Choney

3.

County Administrator Approval

Comments

Signature

Suzanne Hoffman

3.

BOC Final Approval

Comments

Signature

Amara Makepeace

COOPERATIVE OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT
between
BENTON COUNTY and THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OF BENTON
& LINN COUNTIES HEALTH BOARD

This Co-Applicant Agreement for the operation of the Community Health Centers of Benton & Linn Counties (CHC), a Public Agency Community Health Center under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (the “Agreement”), is entered into by and between Benton County, and the Community Health Centers of Benton & Linn Counties Board (CHC Board) to provide oversight for the operation, administration and provision of integrated community health center services in the CHC.

PREAMBLE

The CHC is a “health center” with expectations for governance as outlined in the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) Compliance Manual Chapter 1: Health Center Eligibility, Public Agency Organizations. The HRSA Compliance Manual replaces Policy Information Notice 2014-01: Health Center Program Governance. The Health Center fulfills the requirements through a Co-Applicant Agreement between the CHC Board and Benton County, a public agency. In reference to the HRSA Compliance Manual: “When the public agency’s board cannot independently meet all applicable health center governance requirements¹, a separate “co-applicant” must be established whose governing board meets section 330 governance requirements. In the co-applicant arrangement, the public agency receives the section 330 grant and co-applicant serves as the “health center board” with the two collectively considered as the “health center” or “public center.” The HRSA Compliance Manual provides further clarification on governance expectations for the co-applicant (CHC Board) and the public agency (Benton County).

WHEREAS, Since 2004 Benton County has been awarded Federal grant support under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c et seq. as now or hereafter amended) Grant (hereafter “Section 330”) for operating a CHC from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“DHHS”); and

WHEREAS, Benton County provides health care services to medically underserved communities and populations, and special medically underserved populations comprised of migratory and seasonal agricultural workers, the homeless, and residents of public housing through its CHC; and

WHEREAS, the CHC Board was established and serves as the co-applicant governing body for the CHC; and

¹ Information on why Benton County’s Board of Commissioners, as the public agency board, cannot independently meet all applicable health center governance requirements can be found in the [Health Center Program Governing Board Workbook produced by the National Association of Community Health Centers \(NACHC\) in July 2015.](#)

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to comply with the regulations set forth at 42 C.F.R. Part 51c, related to the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) policies, including but not limited to the HRSA Compliance Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to set forth in this Agreement their respective responsibilities with respect to governance and operation of the CHC.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, Benton County and the CHC Board agree as follows with respect to their responsibilities for the CHC:

CHC BOARD

1.1 Composition of the Governing Body.

The composition of the CHC Board shall comply with CHC Board Bylaws, which shall be consistent with the requirements of the HRSA Compliance Manual and Section 330, its implementing regulations, and applicable HRSA policies.

1.2 Authorities and Responsibilities of the CHC Board.

The CHC Board has specific responsibilities for oversight of the CHC. The CHC Board shall develop bylaws, consistent with and cooperative with County policies, assures that the CHC is operated in compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, holds monthly meetings where a quorum is present, and records in meeting minutes the CHC Boards attendance, key actions, and decisions; must approve the selection and termination/dismissal of the health centers CHC Executive Director, and shall exercise the authorities and responsibilities described in the CHC Board's Bylaws and as described below:

- 1.2.1 Adopting health care policies including the scope and availability of services to be provided by the CHC, including decisions to sub award or contract for substantial portion of the services, any changes in scope, the location and hours of operation, quality-of care audit procedures, and the CHC quality improvement and quality assurance plan.
- 1.2.2 Evaluating the CHC's activities, including service utilization patterns, productivity, patient satisfaction, achievement in health center project objectives, and development of a process for hearing and resolving patient complaints.
- 1.2.3 In consultation with the CHC's management team, evaluating the performance of the CHC based on quality assurance/quality improvement assessments and operational information received from the CHC management.

- 1.2.4 Approving the CHC's annual operating and capital budgets, which outline the proposed uses of both Section 330 and non-Federal resources and revenue, consistent with Section 2.1.1. All revisions proposed to Benton County's biennial Health Services budget that impact the portion of the annual CHC operating and capital budget, applicable to the CHC, shall be presented to and approved by the CHC Board prior to final approval and implementation by the County.
- 1.2.5 Approving the selection, evaluation and, if necessary, the dismissal or termination of the CHC Executive Director in accordance with Sections 1.3 and 1.4.2.
- 1.2.6 Monitoring the financial status of the CHC, including reviewing the results of the annual audit and ensuring appropriate follow-up actions are taken, consistent with Section 2.2.7.
- 1.2.7 Adopting a policy for eligibility for services, including a sliding fee discount schedule, related eligibility and verification policies and procedures, billing and collections policies, and other policies and procedures related to the CHC's Sliding Fee Discount Program consistent with the requirements of Section 330, consistent with Section 2.1.4.
- 1.2.8 Conducting long-range/strategic planning at least once every three years, that includes at a minimum financial management, which includes operating and capital expenditure needs; and
- 1.2.9 Exercising all other authorities and responsibilities, except those specified in Section 2.1 of this Agreement, which are required by Section 330, the implementing regulations, and HRSA policies, including but not limited to the Compliance Manual, to be vested in a Section 330-compliant governing board.

The Parties understand and agree that no other individual, entity, or committee shall reserve or have approval or veto power over the CHC Board.

1.3 Selection, Evaluation and Dismissal of the CHC Executive Director.

- 1.3.1 Selection of a CHC Executive Director. The County shall be responsible for recruiting any CHC Executive Director vacancy. The County shall consult with the CHC Board on special qualifications and the recruitment process for the CHC Executive Director position. The County and the CHC Board appoint the members of a Search Committee. The Search Committee shall be comprised of representatives appointed by CHC Board and representatives appointed by the County. The Search Committee is responsible for evaluating qualifications, reviewing applicant materials, and conducting preliminary interviews. The County shall present to the Search Committee the salary/compensation/benefits package that the county is able to offer any final candidate based on

county employee personnel and financial policies. The County shall present to the Search Committee its process for determining qualifications in relation to compensation. The Search Committee shall provide candidates to the CHC Board for final selection. The CHC Board shall have the authority to approve or reject the selection of the CHC Executive Director candidate(s) presented for consideration. In the event that the CHC Board rejects the candidate(s) presented, the Search Committee will present additional candidate(s) until the CHC Board approves a candidate. Once the CHC Board approves of a candidate, pursuant to federal, state, or local law or rule, and county personnel rules, policies and procedures, the County will determine whether or not to extend an offer of employment. In the event that the County determines that the candidate cannot be offered employment due to non-compliance with federal, state or local law or rule, or county personnel rules, policies and procedures, the County will present additional candidate(s) until the CHC Board approves the candidate, and the County determines that an offer of employment can be extended. Appointment will be made by the Health & Human Services Director as the appointing authority.

- 1.3.2 Evaluation of the CHC Executive Director. Both the County and the CHC Board conduct separate annual performance evaluations of the CHC Executive Director. Each party provides feedback to the other party to consider in the separate performance evaluation of the CHC Executive Director. Both evaluations shall be submitted to the County's Human Resources department.
- 1.3.3 Dismissal of the CHC Executive Director. Except where in conflict with Section 1.4.2, the CHC Board shall have the authority to approve the dismissal of the CHC Executive Director from the role of Director of the Community Health Center, if such dismissal is warranted based on performance or pursuant to federal, state, or county personnel rules, and performance deficiencies. If the CHC Board votes to dismiss the CHC Executive Director pursuant to this subsection, Benton County shall terminate the employment of the CHC Executive Director.
- 1.3.4 Duties of the CHC Executive Director. The CHC Executive Director shall have chief executive responsibility for the general care, day-to-day management, supervision, and direction of the CHC's affairs in furtherance of established policies, procedures and programs. The CHC Executive Director shall have the authority to approve the assignment of Benton County personnel to the CHC, to supervise and terminate the employment of such individuals, in accordance with the personnel policies established by Benton County. The CHC Executive Director or designee shall also have the authority to negotiate, execute, and administer all contracts for goods and services as required for the operation of the CHC subject to the rules and policies applicable to Benton County's procurement, purchasing and administration of contracts, and the budget approved for the CHC. The CHC Executive

Director shall report to (1) the CHC Board and (2) the Health & Human Services Director relative to their respective authorities and responsibilities outlined herein.

1.3.5 Appointment of an Interim CHC Executive Director. In the event that the CHC Executive Director vacates the position or is unable to perform the duties in the section above an Interim CHC Executive Director shall be appointed in a timely manner. The Interim CHC Executive Director shall be appointed by the County, consistent with County personnel and financial policies, with approval from the CHC Board. The interim appointee shall be presented to HRSA for final approval.

1.4 Employer-Employee Relations.

1.4.1 Except where in conflict with Section 1.3 of this Agreement regarding the selection, approval, evaluation and dismissal of the CHC's Executive Director, Benton County shall have sole authority over employment matters and personnel policies and procedures applicable to the CHC staff, including selection and dismissal procedures, salary and benefit scales, employee grievance procedures and processes, equal employment opportunity practices, labor disputes and other human resource issues.

1.4.2 The CHC's Executive Director shall, at all times, be an employee of Benton County. As the CHC Executive Director's employer, Benton County shall have authority to terminate the CHC Executive Director's employment if such termination is warranted pursuant to federal, state, or local law or rule, or County personnel rules, and performance deficiencies. If the County seeks to terminate the CHC Executive Director for reason that is not warranted by federal, state, or local law or rule, or County personnel rules, and performance deficiencies, it may do so only with the CHC Board prior approval.

BENTON COUNTY

2.1 Authorities and Responsibilities

Benton County, via the Board of Commissioners (BOC), shall exercise certain responsibilities and authorities with respect to the CHC. These authorities and responsibilities include:

2.1.1 Developing the CHC's annual operating and capital budgets, consistent with Section 1.2.4 of this Agreement, which will be prepared under the direction of the CHCs management team and incorporated into Benton County's overall biennial Health Services budget. In the event that Benton County proposes revisions to the biennial Health Services budget that impact the portion of the annual CHC operating budget, such revisions shall be

presented to and approved by the CHC Board prior to final approval and implementation by Benton County.

- 2.1.2 Establishing personnel policies and procedures applicable to any Benton County employee assigned to the CHC except where in conflict with Section 1.3 regarding the CHC Executive Director. Policies and procedures should include, but are not limited to, selection and dismissal policies and procedures, salary and benefit scales, position descriptions and classifications, and employee grievance policies and procedures.
- 2.1.3 Adopting policy for financial management practices and accounting systems, including a system to assure accountability for CHC resources and assets. Benton County shall be responsible for the selection of an independent auditor and provision of an annual audit, long-range financial planning consistent with the provisions of 1.2.11, and establishing purchasing policies and procedures consistent with DHHS administrative requirements set forth in 45 C.F.R. Part 75.
- 2.1.4 Supporting the CHC Board approved policies, consistent with the provisions of 1.2.8, by providing and maintaining procedures and systems for billing and collections activities, which include processes for determining eligibility for services, a schedule of fees and charges; and a schedule of discounts for services provided to uninsured and underinsured patients.

2.2 Operational Responsibilities

Benton County shall fulfill the following obligations with respect to CHC:

- 2.2.1 Applying for and maintaining all licenses, permits, certifications, and approvals necessary and appropriate for the operation of the CHC.
- 2.2.2 Receiving, managing and disbursing grant funds consistent with the budget approved in accordance with this Agreement. Benton County shall not be required to disburse funds for any expenditure not authorized by a budget approved in accordance with this Agreement. Consistent with Section 2.1.1, Benton County shall seek and obtain the CHC Board's prior written approval before implementing any line-item change in the portion of the CHC Board's approved budget that is specific to the CHC.
- 2.2.3 Maintaining the financial affairs of the CHC. This includes debt financing and borrowing, controlling funds received for services, and all income otherwise generated by the CHC, including fees, premiums, third party reimbursements and other State, Federal and local operational funding (collectively, "Program Income"), as well as all Program Income greater than the amount budgeted to the CHC ("Excess Program Income"). All Program Income and Excess Program Income shall be used as permitted under, and for such other purposes that are not specifically

prohibited by Section 330. All Income shall solely be used to further the objectives of the CHC's federally approved program, consistent with Section 330 and the policies and priorities applicable to the CHC.

- 2.2.4 Supporting the business administrative needs of the CHC, including but not limited to the following, Human Resources, IT, Accounting, Budget, Facilities, Payroll, Fleet, and Legal.
- 2.2.5 Developing management, reporting and internal control systems for the CHC, in consultation with the CHC Board, that are in accordance with sound financial management procedures, including:
 - 2.2.5.1 The provision for an audit of the CHC on an annual basis, consistent with the requirements of 45 C.F.R. Part 75 and the current compliance supplement applicable to the consolidated Health Center Program (or any subsequent regulations that may replace and supersede 45 C.F.R. Part 75 and the applicable compliance supplement), to determine, at a minimum, the fiscal integrity of financial transactions and reports.
 - 2.2.5.2 Implementing accounting procedures and controls in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles utilized in operating the CHC, as well as the systems for the development, preparation, and safekeeping of records and books of account relating to the business and financial affairs of the CHC.
 - 2.2.5.3 Maintaining the CHC's business and financial records separate from records related to other County finances to ensure that revenues and expenditures of the CHC may be properly allocated and accounted for, and that CHC funds will be distinguished and accounted for separately from other funds of Benton County. All expenditures pertaining to the operation of the CHC (including but not limited to, direct and indirect costs associated with staffing, operational systems, additional administrative support services, and overhead) shall be allocated as CHC costs in accordance with a cost allocation methodology.
 - 2.2.5.4 Preparing and submitting cost reports, supporting data, and other materials required in connection with reimbursement under Medicare, Medicaid, and other third-party payment contracts and programs, in which the CHC may from time to time participate.
 - 2.2.5.5 Preparing regular financial statements of the CHC's budgeted and actual revenues and expenses, and other financial status reports for the CHC Board.

- 2.2.6 Providing to patients of the CHC access to Benton County's other programs, based on Benton County's established eligibility requirements for such programs.
- 2.2.7 Preparing operational reports reasonably requested by the CHC Board, to enable the CHC Board to fulfill its responsibilities for the CHC.
- 2.2.8 Submitting the required Section 330 grant-related information and reports to DHHS, including but not limited to the Uniform Data System ("UDS") data and the Federal Financial Report ("FFR").
- 2.2.9 Complying with the terms and conditions of the Section 330 grant.

MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS

3.1 Compliance and Representatives.

The Parties shall have a mutual commitment and responsibility to work together to ensure that the CHC provides care in compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations. The CHC Executive Director, the County Administrator, and the CHC Board Chairperson shall promote opportunities for the CHC Board and Benton County to work collaboratively in communicating strategic priorities, maintaining regular communication, and sharing information about the CHC's operations.

The CHC Board and Benton County shall comply with Benton County's code-of-conduct and harassment policies, including the CHC's standards of conduct, which shall be drafted in a manner consistent with Chapter 13 of the Compliance Manual. Consistent with 45 C.F.R. Part 75, the Parties further agree that no employee, officer, or agent of either Party may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by the Section 330 grant award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest.

3.2 Financial Responsibility and Expenses of the Parties.

Each Party agrees not to undertake expenditures in excess of overall available resources, to materially change or modify the adopted budget without their mutual agreement, or to otherwise take actions inconsistent with the financial management protocols developed hereunder.

3.3 Record Keeping and Reporting.

- 3.3.1 Each Party shall comply with all Federal mandated record retention requirements, and grant-related record maintenance, and reporting requirements. The Parties shall make available to each other, upon appropriate notice, financial systems, records, reports, books, documents, and papers as may be necessary for audit, examination, excerpt, transcription, and copy purposes, for as long as such systems, records, reports, books, documents, and papers are retained.

3.3.2 The Parties agree that Benton County shall be the custodian of all health records established and maintained relating to diagnosis and treatment of patients served through the CHC.

3.4 Legal Services.

Benton County shall provide the services of Benton County's employed or contracted counsel, as requested by the CHC Board, to offer legal consultation for the operation of the CHC. If the CHC Board wishes to retain independent legal counsel, the CHC Board will follow Benton County policy to request such services.

3.5 Ownership of Property Acquired with Grant Funds.

The provisions of 45 C.F.R. §75.316, et seq. (and/or any subsequent regulations that replace and supersede 45 C.F.R. Part 75) apply to tangible property acquired under this Agreement. The Parties agree that Benton County shall be the title holder of all property purchased with Section 330 grant funds. Benton County shall further assure that all contracts executed by the CHC are consistent with procurement standards contained in 45 C.F.R. Part 75 (and/or any subsequent regulations that replace and supersede 45 C.F.R. Part 75).

GOVERNING LAW

4.1 Applicable Laws, Regulations and Policies.

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with, and both Parties shall comply with, applicable Federal and State laws, regulations, and policies, including but not limited to: Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act; implementing regulations at 42 C.F.R. Part 51c; the terms and conditions of Section 330 grants awarded to County; the legislative mandates issued by the Office of Federal Assistance Management (OFAM); HRSA policies and other guidance (including, but not limited to, Health Center Program Compliance Manual); the DHHS Grants Policy Statement in effect as of the date the Agreement is executed; and the DHHS Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards set forth in 45 C.F.R Part 75 (and/or any subsequent regulations that replace and supersede 45 C.F.R. Part 75).

4.2 Compliance with State and Local Law.

This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Oregon. Each Party covenants to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and codes of the State of Oregon and local governments in the performance of the Agreement, including all licensing standards and applicable accreditation standards.

4.3 HRSA Communication.

Benton County and the CHC Executive Director shall submit promptly to the CHC Board HRSA communication, including Notice of Grant Awards, directives and/or policies that are received from or issued by HRSA after execution of this Agreement and are pertinent to the CHC.

TERM

This Agreement shall remain in effect unless terminated in accordance with the Termination clause in the following section.

TERMINATION

If the CHC Board and Benton County no longer operate as a CHC/FQHC, this Agreement shall terminate. Any party may terminate this Agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other; a copy of any notice of termination shall be provided to HRSA. This agreement may also terminate upon the effective date of any termination in full of Benton County's Section 330 grant funding.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The CHC Board and Benton County will use their best efforts to carry out the terms of this agreement in a spirit of cooperation. In the unlikely event of disagreement, the Parties shall first attempt to resolve any dispute arising under this Agreement by informal discussions. In the event the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute through informal negotiations within a reasonable period of time of the commencement of such discussions, the Parties shall attempt formal mediation, if they mutually agree to do so. If the Parties are unable to resolve the dispute, either Party may pursue any remedy available by law.

NOTICES

All notices permitted or required by this Agreement shall be deemed given when in writing and delivered personally or deposited in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, Certified and Return Receipt Requested, addressed to the other Party at the address set forth below, or such other address as the Party may designate in writing:

For Benton County:
Benton County Board of Commissioners Chair
4500 SW Research Way
Corvallis, OR 97333

For the CHC Board:
Community Health Center Board Chairperson
530 NW 27th St,
Corvallis, OR 97330

SEVERABILITY

In the event that any one or more provisions of this Agreement are deemed null, void, illegal or unenforceable, or should any part of this Agreement, as determined by DHHS or any other governmental authority, cause Benton County and the CHC Board (as co-applicants) not to comply with Section 330, the Parties agree to attempt to amend this Agreement as shall be reasonably necessary to achieve compliance. In the event that the Parties reach such agreement, this Agreement shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions have been omitted. In the event that no such amendments or agreements for amendments can reasonably be made, the Parties will follow the Dispute Resolution process as outlined in this Agreement.

WAIVER

No provision of this Agreement shall be waived by any act, omission or knowledge of a Party or its agents or employees except by an instrument in writing expressly waiving such provision and signed by a duly authorized officer of the waiving Party.

THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES

None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of or enforceable by any third party, including, without limitation, any creditor or patient. No third party shall obtain any right under any provision of this Agreement or shall by reason of any provisions make any claim relating to any debt, liability, obligation or otherwise against any Party to this Agreement.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement represents the complete understanding of the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein and as such, supersedes any other agreements or understandings between the Parties, whether oral or written, relating to such subject matter.

No such other agreements or understandings may be enforced by either Party, nor may they be employed for interpretation purposes in any dispute involving this Agreement.

AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

Any amendment or modification to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by both Parties. Modification or amendment of any provision(s) of this Agreement shall not affect the remaining provisions and, except for the specific provision(s) of this Agreement which thereby may be modified or amended, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as originally executed.

Notwithstanding anything set forth herein, in the event of a change in law or regulation, or upon the issuance of an order from a lawful authority, including but not limited to a court of law or a regulatory agency, that is binding upon a Party and will affect the provisions of this Agreement, the Parties shall meet and confer to amend this Agreement as necessary to incorporate any such change in law, regulation, or order, if a Party determines, in good faith

and upon advice of counsel, that such amendment is necessary for purposes of compliance with such change in law or regulation or order.

INCORPORATION OF RECITALS, the Recitals are incorporated into this Agreement by this reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

BENTON COUNTY:

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BOARD:

By: _____

By: _____

Print:

Print:

Title: Benton County Board of Commissioners
Chair

Title: CHC Board Chairperson

Date: _____

Date: _____

Reviewed as to form:

Benton County Counsel

Board of Commissioners Update: Co-Applicant Agreement

Carla Jones, Executive Director

June 13, 2023



Topics to Review

The reason for a new Co-applicant Agreement

The process we took to get where we are

Key focus areas of the revised Agreement

Next Steps



The reason for a new Co-Applicant Agreement

CLARITY

- The Health Services Resources Administration (HRSA) conducted an onsite visit (OSV) audit May 24 through May 26, 2022 and found the CHC's of Benton and Linn Counties were out of compliance with Section "Board Authority".
- The Board of Commissioners (BOC) set a goal for the County Administrator in 2022 to clarify and define the roles and responsibilities of the CHC Board and Benton County in the co-applicant agreement.

The process we took to get where we are

Convened Sr. Leadership workgroup:

- CHC Executive Director – Facilitator
- County Administrator
- HR Director
- CFO

Workgroup Completed CHC Board Training

- Hosted by Sara Fuller, CHC Board Secretary

Workgroup met regularly:

- The first Friday of every month from March 2022 until March 2023 for an hour.
- Democratic Collaborative Approach with consensus and compliance driven decisions
- Used other Co-applicant Agreements as a base template.
- Line by line review



The process we took to get where we are

Legal Review:

- Vance Croney, County Council
- Carol Rouleau, Health Services Compliance Manager

CHC Work Session

- May 13, 2023 from 9:00am – 2:00pm

Collaboration between County Leadership & CHC Board

- 2 hour review of CHC Board revisions
- Legal Council review

Board of Commissioner Review

CHC Board Approval



Key focus areas of the revised Agreement

- **Replaced “Board of Commissioners” with “Benton County”**
 - “Benton County” is the Awardee of the grant funds
- **Updated References**
 - “HRSA Compliance Manual”
- **Added the year of inception as a Community Health Center**
 - 2004
- **Clarified and defined “selection, termination and dismissal” authorities of the CHC Board and of Benton County**
 - CHC Board must “approve” the action or can recommend the action
 - Benton County as the employer is the entity that takes the action with CHC Board approval.

Key focus areas of the revised Agreement

- **Outlined the process for selection of a CHC Executive Director**
 - Benton County consults with CHC Board on qualifications
 - Benton County and CHC Board appoint “Search Committee” representatives
 - Benton County is responsible for screening for minimum qualifications
 - The Search Committee is responsible for reviewing candidates that pass minimum qualifications
 - Benton County shares personnel policy information with the CHC Board relevant to the position
 - The CHC Board must approve the selection of a final candidate
 - Benton County determines whether or not to extend an offer based on personnel policies and federal, state or local law and rule.

Key focus areas of the revised Agreement

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- **Made updates to legal section and signing authority**

Next Steps

Board of Commissioner
Approval

CHC Board Approval

Communicate with
stakeholders

Review CHC Board Bylaws

CHC Board work on CHC
Executive Director
evaluation process





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BOC Agenda Checklist Master

Agenda Placement and Contacts

Suggested Agenda Date 06/13/23

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Suggested Placement * BOC Tuesday Meeting

Department * Finance

Contact Name * Jenn Ambuehl

Phone Extension * 6257

Meeting Attendee Name * Vance Croney

Agenda Item Details 

Item Title * Amending Resolution R2023-003 Authorizing a Financing of Real and Personal Property in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$36,000,000 and Related Matters

Item Involves * Check all that apply

- Appointments
- Budget
- Contract/Agreement
- Discussion and Action
- Discussion Only
- Document Recording
- Employment
- Notice of Intent
- Order/Resolution
- Ordinance/Public Hearing 1st Reading
- Ordinance/Public Hearing 2nd Reading
- Proclamation
- Project/Committee Update
- Public Comment
- Special Report
- Other

Estimated Time * 20 minutes

Board/Committee Involvement * Yes
 No

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Yes

No

Issues and Fiscal Impact

Item Issues and Description

Identified Salient Issues *

On March 7, 2023 the Board adopted Resolution no. 2023-003 authorizing the County Administrator and Chief Financial Officer to negotiate, execute, and deliver a financing agreement that will provide up to \$36,000,000 of county resources for the development and construction of a new County courthouse and District Attorney Office.

With the defeat of the ballot measure and difficulty designing a courthouse to meet the needs of the state courts within the original budget parameters, it may become necessary to alter the plans and priorities of the justice system improvement components. In the event alternative plans are made to locate and house the District Attorney's Office, it will be necessary for the financing resolution to provide the flexibility needed to make prudent fiscal decisions, while continuing to advance the justice system improvement project.

The amended financing resolution has been slightly revised to allow the county to explore options for locating the District Attorney's Office in the event a new facility is not constructed for the DA's Office at this time. The amendment would authorize bond financing to be allocated to a new facility, partial seismic retrofit of the courthouse, or remodeling some other facility to house the DA's office. The amended resolution would also permit bond financing to be used as originally planned; construction of a new DA's Office adjacent to the new courthouse. Funding for a new courthouse would be unaffected by the amendment to the resolution.

Options *

- Option 1 - Approve the Resolution as proposed
- Option 2 - Approve the Resolution with amendments
- Option 3 - Reject the Resolution

Fiscal Impact *

- Yes
- No

Fiscal Impact Description *

This resolution will have a biennial fiscal impact to the County General Fund from increased Debt Service costs related to liquidating the financing agreement over its financial negotiated term.

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Mandated Service? * Yes
 No

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Describe how this agenda checklist advances the core values or focus areas of 2040, or supports a strategy of a departmental goal.

To review the initiative, visit the website [HERE](#).

Values and Focus Areas

Check boxes that reflect each applicable value or focus area and explain how they will be advanced.

Core Values *

Select all that apply.

- Vibrant, Livable Communities
- Supportive People Resources
- High Quality Environment and Access
- Diverse Economy that Fits
- Community Resilience
- Equity for Everyone
- Health in All Actions
- N/A

Explain Core Values Selections *

Provides funding to support better justice services for the community through a more efficient, safe, and accessible facility.

Focus Areas and Vision *

Select all that apply.

- Community Safety
- Emergency Preparedness
- Outdoor Recreation
- Prosperous Economy
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Mobility and Transportation
- Housing and Growth
- Arts, Entertainment, Culture, and History
- Food and Agriculture
- Lifelong Learning and Education
- N/A

Explain Focus Areas and Vision Selection *

Provides needed improvements to existing facilities and infrastructure that supports safety and accountability.

Recommendations and Motions

Item Recommendations and Motions

Staff

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution as proposed

Recommendations *

Meeting Motions *

I move to ...

...approve Resolution R2023-019 authorizing a financing of Real and Personal Property in a Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$36,000,000.

Attachments, Comments, and Submission

Item Comments and Attachments

Attachments

Upload any attachments to be included in the agenda, preferably as PDF files. If more than one attachment / exhibit, please indicate "1", "2", "3" or "A", "B", "C" on the documents.

Comments (optional) Vance will provide Resolution for attachment.

If you have any questions, please call ext.6800

Department

DEBBIE SESSIONS

Approver

1.

Department Approval

Comments

Signature

Debbie Sessions

2.

Counsel Approval

Comments

Signature

Vance H. Cooney

3.

County Administrator Approval

Comments

Signature

Suzanne Hoffman

3.

BOC Final Approval

Comments

Signature

Amarda Makepeace

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 13th day of June, 2023.

Signed this _____ day of June, 2023.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Pat Malone, Chair

Xanthippe Augerot, Vice Chair

Nancy Wyse, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

Vance M. Croney, Benton County Counsel

BOC Agenda Checklist Final Approval

Agenda Placement and Contacts

Suggested Agenda Date 06/13/23

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Suggested Placement * Work Session

Department * Board of Commissioners

Contact Name * Maura Kwiatkowski

Phone Extension * 3531

Meeting Attendee Name * Maura Kwiatkowski

Agenda Item Details 

Item Title * Affixing Board of Commissioners' Digital Signature Images to Board-approved Documents

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Estimated Time * 5

Board/Committee Involvement * Yes
 No

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Yes

No

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Issues and Fiscal Impact

Item Issues and Description

Identified Salient Issues*

Approval of documents requiring Commissioners' signatures creates unnecessary redundancies. Formal approval by the Board of documents such as Orders, Resolutions, Ordinances, Proclamations, meeting minutes or other documents constitutes final Board of Commissioner action on those documents.

Because no further action is required following approval of such documents, authorizing staff to affix electronic signatures to formally approved documents will reduce redundancy and expedite finalization of such documents.

Options*

Adopt Order D2023-053 authorizing designated employees of the Board of Commissioners Office to affix Board of Commissioners' digital signature images to Board-approved official documents.

Decline to adopt Order D2023-053 and do not authorize designated employees of the Board of Commissioners Office to affix Board of Commissioners' digital signature images to Board-approved official documents.

Fiscal Impact*

- Yes
 No

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

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Mandated Service? * Yes No

Values and Focus Areas

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- Health in All Actions
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Explain Core Values Selections * N/A

Focus Areas and Vision * Select all that apply.

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- N/A

Explain Focus Areas and Vision Selection * N/A

Recommendations and Motions

Item Recommendations and Motions

Staff

Recommendations*

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners adopt Order D2023-053 authorizing designated employees of the Board of Commissioners Office to affix Commissioners' digital signature images to Board-approved official documents.

Work Session

Motions*

I move to ...
...adopt Order D2023-053 authorizing designated employees of the Board of Commissioners Office to affix Commissioners' digital signature images to Board-approved official documents.

Item Comments and Attachments

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5.1-Order D2023-053 BOC Signature Images.pdf 95.23KB

Comments (optional)

If you have any questions, please call ext.6800

Department

MAURA KWIATKOWSKI

Approver

1.

Department Approval

Comments

Signature

Hanka Kwiatkowski

2.

Counsel Approval

Comments

Signature

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, COUNTY OF BENTON

In the Matter of Affixing Board of Commissioners' Digital Signature Images to Board-approved Documents)
) **ORDER #D2023-053**
)

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER COMING NOW FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD AND,

IT APPEARING TO THE BOARD that its approval of documents requiring commissioners' signatures creates unnecessary redundancies; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that formal approval by the Board of documents such as Orders, Resolutions, Ordinances, Proclamations, meeting minutes or other documents constitutes final Board of Commissioner action on those documents; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that because no further action is required following approval of such documents, authorizing staff to affix electronic signatures to formally approved documents will reduce redundancy and expedite finalization of such documents; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING it is in the best interest of the Board of Commissioners to ensure Ordinances, Orders, Proclamations, Resolutions, and other Board-approved official documents are signed timely.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that designated employees of the Board of Commissioners Office are authorized to affix Board of Commissioners' digital signature images to Board-approved official documents.

Adopted this 13th day of June, 2023.
Signed this 13th day of June, 2023.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Nancy Wyse, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Vance M. Croney
County Counsel