

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
9:00 a.m.

***Please note: the meeting summary is not the formal meeting record
and does not replace official Board Meeting minutes. ***

- 1. Opening:**
 - 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Introductions**
 - 3. Announcements**

No announcements were made.

- 2. Review and Approve Agenda**

No changes were made to the agenda.

- 3. Comments from the Public**

Allison Hobgood, Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center Executive Director, commented on the need for funding for service providers for people experiencing homelessness, and requested more direct public funding from the Board. (See meeting minutes for full details.)

- 4. Work Session**

- 4.1 Monthly COVID Update from Health Services – April Holland, Health Services**

Discussion only.

- 4.2 Northwest Oregon Works (NOW) Update – Heather DeSart, NOW**

Discussion only.

- 4.3 Plan for Onboarding Incoming County Administrator – Tracy Martineau, Human Resources**

Discussion only.

- 5. Consent Calendar**

- 5.1 Approval of Appointment to the Community Services Consortium Community Action Advisory Council – Order #D2023-071: Vince Adams and Kristi Collins**

MOTION: Wyse moved to approve the Consent Calendar of September 19, 2023. Augerot seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

- 6. Proclamations**

- 6.1 Proclaiming September 2023 as National Suicide Prevention Month, Proclamation #P2023-016 – Eric Bowling, Health Services**

Bowling read the proclamation aloud.

MOTION: Augerot moved to proclaim September 2023 as National Suicide Prevention Month in Benton County, Proclamation #P2023-016. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

7. Public Hearing

PH 1 In the Matter of the First Reading of Ordinance 2023-0320 Amending the Benton County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map, Regarding the Adair Village Urban Growth Boundary – Darren Nichols, Community Development

MOTION: Augerot moved to enact Ordinance #2023-0320 amending the Adair Village Urban Growth Boundary and to conduct a final reading of the Ordinance. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

Counsel performed the first reading (short title). Second reading to take place October 3, 2023; Ordinance to take effect November 3, 2023.

8. New Business

8.1 Request to Apply for the Oregon Heritage Grant – Jesse Ott, Natural Areas, Parks, and Events; Inga Williams, Community Development

MOTION: Wyse moved to authorize Natural Areas, Parks and Events to apply for the Oregon Heritage Grant. Augerot seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

8.2 Update from Historic Resource Commission – Inga Williams, Community Development; Nancy Taniguchi, Historic Resources Commission Chair

MOTION: Augerot moved to appoint Commissioner Wyse to be liaison to the Historic Resource Commission for Benton County. Malone seconded the motion, which **carried, 3-0.**

8.3 Media Relations Policy Update and Approval – Cory Grogan, Public Information Officer

MOTION: Augerot moved to approve the Media Relations and Strategic Communications Policy. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

9. Departmental Reports & Requests

9.1 Broadband Action Team: Update, Funding, and Contract Proposal – Adam Loerts, Information Technology; Rachel Maddock-Hughes, Rural Prosperity Partners

MOTION: Wyse moved to approve Benton County entering into a contract with Rural Prosperity Partners, LLC to facilitate the Broadband Action Team and assist in leading to quality outcomes of improved internet access for our community with the following costs: the fees for services are: Broadband Action Team (4 counties): \$80,000 (\$20,000 from each county, with each county directly contracting with Rural Prosperity Partners). Augerot seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

10. Other

No other business was discussed.