

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING
BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, October 3, 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

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- 7.2 Request to Apply for an Oregon Arts Commission Grant – Tomi Douglas, Natural Areas, Parks, and Events**

3. *Comments from the Public – see official minutes for details

Cheryl VanLeuven, Community of Alsea resident, commented on improper or possibly unlawful lot line adjustments, permits, and lack of oversight regarding development of the property at 182 West Main Street, Alsea, Oregon. VanLeuven asked that this item be added to the next Board Meeting agenda.

{Exhibit 1: VanLeuven Letter to Board of Commissioners}

Shawn Collins, Unity Shelter Director, provided an update on Unity and the status of emergency shelter and other operations. Collins encouraged the Board to invest in social services for people experiencing homelessness.

4. Proclamation

- 4.1 Proclaiming October as Hispanic Heritage Month, Proclamation P2023-017 – John Haroldson, District Attorney; Jessica Rodriguez-Salgado, Casa Latinos Unidos**

Haroldson read the proclamation aloud in English.

Rodriguez-Salgado read the proclamation aloud in Spanish.

MOTION: Augerot moved to proclaim September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Benton County, Proclamation P2023-017. Augerot noted that Pat Malone is Board Chair (not Nancy Wyse as was read aloud). Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

5. Consent Calendar

- 5.1 Approval of Appointment to the Food Service Advisory Committee: Jennifer McPike, Order #D2023-072**

5.2 Approval of Appointment to the State Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee: Sarah Bronstein, Order #D2023-073

5.3 Approval of the September 5, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Augerot moved to approve the Consent Calendar of October 3, 2023. Wyse noted a highlighted and possibly incomplete section in item 5.3. Recorder Erika Milo recommended that the item be pulled for correction. Augerot moved to approve the Consent Calendar of October 3, 2023 with the removal of item 5.3. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

6. Old Business

6.1 Second Reading of Ordinance Number 2023-0320 Amending the Adair Village Urban Growth Boundary – Darren Nichols, Community Development

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

County Counsel read the Ordinance aloud (short title).

7. Departmental Reports & Requests

7.1 Request to Apply for Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Technical Assistance Planning Grant – Darren Nichols, Community Development

Wyse noted that while she supported the grant application, she would vote against the item on principle because the item was submitted late to the packet, which is unfair to staff who had to work unexpectedly on their day off, and also made it difficult for Wyse and the public to sufficiently review the packet before the meeting. Wyse told all County Departments that in future, if a late packet addition causes Benton County staff to work unexpectedly on their day off, Wyse will vote no on the item.

MOTION: Augerot moved to approve the submission of a Technical Assistance Grant application in an amount to be determined to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), and direct the Community Development Director, in partnership with the DLCD, to take the necessary steps in creating a preliminary plan, scope of work, and budget for a Voluntary Periodic Review work plan, and in addition to that, would like to authorize staff to help the Board put together a letter of support to DLCD for this proposal. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 2-1 (Wyse opposed).**

7.2 Request to Apply for an Oregon Arts Commission Grant – Tomi Douglas, Natural Areas, Parks, and Events (NAPE)

Malone explained that NAPE had withdrawn the request to apply for a \$5,000 grant, and instead will return to apply for a \$10,000 grant in spring 2024.

8. Other

Augerot noted that new County Administrator Rachel McEneny began work at Benton County yesterday, and thanked Chief Financial Officer Rick Crager for serving as Interim County Administrator in September 2023.

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