

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Livestream: <http://facebook.com/BentonCoGov>  
**Tuesday, October 24, 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**

No comments were offered.

**4. Proclamation**

- 4.1 Corvallis for Refugees Presentation – Chris McQueen, Luke Glaze; Salem for Refugees**

Discussion only.

- 4.2 Update from Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments – Ryan Vogt; Meg Walker, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments**

Discussion only.

- 4.3 Small Farm Program Updates – Carolyn Ashton, Lorelle Sherman, Teagan Moran; Oregon State University Extension Service**

Discussion only.

**5. Consent Calendar**

- 5.1 Approval of the 2024 Fee Schedule for Environmental Health, Order #D2023-076**

**MOTION:** Wyse moved to approve the Consent Calendar of October 24, 2023. Augerot seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

**6. Public Hearing**

- PH1 In the Matter of a Public Hearing Regarding Amending Benton County Code, Chapter 9, Ordinance #2023-0322\* – Tomi Douglas, Natural Areas, Parks, and Events**

\*Note: the Ordinance number was corrected from #2023-0322 (as on the agenda) to #2023-0321.

### Public Comment

Kristi Schrock, resident and Fair Board member, raised concerns about the Ordinance such as the list of animals in Benton County Code Exhibit “A” 9.805(4) and the list of associations in 9.810 (2)(a). See meeting minutes for full details.

Augerot stated she had not intended the phrase “Animals listed are intended as examples and not to be construed as an exhaustive list” to remain in this version of the Ordinance.

After discussion, Counsel suggested that in 9.805 subsection (4) of the Ordinance, the second sentence be removed.

**MOTION:** Augerot moved to enact Ordinance No. 2023-0321 as amended and conduct a first reading of the Ordinance. Wyse seconded the motion for discussion. After discussion, Augerot rephrased the motion: “for the amended Ordinance as further amended in the Board’s discussion today.” The motion **carried 3-0.**

Counsel read the Ordinance aloud (short title). The item will return for a second reading on November 7, 2023, and will take effect December 6, 2023.

## **7. Old Business**

**7.1 Discussion on Media Policy** – *Vance Croney, Rachel McEneny, Board of Commissioners Officer*

**MOTION:** Augerot moved to adopt the Media Policy as revised by staff. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

## **8. Departmental Reports and Requests**

**8.1 Order #D2023-077, Authorizing the Payment of Property Taxes to Certain Municipalities or Other Taxing Districts in Advance for the Tax Year 2023-24 as Authorized by ORS 311.392** – *Debbie Bauer, Financial Services*

**MOTION:** Wyse moved to approve authorizing the payment of property taxes to certain municipalities and other taxing districts as detailed in the attachment to Order #2023-077. Augerot seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

**8.2 Budget Note: Report on External Fleet** – *Gary Stockhoff, Keith Nicolson, Public Works; Marilee Hoppner, Financial Services*

Discussion only.

**8.3 Budget Note: Community Health Centers Financial Viability** – *Lacey Mollel, Chris Campbell, Ahmed Zibare; Health Services*

Discussion only.

**8.4 Coordinated Homeless Response: HOPE Bylaws, MOU, IGA Proposed Amendments** – *April Holland, Rebecca Taylor; Health Services*

Discussion only.

## **9. Information Sharing**

### **9.1 Pat Malone, Board Chair**

Malone participated in the Great Oregon ShakeOut Drill on October 19, 2023. Malone recently attended the Democratic Party of Oregon's Summit event. Malone participated in a Dial-a-Bus ride-along.

### **9.2 Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner**

Augerot described her involvement with committees and panels including a House Bill 4123 panel and several Health and Human Services (HHS) meetings at the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) conference, a joint public safety and HHS meeting on Measure 110, and the review committee for Willamette Criminal Justice Council (WCJC) justice reinvestment grant applications. Augerot will attend the Youth Behavioral Health Summit next month. Last week, Corvallis Police District, Benton County, and InterCommunity Health Network began situation table trainings. Augerot spoke to the Linn-Benton Housing Authority Board and participated in a Dial-a-Bus ride-along.

### **9.3 Nancy Wyse, Commissioner**

Wyse will participate in a land use panel at the AOC conference.

## **10. Other**

No other business was discussed.