

SUMMARY OF THE MEETING
BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Livestream: <http://facebook.com/BentonCoGov>
Tuesday, November 7, 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:

11. **Executive Session Under ORS 192.660[2][i] – Performance Review**

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

Robert Orton, resident, mechanic at Coffin Butte Landfill (CBL) and member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701, expressed concerns about dangerous working conditions at CBL and the failure of various agencies to monitor CBL’s compliance with the Conditional Use Permit.

Arlene Merems, resident, expressed concern about a loophole in the proposed rodeo exemption in the amended Exotic Animal Ordinance which could allow traveling wild animal acts to operate in Benton County if held in conjunction with a rodeo event.

4. **Proclamation**

- 4.1 **Proclaiming November as Military Appreciation Month in Benton County, Proclamation P2023-019** – *Mark Lapinskas, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments*

Cadets of the Oregon State University Air Force Drill Team presented the flags of the United States and the State of Oregon. Ellen Nichols performed the National Anthem. Mark Lapinskas, Veteran and Veterans Services Officer for Benton County, read the Proclamation aloud.

MOTION: Augerot moved approval of Proclamation #P2023-019 in the matter of proclaiming November as Military Appreciation Month in Benton County. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried (3-0)**.

Sergeant Major (retired) Vinnie Jacques, Oregon Army National Guard, described the achievements of the National Guard Third Platoon, Bravo Company 2-162, of which he was a member. The Company received the Presidential Unit Citation for heroic action in the Battle of Fallujah. Jacques helped establish the Oregon National Guard Reintegration Program.

5. **Work Session**

**5.1 Project Updates from Benton-Corvallis Economic Development Office –
*Christopher Jacobs, Corvallis-Benton Economic Development Office***

Discussion only.

6. Consent Calendar

6.1 Approval of the October 17, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Augerot requested a correction of item 6.1 on packet page 17 to reflect her comment that Community Corrections funding was a top priority for the Association of Oregon Counties, rather than for the State Legislature as stated in the minutes.

MOTION: Augerot moved to approve the Consent Calendar of November 7, 2023 with the correction as noted. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

7. Public Hearing

**PH1 In the Matter of a Public Hearing Requesting an Exemption From
Competitive Bidding for the New Benton County Emergency Operations
Center for the Use of the Construction Manager/General Contractor
(CM/GC) Services of Contracting, Order #D2023-075 – Gary Stockhoff, Public
Works**

MOTION: Augerot moved to approve the Findings of Fact for requesting an exemption from competitive bidding for the new Benton County Emergency Operations Center for the use of the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) services of contracting, Order #D2023-075. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

8. Old Business

**8.1 Second Reading of the Amended Benton County Code, Chapter 9, Ordinance
No. 2023-0321 – Tomi Douglas, Natural Areas, Parks, and Events**

Augerot proposed amending Ordinance #2023-0321 in the following ways per Arlene Merem's email [see meeting minutes]: delete unnecessary extra species explanations in Benton County Code (BCC) 9.805 (4)(c) and (4)(m), delete 'assistance animals' from BCC 9.810 (2)(b), and, in the same paragraph, remove the possible loophole for exotic animal acts at rodeo or Future Farmers of America (FFA) events.

Counsel noted that the current Ordinance was not included in the published packet. Therefore, Ordinance #2023-0321 died.

The Board decided to start the Ordinance process over to consider the suggested changes. Staff to bring back a revised Ordinance in December 2023 at earliest.

9. New Business

**9.1 Approval of Natural Point Enterprise Tax Zone Abatement Request,
Resolution No. R2023-026 – Christopher Jacobs, Corvallis-Benton Economic
Development Office**

MOTION: Augerot moved to approve a three-year property tax abatement agreement between Benton County, a co-sponsor of the Benton-Corvallis Enterprise Zone, and Natural Point Incorporated, #R2023-026. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

10. Other

Wyse shared that she would represent Benton County in the annual Veterans Day pie-eating contest.

11. Executive Session Under ORS 192.660[2][i] – Performance Review

This item was removed from the agenda.