

MEETING SUMMARY
BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Livestream: <http://facebook.com/BentonCoGov>
Tuesday, December 5, 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 items were added under **Item 8. Other:**

- 8.1 **Commissioner Nancy Wyse Update**
- 8.2 **Commissioner Pat Malone Update**
- 8.3 **Hubert McBee Campground – Board of Commissioners**

The agenda was heard in this order:

Items 1-3, 6, 4, 5, 8.1, 8.2, 9, 8.3, 7

3. **Comments from the Public**

No comments were offered.

4. **Work Session**

- 4.1 **Discuss Supplemental Budget 240601, Resolution #R2023-024 – Rick Crager, Jenn Ambuehl; Financial Services**

Crager reviewed the supplemental budget changes.

MOTION: Augerot moved to forward this item to the December 19, 2023 Board Meeting for a Public Hearing. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

5. **Consent Calendar**

- 5.1 **Approval of Appointments to the Following Advisory Boards and Committees:**

Road District:	Order Number:	Appointees:
Brownly-Marshall	D2023-079	Martin Fitzpatrick
Chinook	D2023-080	Matthew Lindberg
Country Estates	D2023-081	Dan Dix
Marys River Estates	D2023-082	Debbie Jackson
McDonald Forest Estates	D2023-083	Fred Eisenlohr
North F Street	D2023-084	Robert Biscoe
Oakwood Heights	D2023-085	Eleanor Love

Ridgewood
Rosewood Estates
Vineyard Mountain
Westwood Hills

D2023-086
D2023-087
D2023-088
D2023-089

Katherine Robertson
Chris Smith
John Hockensmith
David Dickson

MOTION: Wyse moved to approve the Consent Calendar of December 5, 2023. Augerot seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

6. Proclamations

6.1 Proclaiming December as National Rural Health Month in Benton County, Proclamation #P2023-021 – Lacey Mollel, Community Health Centers

Mollel read the Proclamation aloud.

MOTION: Augerot moved to approve proclamation #P2023-021 proclaiming December as National Rural Health Month in Benton County. Wyse seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

7. Public Hearings

PH 1 In the Matter of a Public Hearing Regarding an Amendment to Benton County Code, Chapter 9, Ordinance 2023-0322 – Tomi Douglas, Natural Areas, Parks, and Events

Staff Report

The Board and Douglas reviewed suggested changes to the Ordinance.

Augerot expressed confusion about multiple versions of the Ordinance in circulation, noting a typographical error and some requested changes that had not been made.

Public Comment – See minutes for details

Residents Richard Weber, Eileen Stark, and Arlene Merems provided comment, praising the general intent of the Ordinance but requesting further changes.

Fair Board member Trudy Overlin stated that the Fair Board still regarded this Ordinance as an overreach.

Fair Board member Craig Hendrickson asked if a Benton County resident who owns an alligator (an animal on the restricted species list) would have to move or remove their business from Benton County.

Wyse replied the individual could own the animal, just not display it publicly in the unincorporated portion of the County.

Deliberations

After discussion, the Board decided to continue the Public Hearing until the December 19, 2023 Board Meeting at 11:00 a.m. to resume deliberations on an updated redline version of the Ordinance based on testimony and information received today.

8. Other

8.1 Commissioner Nancy Wyse Update

Wyse mentioned an email from Greg Wolfe, Housing Innovations Partnership, about workforce housing.

Augerot recommended that the Board continue to support the workforce housing initiative, a revolving loan program for developers of low-income housing.

8.2 Commissioner Pat Malone Update

Malone provided an update on regional broadband internet efforts.

8.3 Hubert McBee Campground – Board of Commissioners

MOTION: Wyse moved to authorize staff to enter into a Letter of Intent with the Alliance for Recreation and Natural Areas for acquisition of Hubert McBee Campground. Augerot seconded the motion, which **carried, 3-0.**

9. Executive Session

9.1 Executive Session under ORS 192.660[2][e] – Negotiations for Property Transactions

Chair Malone entered Executive Session at 9:47 a.m.

Discussion only. See 8.3 for Motion.

Chair Malone exited Executive Session at 10:31 a.m. and resumed the regular Board Meeting with Item 8.3.

MEETING SUMMARY NORTH ALBANY COUNTY SERVICE DISTRICT December 5, 2023

1. Comments from the Public

No comment was offered.

2. New Business

2.1 In the Matter of Adjusting Rates, Fees, and Charges for the North Albany County Service District Water Users, Order #D2023-093 – Ryan Beathe, City of Albany

Beathe presented the annual water rate increase request from North Albany County Service District (CSD). The Albany City Council approved a 4% increase.

MOTION: Augerot moved to approve Order #D2023-093, increasing the North Albany CSD water rates per the decision of the Albany City Council.

3. Other

No other business was discussed.