

MEETING SUMMARY
BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 2, 2024
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. Election of the 2024 Board Chair and Vice Chair**

MOTION: Wyse moved to nominate Augerot as Chair and Wyse as Vice Chair. Augerot seconded the motion, which **carried, 3-0.**

- 3. Review & Approve Agenda**

No changes were made to the agenda.

- 4. Comments from the Public**

Ken Eklund, resident, Disposal Site Advisory Committee (DSAC) Chair. Eklund shared the draft Community Concerns Annual Report for 2021. DSAC can finalize the State-mandated report as soon as DSAC meetings resume. Eklund stated that Community Development Director Darren Nichols had made erroneous accusations about DSAC members and actions.

Augerot noted that the County is hiring a new Solid Waste Coordinator; DSAC meetings will resume when staff have capacity.

- 5. Consent Calendar**

5.1 In the Matter of Setting the Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule for 2024, Order No. D2024-001

5.2 In the Matter of Designating the 2024 Official Newspaper for Benton County, Order No. D2024-015

5.3 In the Matter of Designating the 2024 Official Newspaper for the Board of Health, Order No. D2024-023

5.4 In the Matter of Designating the 2024 Official Newspaper for the Contract Review Board, Order No. D2024-024

MOTION: Malone moved to approve the Consent Calendar of January 2, 2024. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

- 6. Old Business**

6.1 Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance #2023-0322 Amending Benton County Code, Chapter 9 – Tomi Douglas, Natural Areas, Parks, and Events; Vance M. Croney, County Counsel

Douglas shared that the Ordinance was identical to the one discussed at the last Board Meeting, except for the addition of the word ‘only’.

MOTION: Wyse moved to conduct the second reading of Ordinance #2023-0322. Malone seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

Counsel read the Ordinance aloud (short title). Effective date February 1, 2024.

7. New Business

7.1 In the Matter of a Resolution in Support of the Due Process Continuity of Care Act, Resolution No. R2024-001 – Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner

Augerot described a Federal policy that causes adults-in-custody to lose their Medicare/Medicaid benefits when jailed, even if not convicted. This puts a heavy burden on local jails and the individual. Augerot drafted a letter asking legislators to support bills that would revise this policy.

MOTION: Malone moved to approve a Resolution in support of the Due Process Continuity of Care Act, Resolution #R2024-001. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

7.2 In the Matter of Appointing a Benton County Commissioner to a ‘County Not Otherwise Represented’ Seat on the Association of Oregon Counties 2024 Legislative Committee – Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner

MOTION: Wyse moved to nominate Malone to a ‘County Not Otherwise Represented’ seat on the Association of Oregon Counties 2024 Legislative Committee. Augerot seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

8. Other

The Board expressed support for sponsoring a table at the Celebrate Corvallis fundraising event. Funds were already budgeted for this purpose.

9. Adjournment