



**MEETING SUMMARY
BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, August 6, 2024**

****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

2. Review & Approve Agenda

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- 5.2 Broadband Update – Adam Loerts, Information Technology; Joseph Franell, Rural Prosperity Partners

3. Proclamations

- 3.1 Proclaiming August 4 to August 10, 2024 as Health Center Week, Proclamation #P2024-015 – Lacey Mollel, Christine Mosbaugh; Community Health Centers

Mollel and Mosbaugh read the Proclamation aloud.

MOTION: Malone moved to adopt Proclamation #P2024-015 proclaiming August 4 - 10, 2024 as Community Health Center Week in Benton County. Wyse seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

4. Comments from the Public – See meeting minutes for details

The following individuals expressed concerns about Coffin Butte Landfill and landfill operator Republic Services (RS), including issues with methane leaks and flares, contaminated leachate, arsenic levels, fire danger, Environmental Protection Agency monitoring, RS reporting, and the recent RS application for a Conditional Use Permit for landfill expansion:

- R. Foster, resident (via email prior to the meeting)
- Robert Orton, resident and former RS employee
- Virginia Scott, resident
- Joel Geier, resident
- Marcy Follett, resident
- Kate Harris, resident
- Carrie Norris, resident
- Camille Hall, resident

- Ken Eklund, resident
- Debbie Palmer, resident

Lisa Pierson, resident, shared frustrations about being charged a non-residential waste disposal rate at CBL due to her vehicle type, despite being a Benton County resident.

Nancy Whitcombe, resident, stated that County staff and elected officials have publicly insulted community members and volunteers, and urged the County to acknowledge mistakes and do better in the future.

5. Work Session

- 5.1 Republic Services Presentation of the 2023 Annual Hauling Report and the 2023 Annual Coffin Butte Pacific Region Compost Operational Report – Ginger Richardson, Brett Davis, Ian Macnab, Julie Jackson, Republic Services; Bailey Payne, Community Development

Discussion only. The Board requested several additions and did not accept the report at this time.

- 5.2 Broadband Update – Adam Loerts, Information Technology; Joseph Franell; Rural Prosperity Partners

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 5.3 Corvallis-Benton Economic Development Office Update – Christopher Jacobs, Corvallis-Benton Economic Development Office

Discussion only.

- 5.4 Benton County Facilities Update – Gary Stockhoff, Public Works

Discussion only.

6. Consent Calendar

- 6.1 Approval of the May 21, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Wyse moved to approve the Consent Calendar of August 6, 2024. Malone seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

7. Old Business

- 7.1 Modification of Deposit Requirements for Alsea Service District Water Users, Order No. D2024-049 – Gary Stockhoff, Public Works; Marilee Hoppner, Financial Services

MOTION: Malone moved to adopt Order #D2024-049. Wyse seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

- 7.2 Initiation of Proceedings to Transfer Jurisdiction of the Following County Road to the City of Albany: Northwest Gibson Hill Road, Order #D2024-051 – Gary Stockhoff, Public Works

MOTION: Malone moved to adopt Order #D2024-051, In the Matter of Initiating Proceedings to Transfer Jurisdiction of the Following County Road to the City of Albany, Oregon: Northwest Gibson Hill Rd (County Rd #04910), and to set a Public Hearing date for September 3, 2024. Wyse seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

- 7.3 Permission to Apply for One-time Funding for Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO) – April Holland, Health Services

MOTION: Wyse moved to approve the request from the Health Department to apply for the InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization Delivery System Transformation grant and the Oregon Housing and Community Services Housing 360 pilot initiative. Malone seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

- 7.4 Statement of Support Regarding Flavored Tobacco Restrictions to Promote Youth Nicotine Addiction Prevention, Resolution #R2024-022 – Andy Chuinard, Sara Hartstein, Rocío Muñoz; Health Services

MOTION: Malone moved to adopt Resolution #R2024-022 declaring the Board of Commissioners' support for the restriction of flavored tobacco products. Wyse seconded the motion, which carried 3-0.

8. Other

No other business was discussed.

9. Announcements

Malone displayed a new poster showing all Benton County parks and natural areas.

10. Adjournment