

Board of County Commissioners Business Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 12/07/2023

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Thursday, November 30, 2023 – 10:00 AM

In person and via virtual technology (Zoom)

PRESENT: Chair Tootie Smith
Commissioner Mark Shull
Commissioner Paul Savas
Commissioner Ben West

CALL TO ORDER

I. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Elected Officials

1. Approval of Previous Business Meeting Minutes – BCC

B. Transportation & Development

1. Approval to Accept a Permanent Easement from Oregon Department of Transportation and Accept a Permanent Right of Way Easement for Road Purposes from the Clackamas County Development Agency. No Fiscal Impact. No County General Funds are involved.
2. Approval of a Personal Services Contract with Carl Douglas Cox for Code Compliance Hearings Officer services. Total value is \$600,000 for six years. Funding is through permitting revenue, solid waste franchise fees, and fees for service. No County General Funds are involved.

C. Health, Housing, & Human Services

1. Approval of Revenue Intergovernmental Grant Agreement with the Oregon Department of Human Services for the Senior Medicare Patrol Grant for Medicare consumer education. Agreement value is \$18,500 for 1 year. Funding is through the US Department of Health and Human Services and \$1,605 in budgeted County General Funds.
2. Approval of Amendment #2 to a Fixed Price Revenue Subagreement from Oregon State University for parenting education program. Amendment value is \$93,311 for 1 year. Agreement value increased to \$215,851 for 3 years. Funding is through Oregon State University. No County General Funds are involved.
3. Approval of a Revenue Subagreement from Oregon State University for parenting education programming. Agreement value is \$176,063 for 1 year. Funding is through Oregon State University. No County General Funds are involved.

4. Approval of Amendment #6 increasing funding and term of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Clackamas Fire District #1 for Ambulance Services. Amendment value is \$147,408.89 for 1 year. Agreement value increased to \$3,575,499.96 over 10.67 years. Funding through the cost savings program with American Medical Response Northwest. No County General Funds are involved.
5. Approval of Amendment #5 increasing funding, extending the term and updating program language of an Intergovernmental Revenue Agreement with Oregon Health & Science University for the Oregon Care Coordination Program. Amendment value is \$74,977 for 1 year. Agreement value increased to \$474,095 for 5.2 Years. Funding is through OHSU Grant Funds. No County General Funds are involved.
6. Approval of Amendment #1 increasing funding and extending the term of a Revenue Grant Agreement from the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care for continuation of Coordinated Enrollment services for families eligible for publicly funded preschool programs. Amendment value is \$173,980 for 1 year, agreement value increased to \$564,480 for 2 years. Funding is through the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care. No County General Funds are involved.

Clerk to the Board Tony Mayernik read the consent agenda. Chair Smith asked if any Commissioner wished to remove any item from the consent agenda. No requests were heard.

Commissioner Shull: "I move to approve the consent agenda." Commissioner West seconded the motion. No further discussion was heard.

Clerk Mayernik called the poll
Commissioner Savas Aye
Commissioner West Aye
Commissioner Shull Aye
Chair Smith Aye; motion passes 4-0.

Chair Smith recessed the Board of County Commissioners and convened the Clackamas County Development Agency Board of Directors.

II. DEVELOPMENT AGENCY CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval to Grant a Permanent Right of Way Easement for Road Purposes from the Clackamas County Development Agency to Clackamas County, and Grant a Quitclaim Deed from Clackamas County Development Agency to State of Oregon, Military Department. No Fiscal Impact. No County General Funds are involved.
- B. Approval of Contract Amendment #1 with Elder Demo LLC, for the demolition of the former Miles Fiberglass building. Amendment value is \$407,534, contract value is increased to \$673,427. Funding is through the Clackamas Town Center Urban Renewal Plan area. No County General Funds are involved.

Clerk Mayernik read the consent agenda. Chair Smith asked if any Director wished to remove any item from the consent agenda. No requests were heard.

Director West: "I move we approve the Development Agency consent agenda as read."
Commissioner Shull seconded the motion. No further discussion was heard.

Clerk Mayernik called the poll
Commissioner Savas Aye
Commissioner Shull Aye
Commissioner West Aye
Chair Smith Aye; motion passes 4-0.

Chair Smith adjourned the Development Agency Board and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Chair Smith opened the meeting for public testimony.

Elvis Clark (Milwaukie) – Natural Gas Ban in Milwaukie

Les Poole (Clackamas) – Natural Gas Ban, Participation, Portland Water Bureau

Chair Smith closed the meeting for public testimony.

IV. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Schmidt recognized Dog Services and Water Environmental Services staff.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Savas made comments on the Oregon Joint Transportation Subcommittee community meetings, I-205, and transportation funding.

Commissioner Shull made comments on the Parks Advisory Board, gas tax, Oregon House Bill 2017, tolling, food security, and the Portland Water Bureau.

Commissioner West made comments on inflation, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and Measure 110.

Chair Smith made comments on tolling, libraries, and County advisory boards.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:06 AM.

RE: Milwaukie's Net Zero plan is a clear and present danger to its people

Public Communication, Business Meeting, November 30, 2023

Dear Chair Smith and Vice Chair Shull, and Commissioners Schrader, Savas and West

I alert you to a plot by the Milwaukie City Council and Milwaukie City Staff to ask, demand that the Clackamas County Public Health Department issue a statement that natural gas utility service poses a health risk.

I refer to Milwaukie City Council's November 7, 2023, Work Session – which is posted on the City's website. (The plot begins about 1 hour and 11 minutes into the City's video, 11/7/23, Work Session,)

The Milwaukie City Council's real design for asking the County Health Department to issue a statement is not really about any health risk, but the real design is to restrict and ultimately ban natural gas utility service in the City of Milwaukie. You see about a year ago now the City of Milwaukie in pursuit of its Net Zero Climate Plan goal passed a Resolution banning new natural gas utility hookups. The Council also wants to eventually ban natural gas service entirely even for those with existing natural gas utility connections. [a subsequent federal court ruled such City bans as violating federal law and therefore unlawful.]

I am asking the Board of Clackamas County Commissioners to not aid and abet Milwaukie's attempt to restrict the people's access to natural gas utility services. To limit the County's Public Health Department from being able to assist and abet Milwaukie's attempt to take away one of the essential means the people of Milwaukie have for heating their homes and at affordable rates.

The fact is that it costs a lot less for people to heat their homes with natural gas than electricity.

This winter, Northwest Natural gas company lowers its rates by 8% whereas PGE will soon increase its rates by 17% (Oregon Public Utility Commission news releases).

The fact is that the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee, of which PGE is a member, is projecting that electricity supplies are at high risk of becoming short, during a low water year reducing hydroelectricity supplies, as early as the year 2026. This risk of shortage is only going to get much bigger as the decade progresses. (Milwaukie's Climate Plan of Net Zero rests solely on the untested dream that somehow batteries currently highly expensive and only capable of storing energy for a few hours will become sufficient to serve as the main back up for the vagaries of wind and solar power generation.)

The Fact is that natural gas inserts and gas stoves are viable ways to keep people warm during electricity blackouts.

The fact is that people will be forced to burn more wood, or indoor portable propane heaters, if not allowed access to natural gas utility service.

In summary, the real public health risk is Milwaukie City Council and City staff's Net Zero plan.

Sincerely,

Elvis Clark

Concerned citizen of Milwaukie and Clackamas County