

Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners

Minutes - **APPROVED 04/13/2023**

Emergency Meeting

March 22, 2023

Oregon City, Oregon

Pursuant to notice by publication to the County website, an emergency meeting of the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Services Building in Oregon City, Oregon. The emergency meeting was called due to impending deadlines for the closing documents related to the purchase of 9717 SE Sunnyside Road, Clackamas, OR 97015, generally known as the Quality Inn and Suites, for the purposes of conversion into a transitional housing facility.

Present were Chair Smith, Commissioner Shull, Commissioner Schrader, and Commissioner West.

Chair Smith announced that she was changing her “Aye” vote on approval of Board Order 2023-027 to “Nay”, altering the outcome of a vote on February 16, 2023, to 2-3, causing the motion to fail. Chair Smith explained that the reason for her decision was that she has heard from many members of the community around the proposed location and no longer supports the selection of that site.

Chair Smith announced that the Board of County Commissioners would hold a series of summits on homelessness to engage the public, business owners, the faith community, medical professionals and elected local leaders to discuss causation, accountability, and eventual cures for the homeless. Chair Smith further announced that the Board of County Commissioners would separately convene a “Blue Ribbon” committee of thought leaders on address and discuss ways to combat homelessness, including causation and accountability. Chair Smith indicated that she intends to bring forward a proposal to refer a measure to the ballot asking whether Measure 110 should be overturned.

Commissioner Shull made comments in support of a “treatment first” paradigm for homelessness, repealing Measure 110, and the need to combat distribution of illicit substances.

Commissioner West made comments in support of a “recovery-oriented systems of care” paradigm for homelessness, repealing Measure 110, and the need to engage the community both in and out of the Urban Growth Boundary.

Commissioner Schrader indicated that she was supportive of a repeal of Measure 110 but that she would not be changing her vote on Board Order 2023-027, and that the County should move forward with the project.

Chair Smith made comments around efforts by the Oregon legislature to respond to the governor’s emergency declaration on homelessness and she wants to see the community engage on this topic now that the project is not moving forward in its current location.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.