

Board of County Commissioners Business Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

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Thursday, January 5, 2023 – 10:00 AM

In person and via virtual technology (Zoom)

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

CALL TO ORDER

I. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS **A. Selection of Vice Chair**

Chair Smith made a brief presentation on the selection of the vice chair and opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Schrader: “I nominate Commissioner Mark Shull as Vice Chair for 2023.” Commissioner Savas seconded the nomination.

Chair Smith called for any other nominations. None were received. Hearing no other nominations, Chair Smith directed the clerk to call the poll on the nomination.

Clerk called the poll

Commissioner Savas Aye

Commissioner Shull Aye

Commissioner Schrader Aye

Commissioner West Aye

Chair Smith Aye; motion passes 5-0.

Chair Smith recessed the Board of County Commissioners and convened the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District Board of Directors.

II. NORTH CLACKAMAS PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of a Reinstatement of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to donate district-owned parcels of Mt. Talbert Nature Park. Fiscal impact is \$1,000 in closing costs. Funding is through Metro. No County General Funds are involved.

Clerk read the consent agenda.

Chair Smith called for requests to remove items from the consent agenda. None were received.

Chair Smith called for any further discussion. Commissioner Savas renewed his query to staff on Metro-owned acreage in Clackamas County.

Commissioner West: “Your honor, I’ll move to approve the consent agenda as read.” Commissioner Schrader seconded the motion. No further debate.

Clerk called the poll

Commissioner Schrader Aye

Commissioner Savas Aye

Commissioner West Aye

Commissioner Shull Aye

Chair Smith Aye; motion passes 5-0.

Chair Smith adjourned the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District Board of Directors and reconvened the Board of County Commissioners.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Elected Officials

1. Approval of Previous Business Meeting Minutes – *BCC*

B. Disaster Management

1. Approval of Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement with the Oregon Department of Emergency Management. Grant value is \$166,327 for 1 year, funded through the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, with a \$166,327 match funded through budgeted County General Funds.

C. Transportation & Development

1. Approval of Public Storm Drainage Easement at Billy Goat County Park with the City of Gladstone. No fiscal impact. No County General Funds are involved.
2. Approval of a Maintenance Assistance Grant Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon State Marine Board for Operation and Maintenance Funding for Five County Recreational Boating Access Sites. Grant value is \$50,700, with a \$19,875 match, for 2 years. Funding through Oregon State Marine Board and County Park and Boat Ramp User Fees. No County General Funds are involved.
3. Approval of a Board Order and Quitclaim Deed transferring two taxlots to the City of Oregon City. Sale value is \$13,887. Funding is through the City of Oregon City. No County General Funds are involved.
4. Approval of a Public Improvement Contract with Northstar Electrical Contractors, Inc., for the Radar Speed Feedback Signs Project. Contract value is \$349,400. Funding is through HB2017 County Road Funds. No County General Funds are involved.

D. Health, Housing, & Human Services

1. Approval of a Financial Assistance Application Lifecycle Form authorizing the Behavioral Health Division to apply for Behavioral Health HB2949 Workforce Incentive Funds. Anticipated grant award is approximately \$474,987 for 4 years. Funding is through the Oregon Health Authority. No County General Funds are involved.
2. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART) for Transportation Services. Agreement value is \$142,140 for 6 months. Funding is through the Oregon Health Authority. No County General Funds are involved.
3. Approval of a Revenue Agreement with CareOregon, Inc. for the Staff Trainings & Pipeline Investment Project. Agreement value is \$153,100 for one year. Funding is through CareOregon, Inc. No County General Funds are involved.
4. Approval of a Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Agreement with City of Gladstone for Reimbursement of Water and Wastewater Services on Behalf of Low-Income Households. Agreement value not to exceed the \$840,019 allocated to the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. Funding is through the Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services. No County General Funds are involved.
5. Approval of a Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Agreement with the City of Oregon City for Reimbursement of Water and Wastewater Services on Behalf of Low-Income Households. Agreement value is not to exceed the \$840,019 allocated to the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program. Funding is through the Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services. No County General Funds are involved.
6. Approval of Amendment #1 to a Cooperation Agreement with Clackamas County Children's Commission for the Estacada Head Start Improvements Project. Amendment value is \$160,000, agreement value is increased to \$300,000. Funding is through Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds. No County General Funds are involved.

7. Approval of Amendment #4 to a Revenue Intergovernmental Agreement Grant from the Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services to Add Low Income Household Energy Assistance Funding. Amendment value is \$6,349,405, agreement value is increased to \$38,096,432. Funding is through the Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services. No County General Funds are involved.
8. Approval of a Local Subrecipient Grant Agreement with Project Quest for Non-Opioid Pain Management Services. Agreement value is \$345,000 for 23 months. Funding is through the Oregon Health Authority. No County General Funds are involved.

Clerk read the consent agenda.

Chair Smith called for requests to remove any items. No requests were received.

Commissioner Shull: "I move for approval of the consent agenda". Commissioner West seconded the motion.

Clerk called the poll

Commissioner Savas Aye

Commissioner West Aye

Commissioner Shull Aye

Commissioner Schrader Aye

Chair Smith Aye; motion passes 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Elvis Clark – Milwaukie (Equity Inclusion Office – written testimony attached)

Tiff Munroe – Oregon City (Children's Health Defense)

Bill Wehr – Damascus (Public engagement)

V. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

County Administrator Schmidt recognized Transportation and Development staff for their work with the United States Forest Service, Road Crews for their work around the County, and a CCOM employee for their efforts to assist in the delivery of a baby over the phone.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Schrader made some general comments on the need for cooperation from all parties in the work of the government.

Commissioner Shull made general comments on the economy, sustainable government, a Portland Water Bureau filtration plant project, tolling, illegal drugs, and short-term rentals.

Commissioner Savas made general comments on a recent attack at a TriMet station, Measure 110, and the Metro Town Halls on the Urban Growth Boundary Exchange.

Commissioner West made general comments about joining the Board, working with other governments on Portland-area issues, mental health, and Clackamas County taking the lead on making the region better.

Chair Smith made general comments on tolling and the urban growth boundary exchange.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 10:56 AM.

To: The 2023-24 Incoming Board of Clackamas County Commissioners
(Honorable Chair Smith; and Commissioners Savas, Schrader, Shull, and West)

Date: 1/5/23

Re: **Opposition to the term “Equity”** as in the County’s Equity and Inclusion Office name

I ask the Board to take special measure to restrict and minimize the activities and polices of the Equity and Inclusion Office (EIO) to those activities required and funded by state and federal government rules.

The term Equity as used in some rather important political circles has become a **dangerous bridge to Marxism and Socialism**, systems antithetical to the U.S Constitution – a constitution you all take oath to uphold and the bedrock of individual freedom and liberty.

This fear among many of my and your county brethren is not without foundation.

None other than **Vice President Kamala Harris** is reported to say as a Vice Presidential candidate, **“Equitable treatment (Equity) means we all end up at the same place.”** [New York Post, November 2, 2020]

You also get the sense of such a drift in the meaning of Equity towards ‘ending up at the same place’ from the way in which some government agencies and jurisdictions have taken to using aggregate data and assumed associations to claim this group or that group is “systematically” discriminated against and is due special dispensation - this dispensation not made individually based on objective measure such as an individual’s income but rather by other qualitative attributes as skin color, ethnicity, etc.

Marxist principles center on “we all end up at the same place.” As echoed by the Marxist Tenant: ‘To each according to his need, and from each according to his abilities.’

I don’t have to tell you at all that Marxism is antithetical to the U.S Constitution which focuses on the Individual by granting the individual inalienable rights and promises individuals as citizens life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The U.S is where individuals are rewarded by applying themselves and providing economic and other value to others. Taking from those who apply themselves and giving it to those that do not apply themselves is hardly a way of rewarding the individual. It discourages individuals from applying themselves in productive effort, and so, it should be no mystery as to why Marxism when applied historically proves to be an impoverishing system of government.

So, the incoming 2023-24 Board has a special opportunity *and duty* to revisit the establishment of the County’s Equity and Inclusion Office (EIO).

I recommend the Board take action to rename EIO, deleting the word Equity from its name. One idea I have is to rename EIO as the Equal Opportunity and Access Office.

Even with such a deletion of the word Equity from the EIO name, the Board should act, to the maximum extent allowed by state and federal rules, to **restrict and manage against those policies and actions of this Office that conflict with the U.S Constitution and its protections of the individual.**

Even if choosing not to change the name of EIO, the Board should take this same action to restrict and closely manage EIO policies and activities (to the maximum extent possible).

Sincerely,

Elvis Clark
Milwaukie, Oregon 97222