

Board of County Commissioners Business Meeting Minutes – APPROVED 20250417 III.A.1

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Thursday, April 10, 2025 – 10:01 AM

In person and via virtual technology (Zoom)

**PRESENT: Chair Craig Roberts
Commissioner Martha Schrader
Commissioner Paul Savas
Commissioner Ben West**

CALL TO ORDER

I. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Paul Edgar (Oregon City) – Shelters for homeless concerns

Cris Waller (Milwaukie) – Position 4 commissioner appointment

Javonnie Shearn (Oregon City) – Potential County employee strike implications

Scott Spicer (Milwaukie) -- Position 4 commissioner appointment

II. PRESENTATION

A. Proclamation of April 2025 as Grange Month

Commissioner Schrader moved to approve the proclamation and Commissioner Savas seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Proposed Community Development 2025 Action Plan

i. Public Hearing

Cindy Detchon (North Clackamas Schools) – Support for Community Development Action Plan

Melanie Faurie (Online) – Support for Action Plan, gratitude for Witchita Center funding

B. Building Code and Plumbing Fee Schedule Modifications

i. Public Hearing

Isaac Ambruso (Lake Oswego) – Shared the Home Building Association of Great Portland’s concerns about the proposed fees.

Commissioner Savas moved to approve the modified building code and plumbing fee schedule and Commissioner West seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Elected Officials**

1. Approval of Previous Business Meeting Minutes – BCC

B. **Transportation & Development**

1. Approval of a Grant Application to the Oregon Department of Transportation for a marketing campaign to reduce driving under the influence. Grant Value is \$310,957 for 1 year. Funding is through the Oregon Department of Transportation and a required match of \$60,957 in County Road Funds. No County General Funds are involved.
2. Approval of an Engineering Contract with David Evans and Associates for the SE Bull Run Rd and Bull Run River Bridge project. Contract Value is \$1,533,817.94 for 2 years. Funding is through the Oregon Department of Transportation and \$157,523.10 of County Road Funds. No County General Funds are involved.

C. **Health, Housing & Human Services**

1. Approval of an Amendment to a Subrecipient Grant Agreement with Parrott Creek Child and Family Services for alcohol and drug abuse treatment support. Amendment Value is \$65,242.45 for 4 months. Total Agreement Value is \$513,876.35 for 18 months. Funding is through the Oregon Health Authority. No County General Funds are involved.
2. Approval of an Amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority for rental and utility assistance to Aid and Assist clients. Amendment Value is \$40,483.37 for 6 months. Total Agreement Value is \$17,509,981.22 for 18 months. Funding is through the Oregon Health Authority. No County General Funds are involved.
3. Approval of a Local Subrecipient Grant Agreement with Fora Health for development and design services for the Recovery Center. Agreement Value is \$2,808,509 for 22 months. Funding is through Trillium Community Health Plan, Opioid Settlement and Supportive Housing Services Measure Funds. No County General Funds are involved.
4. Approval of the Older Americans Act Social Services Area Plan. Plan Value is \$2,086,000. Funding is through the US Department of Health and Human Services and a required match of \$70,000 in budgeted County General Funds.
5. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Sandy for a community service officer and vehicle for homeless services. Agreement Value is \$292,351 for 3 years. Funding is through budgeted County General Funds.

D. Technology Services

1. Approval of a Board Order to authorize a Purchase Order to Dell Marketing for CrowdStrike cyber security software. Purchase Order Value is \$330,961 for 2 years. Funding is through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Oregon Emergency Management, and up to \$311,847 of budgeted departmental cost allocations, which includes a small portion of budgeted County General Funds.
2. Approval of a Purchase Order with CDW-G for replacement servers and associated maintenance services. Purchase Order Value is \$659,073.72. Funding is through budgeted departmental cost allocations, which does include a small portion of budgeted County General Funds.

Commissioner West moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read and Commissioner Schrader seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

V. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

A. Commissioner Appointment Timeline Options

The Board decided to select Option #2 presented by Administrator Schmidt, with finalist interviews on Friday, May 16 and a selection announced on Monday, May 19.

VI. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Schrader: Shared updates from the Administrator's Housing Task Force and noted her continued work on a curriculum for high school students.

Commissioner Savas: Remarked on the history of the creation of Veterans Village.

Commissioner West: Commented on his work with the Metro President's SHS Work Group and his recent testimony to the state legislature on M110 funding allocation.

Chair Roberts: Reported on the first ever joint meeting with the Oregon City Commission about the old courthouse.

Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 12:02PM.

On 4/9/2025 10:54 AM, Paul O. Edgar wrote:

I had hoped that Oregon City Mayor McGriff could have joined in with our last Community Action Board (CAB) meeting to listen to the update presented by Vahid Brown and Joey John. That was not capable to have been put together.

Mayor McGriff again last night, following a City and County Joint Work Session and asked for a list of people that she and the City of Oregon City, should be in conversations with in discussions around affordable housing, transitional housing, and shelter housing.

The future where a navigation center, the Caring Place, gets constructed and put into operation on north end of Main Street in Oregon City, that will be house Fathers Heart and others in outreach to those in need has a problematic side to it. There is this potential that this navigation center could well become an attraction, where greater numbers of the unhoused and homeless community become attracted into Oregon City and its downtown.

Historically, high percentages of that population have dysfunctional and problematic conditions and issues that include; no roof's over their heads at night, no access to sanitation at night, life style of taking from others at night, addiction, attracting drug pushers, mental health, PTSD, and other associated issues within the unlawful use of public and personal property in violation of laws and statutes.

The City of Oregon City justly has concerns, with what could be seen as an "Attractive Nuisance", where with these greater numbers of the unhoused and homeless become attracted into Oregon City. Without 7/24 controlled intervention, this can create foreseeable problems, when the navigation center closes. There is history right now in Oregon City and a need for workable solutions, with improved outcomes.

To the best of my knowledge we do not currently have shelter housing for this population, in Clackamas County. We have some motel vouchers, but people deemed as physically and mentally in a place where they could do harm to themselves and others, we don't have places where they can go or be dropped off at. Triage and allowing for needed continuum of care, where stabilization can take place, with more than having Band-Aid's are put on, that otherwise drop off. There is a need within triage to gain stabilization which improves the percentages of where the Band-Aid don't fall off.

There is just this need for extended controlled moments where triage and stabilization can take place, and that is not in a jail. Clean and Sober Controlled Shelters with minimal housing but places where the enablers of dysfunction are separated from their dysfunction community. Without having the needed controlled Shelter Housing, Oregon City can develop into an attraction to those who pray on those in need of our help, including the drug pushers.

With the Court House operations, staffing and all that have in the past used the Court House in its downtown Oregon City location no longer the majority of those in downtown Oregon City, the Caring Place attracting the unhoused, has problematic potential.

Paul O. Edgar



12400 SE Freeman Way
Milwaukie, OR 97222

April 10, 2025

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County
2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Board of County Commissioners:

RE: Appreciation for Clackamas County Community Development Program Funding

On behalf of the North Clackamas School district, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for the recently awarded Clackamas County Community Development Program funding. We are grateful to staff members Mark Sirois and Korene Mather, who provided exceptional customer service during their visit to the Wichita Center. Their willingness to meet with our Facilities Director demonstrated a genuine commitment to understanding our community facility needs and helped ensure our proposal addressed the most critical requirements.

This generous funding will directly support the essential infrastructure needs of the Wichita building, which serves thousands of families each year. From assisting students experiencing homelessness and providing food to 15,000 people each year, which is projected to grow to over 20,000 people in the next five years, this facility plays a vital role in our community. The district is deeply grateful for our partnership with the NCPRD Board and the County Commissioners, which has helped secure the future of this facility for decades of families and children to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Detchon".

Cindy Detchon, Special Projects Administrator

Teresa Neff-Webster, Chief of Operations

North Clackamas School District

cc: Mark Sirois, Korene Mather



April 10, 2025

Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
2051 Kaen Road
Oregon City, OR 97045

Re: Letter of Comment Clackamas County Permit Fee Changes

I am writing on behalf of the thousands of businesses and individuals committed to addressing our region's most pressing challenges by building the housing, infrastructure, and jobs that make Oregon both livable and economically vibrant. Our mission is to maximize housing choices for all residents while promoting access and availability for everyone.

HBA recognizes that Clackamas County has not updated its permit fee charges since 2010 and that counties require revenue to keep pace with the increasing demands of an inflationary economy. As these changes are considered, it is essential they maintain consistency and predictability, allowing developers to accurately assess project costs. HBA appreciates the county's efforts to implement this consistency.

That said, it is important for the Board to recognize that most increases in costs to builders and developers are ultimately passed on to consumers in the form of higher housing prices. In a time of rapid inflation and economic uncertainty, these impacts must be carefully weighed. The DTD fee increases that took effect on July 1st represent a significant added expense for developers and home builders across the county. In addition, builders and developers must consider the potential SDC rate changes currently under consideration as part of the new 5-year capital improvement plan. These sometimes-disconnected changes can compound into substantial cost increases for both businesses and consumers.

As Clackamas County continues to pursue necessary updates to its fee structure, we urge the Board to carefully balance fiscal responsibility with the economic realities of housing development. A phased approach—or a temporary deferral of additional increases—would allow market conditions to stabilize and provide time for the County to establish its long-term goals, and assess the impacts of other recent and upcoming cost increases for housing.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Isaac Ambruso
Deputy Director of Public Policy
Home Building Association of Greater Portland