

WEEKLY BUSINESS SESSION – December 6, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Anne Basker Auditorium
600 N.W. Sixth Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Present: Herman E. Baertschiger Jr., Chair; John West, Vice-Chair; and Daniel E. DeYoung, Commissioner; Trish House, Recorder

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Pursuant to notice through the media and in conformance with the Public Meeting Law, Herman E. Baertschiger Jr., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Items discussed were as follows:

1. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

The Board recognized the following employees for their years of service with the County:

Stacey Blosser – District Attorney's Office – 5 years
Amanda McGeorge – District Attorney's Office – 5 years
Jacob Scanlon – Parks Department – 5 years
Sammi Shires – Juvenile Justice – 5 years
Robin Hausen – Juvenile Justice – 5 years
Jamie Chanquet – Juvenile Justice – 5 years
Henry Sullivan – Community Corrections – 10 years
Kevin Blaich – Community Corrections – 10 years
Judy Banks – Finance Department – 15 years

2. PRESENTATION:

a. Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) Life Saving Awards

Larry Warren, OSMB, presented awards to three individuals who helped save a life in Josephine County.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: In the Matter of Withdrawal of Property from the JOSEPHINE COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT by Petition of Landowners, Without Election (One original Order filed with the County Clerk)

Order Number	Petitioner	Assessor Map / Tax Lot	Acres
2023-084	Mike & Winnie Family Trust	36-05-19-BC-000307-00	0.16

Commissioner Baertschiger opened the Public Hearing at 9:21 a.m.

REQUESTS/COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: *(Each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak)*

Mike Pelfrey, Grants Pass, spoke in support of Order No. 2023-084.
Rochelle Selvig, Josephine County, spoke in opposition to Order No. 2023-084.
Victoria Marshall, Grants Pass, spoke in support of Order No. 2023-084.
Kate Laskey, Josephine County, spoke in opposition to Order No. 2023-084.
Judy Ahrens, Grants Pass, spoke in support of Order No. 2023-084.
Jennifer Roberts, Josephine County, spoke in opposition to Order No. 2023-084.
Kathy Millard, Josephine County, spoke in support of Order No. 2023-084.
Citizen resident, Josephine County, spoke in opposition to Order No. 2023-084.
Jim Sciano, Josephine County, spoke in support of Order No. 2023-084.
Charles Rogers, Josephine County, spoke in opposition to Order No. 2023-084.
Brian Weldon, Josephine County, spoke in support of Order No. 2023-084.
Larry West, Josephine County, spoke in opposition to Order No. 2023-084.
Indra Nichols, Josephine County, spoke in support of Order No. 2023-084.
Steve Croddider, Josephine County, spoke in opposition to Order No. 2023-084.
Bonnie McDonald, Josephine County, spoke in support of Order No. 2023-084.
Garrison Gough, Josephine County, spoke in opposition to Order No. 2023-084.
Dennis Weber, Josephine County, spoke in opposition to Order No. 2023-084.

Commissioner West moved to approve Order No. 2023-084: In the Matter of Withdrawal of Property from the JOSEPHINE COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT by Petition of Landowners, Without Election, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 2-1; Commissioner DeYoung – no, Commissioner West – yes and Commissioner Baertschiger – yes.

Commissioner Baertschiger closed the Public Hearing at 10:59 a.m.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN CONSIDERATION OF:BOARD DECISIONS UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS WERE MADE AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED

- a. **Approval of Order No. 2023-083; In the Matter of Declaring Results of Election on Forming the Josephine County Law Enforcement Service District Pursuant to Chapter 451; Establishing and Forming the District** (One original Order filed with the County Clerk)

Wally Hicks, County Legal Counsel, stated that this order certifies the results of the November 2023 election.

- b. **Approval of Order No. 2023-085; In the Matter of Administrative Policies and Procedures for Josephine County for the Purpose of Conducting Business on a Daily Basis: Revising Policy B-10; Purchasing** (One original Order filed with the County Clerk)

Michelle Simpson, HR Director, discussed that this order supports a single department for training and administrative guidelines for this department only.

5. REQUESTS/COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: (Each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak)

Cherly Bruner, Williams, spoke in support of the county selling the property known as Pipefork to the conservancy agent. Judy Ahrens, Grants Pass, spoke about the sins of spoiled children, classrooms that do not say the pledge of allegiance, anybody who does not invite their neighbor over for Thanksgiving, and any other bad things that people are doing. Nancy Reese, Josephine County, spoke in support of Josephine County supporting Israel and antisemitic principles. Mark Jones, Josephine County, spoke in support of a fire district that would replace a subscription-based program. Indra Nichols, Josephine County, spoke in support of the job the Board of Commissioners are doing. Kathy Millard, Josephine County, spoke in opposition to taking the bible out of testimonies in the courtroom.

6. BOARD MAY REVIEW PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

The Board addressed public comments.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 3(a)

Commissioner DeYoung moved to approve Order No. 2023-083; In the Matter of Declaring Results of Election on Forming the Josephine County Law Enforcement Service District Pursuant to Chapter 451; Establishing and Forming the District, seconded by Commissioner West. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner West – yes, and Commissioner Baertschiger – yes.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 3(b)

Commissioner DeYoung moved to approve Order No. 2023-085; In the Matter of Administrative Policies and Procedures for Josephine County for the Purpose of Conducting Business on a Daily Basis: Revising Policy B-10; Purchasing, seconded by Commissioner West. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner West – yes, and Commissioner Baertschiger – yes.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. **Minutes** (Draft minutes are available for viewing in the Board's Office)
Legal Counsel Update – November 28, 2023
Weekly Business Session – November 29, 2023
County Administration Workshop – November 30, 2023

Board Discussion and Action:

Commissioner DeYoung moved to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Item 6(a) as listed, seconded by Commissioner West. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner West – yes, and Commissioner Baertschiger – yes.

8. **OTHER: (ORS 192.640(1))** "... notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects."

None reported.

9. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

None heard.

Weekly Business Session adjourned at 11:25 a.m.


 Trish House, Recorder