

WEEKLY BUSINESS SESSION – June 5, 2025

10:00 a.m. – Anne Basker Auditorium
600 N.W. Sixth Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Present: Andreas Blech, Chair – Chris Barnett, Vice Chair – Ron Smith, Commissioner; Kassie Austin, Recorder

These are meeting minutes only. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words.

Pursuant to notice through the media and in conformance with the Public Meeting Law, Andreas Blech, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. David Buell led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Items discussed were as follows:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All commissioners present determined that there are no conflicts of interest on today's agenda.

3. RECOGNITION: Grants Pass Active Club

Commissioner Barnett thanked the Grants Pass Active Club. The chair of the Grants Pass Active Club discussed what the Active Club does in the community and all the hard work that the volunteers put in to put on positive community events. The Active Club is a non-profit event and raise money to help the local youth. A certificate of appreciation was presented to the club for their work they do within the county. The club has been established since 1959.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: In the Matter of Annexations to the JOSEPHINE COUNTY COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT by Petition of Landowner without Election

Order Number	Petitioner	Assessor Map / Tax Lot	Acres
2025-041	Wilson, Matthew T. & Amanda S. Wilson	38-05-14-00-000805-00	4.18
2025-042	Orr, Jesse N. & Amanda L. Orr	40-08-12-00-000400-00	4.50
2025-043	Kasprzak, Joshua B. & Courtney W. Arts	39-08-28-C0-000700-00	4.17

Commissioner Blech opened the public hearing at 10:07 a.m.

Public Testimony: (Each person given Three (3) Minutes to speak)
None heard.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Board Order 2025-041; In the Matter of Annexations to the Josephine County Community Library District by Petition of Landowner without Election. Seconded by Commissioner Blech. Upon roll call; Commissioner Smith – yes, Commissioner Barnett – yes, Commissioner Blech – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Barnett made a motion to approve Board Order 2025-042; In the Matter of Annexations to the Josephine County Community Library District by Petition of Landowner without Election. Seconded by Commissioner Blech. Upon roll call; Commissioner Smith – yes, Commissioner Barnett – yes, Commissioner Blech – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Board Order 2025-043; In the Matter of Annexations to the Josephine County Community Library District by Petition of Landowner without Election. Seconded by Commissioner Barnett. Upon roll call; Commissioner Smith – yes, Commissioner Barnett – yes, Commissioner Blech – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Public hearing closed at 10:09 a.m.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN CONSIDERATION OF:

BOARD DECISIONS UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS WERE MADE AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED

a. Board Order No. 2025-042; In the Matter of Delegating Contract Signing Authority for Fair Entertainment Contracts to the Josephine County Recreation Director

Tamra Martin, Recreation Director, discussed that the Josephine County Fair is coming up within the next month and a half. Giving Ms. Martin signing authority allows her to focus and put her time into planning a successful fair for 2025.

b. Board Order No. 2025-039; In the Matter of Appointment of an Interim Public Health Administrator

Commissioner Blech discussed that Janet Fredrickson feels confident in being appointed as the Interim Public Health Administrator. This is a state requirement to have an individual fill that position.

c. Board Order No. 2025-045; In the Matter of Rescheduling the Regular Business Meeting for the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Blech discussed that the Weekly Business Session falls on June 19th which is a federal holiday. The board order reschedules the Weekly Business Session to Wednesday.

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

Jim Goodwin, Josephine County, spoke regarding the budget for fiscal 25-26. Mr. Goodwin also spoke regarding the voluntary resignation program.

Shannon Hobert, Josephine County, spoke in support of the library, and her confusion on the budget.

Sophia Hugh, Grants Pass, spoke in support of the library.

Suzanne Harmony, Grants Pass, spoke in support of the library.

Judy Ahrens, Josephine County, spoke about trash in the community, and the 4th of July celebration.

Nancy Lester, Grants Pass, spoke in support of the library.

Michael Weber, Josephine County, read a letter regarding the public health public when he was employed. (**Exhibit 1**)

Vicky Palmerton, Grants Pass, spoke about a rally at the courthouse.

Cathy Millard, Grants Pass, spoke about the library withdrawal petition, and the library paying their fair share.

7. BOARD MAY REVIEW PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

The Board addressed public comments.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 5(a)

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Board Order 2025-044, seconded by Commissioner Barnett. Upon roll call vote; Commissioner Blech – yes, Commissioner Barnett – yes, and Commissioner Smith – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 5(b)

Commissioner Barnett moved to approve Board Order 2025-039, seconded by Commissioner Blech. Upon roll call vote, Commissioner Blech – yes, Commissioner Barnett – yes, and Commissioner Smith – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 5(c)

Commissioner Barnett moved to approve Board Order 2025-045, seconded by Commissioner Blech. Upon roll call vote; Commissioner Blech – yes, Commissioner Barnett – yes, and Commissioner Smith – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

8. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**a. Minutes (Draft minutes are available for viewing in the Board's Office)**

Land Use Hearing – May 19, 2025

Administration Workshop – May 20, 2025

Weekly Business Session – May 22, 2025

Administration Workshop – May 27, 2025

General Discussion – May 28, 2025

Budget Committee Meeting – May 30, 2025

Board Discussion and Action:

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Items 8(a) as listed, seconded by Commissioner Barnett. Upon roll call vote; Commissioner Smith – yes, Commissioner Barnett – yes, and Commissioner Blech – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

9. **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.*”)

Commissioner Barnett spoke about having a meeting scheduled on June 10th with the Library.

Commissioner Blech discussed a public records request, where the District Attorney has made a ruling. Discussion held on the order from the DA. Commissioner Barnett made a motion after reviewing and weighing the required considerations in the order from the District Attorney to reduce this public records request fee by 10%. Seconded by Commissioner Blech. Upon roll call, Commissioner Smith – yes, Commissioner Barnett – yes, Commissioner Blech – yes. Motion carried 3-0.

10. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Barnett read a letter he received from a constituent, in support of the Sheriff's Office. He congratulated all the high school graduates, and spoke about concerts in the park starting soon.

Weekly Business Session adjourned at 10:46 a.m.


Kassie Austin, Recorder