

YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A G E N D A - ACTION LIST

January 14, 2021 10:00 a.m. Formal/Informal Session
Call to order; flag salute.

Virtual meeting via Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/92847709143>
Webinar ID: 928 4770 9143

Welcome! Due to COVID-19 and physical distancing requirements, attending the meeting is discouraged. The public can view the meeting via the YouTube link on the Yamhill County Meetings page. <https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/meetings>. See below for instructions regarding submitting general public comment or comments on specific agenda items.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. CALENDAR SESSION: This time is reserved for the review of the commissioner's joint schedule (if needed).

D. PUBLIC COMMENT: *Due to COVID-19 and physical distancing requirements, anyone wishing to submit general public comment or comments related to a specific agenda item may do so in written format via email at bocinfo@co.yamhill.or.us or by mail at 535 NE Fifth St., McMinnville, OR 97128. Any comments received prior to the meeting will be shared with the Board of Commissioners and submitted to the record.*

E. WORK SESSION: This time is reserved for topics of discussion scheduled for the Commissioners in advance. If a work session is not needed, the balance of the meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

1. Work Session – None.

F. DEPARTMENT UPDATES: None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Minutes

- a. **B.O. 21-18** - October 1, 2020, Formal/Informal Session;
- b. **B.O. 21-19** - October 8, 2020, Formal/Informal Session;
- c. **B.O. 21-20** - October 15, 2020, Formal/Informal Session;
- d. **B.O. 21-21** - October 22, 2020, Formal/Informal Session;
- e. **B.O. 21-22** - October 29, 2020, Formal/Informal Session;
- f. **B.O. 21-23** - November 5, 2020, Formal/Informal Session;
- g. **B.O. 21-24** - November 12, 2020, Formal/Informal Session;
- h. **B.O. 21-25** - November 19, 2020, Formal/Informal Session;
- i. **B.O. 21-26** - December 3, 2020, Formal/Informal Session;
- j. **B.O. 21-27** - December 7, 2020, Special Session;

- k. **B.O. 21-28** - December 10, 2020, Formal/Informal Session;
- l. **B.O. 21-29** - December 17, 2020, Formal/Informal Session; and
- m. **B.O. 21-30** - December 22, 2020, Special Session

Contracts & Grants

- 2. **B.O. 21-31** - Approval of Amendment #2 to an agreement between Yamhill County and Mira Mediation and Consulting Services, LLC. (B.O. 20-120) extending services, retroactive to September 30, 2020 through September 30, 2021.
- 3. **B.O. 21-32** - Approval of Amendment #14 to Agreement #159184 between Yamhill County Health and Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority (B.O. 19-228) removing funds in the amount of \$180,404 from Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery & Prevention and Problem Gambling Services for reallocation effective through December 31, 2020.

H. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. **B.O. 21-33** - Consideration of approval of the 2021 Yamhill County Board of Commissioners Areas of Liaison and Responsibilities.
- 2. Consideration of the request to review the draft bylaws and mission statement for a proposed tourism advisory committee. *[No action was taken].*
- 3. **B.O. 21-34** - Discussion to send a letter of support to Oregon Representatives Mike Nearman and E. Werner Reschke and Senator Dennis Linthicum to overturn Governor Brown’s Executive Orders related to COVID-19.

I. OTHER BUSINESS (Add-ons and non-consent items):

- 1. **B.O. 21-35** - Consideration of approval of declaring the following items as surplus from the Sheriff’s Office to be sold to staff or resold to a third-party firearms dealer at the fair market value resale set price:
 - a. (3) – Model Glock 22 .40 cal. S/N PLH933; S/N KTX791; S/N KTX790
 - b. Affiliated holsters and magazines.
- 2. **B.O. 21-36** - Consideration of approval of declaring one 2000 Ford – 15 passenger van (VIN #1FBSS31LXYHB98486) as county surplus with an estimated amount value of \$4,411 to be donated to Champion Team.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

K. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. For information on county advisory committee vacancies, please refer to the county’s website, <https://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/board-commissioners-committees>, or call the Board of Commissioners’ office at 503-434-7501 or 503-554-7801 (toll-free from Newberg).

2. For questions regarding accessibility or to request an accommodation contact the Board of Commissioners' office at (503)-434-7501 or (503)-554-7801 (toll-free from Newberg) or email at bocinfo@co.yamhill.or.us

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WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED
PRIOR TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SESSION
ON
THURSDAY, January 14, 2021
AT
10:00 A.M.

Questions, concerns or comments about these items can be directed
to staff or the Commissioners by contacting the Commissioners' office at

(503) 434-7501

OR

BOCINFO@co.yamhill.or.us

Carolina Rook

From: Sherri Yeager <radicalhistory@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 12:28 PM
To: BOC Info
Subject: Honor Your Oath of Office. Denounce Trump's Big Lie. Tell the Truth to Your Supporters

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

PUBLIC COMMENT: JANUARY 11, 2021 Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

From: Sherri Yeager
2799 NE Destiny Drive
McMinnville, OR 97128 Phone: 510-926-0885

I am a resident of McMinnville, a retired 25-year professor of U.S. History and Politics. My public comment is directed specifically to Commissioners Starrett and Berschauer. I am writing to urge you - obviously partisan, pro-Trump Republicans (despite the charade that commissioners are non-partisan) - and every elected Republican official on every level of government to denounce what Yale History Professor Timothy Snyder calls "the Big Lie" that Trump continues to tell his followers - a lie he fabricated since long before votes were cast in November in a desperate attempt to stay in power. The Big Lie is that Trump actually won the election and there was massive election fraud. All Americans informed by factual evidence know this is a lie. If you are informed by factual evidence, you too know this is a lie.

The election officials of every single state - regardless of party affiliation - have certified their states' election results and confirmed that the November 2020 election was, perhaps, the fairest election of all time. Even in the midst of a deadly pandemic, record numbers of American citizens cast their votes. Joe Biden & Kamala Harris won the Electoral College by a margin of 306-232, while they won over 51% of the popular vote and over 7 million more votes than Trump/Pence. The truth: This was a fair election, Trump lost, and Joe Biden will take office on January 20, 2021.

In all the years I studied, wrote about, and taught U.S. History, I never imagined I would see the day where an American president willfully lied about and sought - openly & publicly - to overturn the results of an election and the will of the people simply because the only result his narcissism could accept was a win for himself. Trump is - and always has been - so drunk on power & privilege that he would do anything - absolutely anything - to stay in power. I never imagined that I would sit in my living room and watch in real time as this American president spent two hours

doubling down on the Big Lie, inciting his cult-like white nationalist supporters to march down Pennsylvania Avenue to the U.S. Capitol, to “get wild”, to engage in “combat”, and to do everything necessary to stop the [what should have been] ceremonial counting of the electoral votes and certifying that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris won the election. I never imagined that I would watch a thousands-strong, violent, hateful mob of domestic American terrorists storm the steps then the doors & windows of the Capitol, beat & abuse the woefully outnumbered Capitol police, then - while wearing & flashing the symbols of anti-semitism, racism, white supremacy, and the treasonous Confederacy and shouting racist epithets & chants of “hanging” Pence and killing Pelosi, they violently trashed, vandalized, and stole from the People’s House while they hunted down Members of Congress. They viciously murdered a Capitol policeman and almost crushed another policeman who was screaming in agony for help. What was Trump doing during this rampage of terror and hate and bloodshed? According to Republican Senator Ben Sasse, Trump was wandering around the White House wondering why others weren't as excited by what they were viewing as he was. He put out a video praising the "patriots," told the insurrectionists he inspired that he loved them, and uttered a slight and insincere mention of "peace.”

What we witnessed in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021 - and in state capitols across the country, including in Oregon) -was straight out of the fascist playbook. What first came to mind for me was Kristallnacht - that horrible night in Germany when Nazi thugs shattered the windows and destroyed the properties of Jews - giving German Jews a sinister preview of the genocidal nightmare that was to come. We must ensure that the lie-inspired atrocities of January 6th are not a prelude to tyranny. I am writing to ask - actually, to demand - that you publicly denounce Trump’s Big Lie, and tell your Trump-loving supporters unequivocally that the 2020 election was fair, that Trump lost fairly & squarely, and that you congratulate and wish the best for the next President of the United States, Joe Biden.

I ask also that you stress how important it is for citizens and public officials to form their opinions and base their policy positions on factual evidence and science. We may disagree about how to effect change and the specifics of policies, but we will not survive as a democracy if a critical mass of the Republican electorate embraces an alternative reality rooted in conspiracy theories and fabricated “facts.” Sadly, Commissioners Starrett & Berschauer, both of you are guilty of spreading fact-deprived disinformation (about COVID, about public health & safety, about the intentions & integrity of Governor Brown for starters) on your commissioner Facebook sites, and both of you condone/remain silent in response to comments from your supporters that threaten violence and sedition against Governor Brown and other Oregon public servants. You have remained silent in response to Trump's authoritarian & dangerous lies and his overt effort to overthrow the outcome of a fair and democratic election. We will not survive if Yamhill County Republican Legislators and Commissioners remain devoted to fact-deprived ideological & partisan subserviency to Trumpism, incite your supporters with disinformation & hyperbole, and remain silent when those supporters threaten Governor Brown, other public servants, and fellow citizens with incivility and violence. If you honor the oath you took as an elected official, if you understand that you represent EVERY resident of this County, and if you cherish our democratic republic and the State of Oregon, you must tell the truth. You must stand up for democracy. You must defend your country over your political party as it has been hijacked by a delusional authoritarian madman.

Carolina Rook

From: John Hutt <tubathehutt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Mary Starrett; Lindsay Berschauer; Casey Kulla
Cc: BOC Info
Subject: Comments regarding agenda items

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinions.

I am a resident of McMinnville, and I am opposed to the Yamhill County BOC considering any type of politically motivated communication or action to the state government, in particular agenda items **“Discussion to send a letter of support to Oregon Representatives Mike Nearman and E. Werner Reschke and Senator Dennis Linthicum to overturn Governor Brown’s Executive Orders related to COVID-19” and “Consideration of drafting and submitting a letter of support for the Business Reopening Plan recently submitted to the Oregon’s Governor and state lawmakers by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC)”**.

If you, as individual commissioners want to express support or opposition, OK. Please remember that you represent all of the constituents of the county, not a political party, and use your valuable time as commissioners to tackle the important issues before our county.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

John Hutt

503-757-5007

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John Hutt

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Carolina Rook

From: Cathy Navarra <cathynavarra40@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 1:01 PM
To: BOC Info
Subject: Letter of Support for Lawsuit Against Governor Brown's Executive Orders

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Commissioners,

I strongly urge you not to send a letter to Mike Nearman, E. Werner Reschke and Dennis Linthicum to support their frivolous lawsuit against Governor Brown. She was elected by a majority of votes to lead Oregon. In consultation with experts, she has issued these Covid-19 executive orders to help protect the citizens of this State. These have not been easy for her nor for the State. However, they are in the best interest of the citizens of Oregon. We are in the middle of a deadly pandemic; steps must be taken to help curtail it. Suing the Governor is a waste of time and taxpayer dollars, which could be better spent.

The lawsuit and those who support it are continuing to sow the seeds of division. To overcome these disease, we all need to work together. We all should be wearing masks, practicing social distancing, and washing our hands, along with getting the vaccine when available. Doing these things will get us to where we all want to be. We all want the economy to rebound, to have schools open, to freely come and go. We can only achieve this by working together.

I implore you to please not to send these letters.

Respectfully,
Cathy Navarra