

BOARD ORDERS AND MINUTES
IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL
SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF YAMHILL COUNTY (“the Board”) sat for the transaction of county business in formal/informal session on May 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 32 of the courthouse, Commissioners Casey Kulla, Mary Starrett and Richard L. “Rick” Olson being present.

Also present were Ken Huffer, County Administrator; Christian Boenisch, County Counsel and Ken Friday, Planning Director

Welcome! Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirement, attending the meeting is discouraged. The public can view the meeting via 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 agenda items.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kulla called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. PRESENTATION:

1. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service/Wapato Lake National Wildlife Refuge Access Presentation – Larry Klimek, Project Leader; Tualatin River NWR Complex via telephone.

Mr. Klimek addressed a proposed land parcel acquisition from the county which would provide access to the Wapato Lake Refuge, scheduled to open to the public this fall. Mr. Klimek stated a new pedestrian bridge connecting Wapato Creek to a land parcel owned by Yamhill County would provide access between the park and public parking and facilities. He proposed an easement transfer agreement for the land parcel, either by purchase or donation. Mr. Boenisch said the parcel has been in county ownership since 1998 and has considered holding onto it as a connection point for such a project as this. Commissioner Olson stated that he would consider donating it with the stipulation that the refuge would offer the county an easement agreement for the Yamhelas Westsider Trail in the future. Mr. Klimek said they are in communication with Clean Water Services to ensure that they will continue to have access to trail paving and equipment. Mr. Boenisch said the county does have donation appropriation for federal transactions. The consensus of the Board was for staff to move forward to negotiate an agreement with USFWS for this parcel donation.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT: *Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, we encourage anyone wishing to submit general public comment or comments on agenda items to 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.*

The Board received emailed public comments by Lee Schrepel, Ben Van Dyke and Chris Mattson, all related to the timing of the trail remand hearing. Commissioner Starrett expressed concerns that the LUBA decision could be impacted by the timing of receiving new testimony and schedule conflicts prohibit the opposition's representative from participating. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to re-open the hearing on May 14th, 2020 to hear testimony and allow both parties to provide testimony either in person, via conference call/web meeting or prerecorded testimony.

E. CONSENT AGENDA: None.

F. OLD BUSINESS: None.

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

1. **B.O. 20-150** - Consideration of approval to authorize a notice of intent to award a contract to Haworth, Inc. for the Public Works Parking Lot Improvement Project in the amount of \$336,592,54.

Commissioner Olson moved approval of item G1. The motion passed, Commissioners Kulla, Starrett and Olson voting aye.

2. Discussion of Phase 1 prerequisites for reopening planning. (Commissioner Kulla) Commissioner Kulla proposed scheduling a work session next week. Commissioner Starrett discussed a prerequisite checklist in conjunction with Public Health for a reopening plan pending Governor Brown's reopening plan. The consensus of the Board was to schedule a work session in conjunction with next week's combined session. No action was taken.

3. Ken Huffer addressed the proposed framework for Phase I for reopening Yamhill County Parks. The proposal prepared by the Parks Division Manager, Jarod Logsdon, identified county parks that could be opened within the Governor's social distancing guidelines and limiting park facilities. The consensus of the Board was for Mr. Huffer to provide updates of Mr. Logsdon's decision of any county park re-openings. No action was taken.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

I. 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).

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Following Commissioner announcements, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Carolina Rook
Secretary

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Commissioner RICHARD L. “RICK” OLSON