

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED
PRIOR TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SESSION
ON
THURSDAY, February 10, 2022
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

Megan Marasco

From: Tom Hammer <tom@tomhammerfarms.com>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 7:08 AM
To: BOC Info
Subject: Ag Overtime

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

To: Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

Fm; Tom Hammer

Subject Farm Worker Overtime

The pay schedule for farm workers in Oregon is well established. The rates and rules for paying farm workers has been established by market forces. Oregon competes directly with Washington and California for farm labor. The rate of pay in Oregon compensates for overtime rules in other states. The market has determined how to balance out any differences.

HB 4004 would have government defying economics. HB 4004 would do harm to both worker and farmer for the period of time it takes for market forces to rebalance Oregon's farm worker pay relative to competing states.

Megan Marasco

From: Mike Poe <gov@ngd.myftp.org>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 6:18 PM
To: BOC Info; Mary Starrett; Lindsay Berschauer; Casey Kulla
Subject: Results of vote?

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Dear Commissioners,

My wife and I wanted to give input for the meeting (Thursday, Feb 3rd) regarding a vote to include more balanced Covid-19 information on our Yamhill Country Public Health Website. Unfortunately, the email I started a few days ago sat here and wasn't sent before the meeting, so I'd be curious what the result of the vote was. I'm hoping we'll soon be seeing more info on Natural immunity, info differentiating deaths "from covid" vs "with covid," myocarditis risks (especially in young men, where it seems to be more prevalent), and honest info about VAERS data.

-Mike & Kim Poe
Gaston, Yamhill County, OR

Megan Marasco

From: Val Blaha <music@valblaha.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2022 9:57 AM
To: BOC Info; nmontesano@newsregister.com
Subject: public comment for 2/10/22 re: public commenters should state city/county of residence

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Public Comment submitted for 2/10/22 meeting

subject: require public comment to clearly state the residence city/county of every commenter

Dear Yamhill County Commissioners,

I'm writing to ask that you **require all public comments to include the city and/or county of residence of the commenter, and also that you limit the number of additional pages of supporting documents submitted by those outside of the county.**

I'm extremely disturbed by the number of comments from outside our area. We know that outside groups have an interest in what happens in our county. It's outrageous that commenters from outside of our county are allowed to hide the fact that these comments do not come from county residents.

I analyzed the comments from the 2/3 meeting. 20 comments were submitted. Out of those, only 9 clearly stated their origin.

Yamhill county residents: 8

non-Yamhill county resident: 1

Based on Google search of name, phone, email, etc., out of the remaining 11 comments:

Yamhill county residents: 4

non-Yamhill county resident: 2

out of the final 5 comments:

likely non-Yamhill county resident: 3

unknown: 2

There were 141 pages of comments total. Out of that, 121 pages were supporting documents (submitted in the comments from two of the non-Yamhill county residents), including 9 pages from a blogger in Ashland.

So, out of 20 comments, **only 9 out of 20 public comments clearly stated city/county of origin, 8 of the comments were confirmed or likely from outside of the county. And 2 of the non-county resident comments were responsible for at least 121 out of 141 pages of additional documents.**

This is a blatant abuse of our public comment system. The residents of Yamhill county, and our BOC, should be able to clearly know whether comments are originating from county residents or not. And commenters from outside the area shouldn't be spamming the comments (and creating extra work for our county employees) with endless pages of "research" or opinion pieces from outside the county.

Please require city/county to be clearly stated in the signature of each comment, and limit the number of pages of additional support, particularly from those outside of the county. This should not be hard, if you truly value the input of county residents.

Sincerely,
Val Blaha
McMinnville (20 year Yamhill county resident!)