

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED  
PRIOR TO THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SESSION  
ON  
THURSDAY, June 16, 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](mailto:BOCINFO@co.yamhill.or.us)

## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Doug Davis <surfing1951@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 9, 2022 1:36 PM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Subject:** Term limits

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

We need to keep term limits to prevent cronyism .  
Respectfully,  
Douglas Davis

Sent from my iPad

## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Beth and Eric Moline <colbertmoline@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2022 12:20 PM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Subject:** Term limits

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All positions including assessor, clerk and especially the commissioners should have limits.  
Beth Colbert Moline

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## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Mary Starrett  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 9:33 AM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Subject:** Fwd: Trust  
**Attachments:** BOC letter June 15, 2022.docx

Mary Starrett  
Yamhill County Commissioner

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** tom@tomhammerfarms.com  
**Date:** June 15, 2022 at 9:20:54 AM PDT  
**To:** Lindsay Berschauer <berschauerl@co.yamhill.or.us>, Mary Starrett <starrettm@co.yamhill.or.us>, Casey Kulla <kullac@co.yamhill.or.us>  
**Cc:** Ken Huffer <hufferk@co.yamhill.or.us>  
**Subject:** Trust

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Please find my letter to the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners and County Administrator attached.

June 15, 2022

From: Tom Hammer

To: Yamhill County Commissioners

CC: County Administrator Ken Huffer

I encourage you to not accept the Planning Commission action of April 7<sup>th</sup>. Send it back to the Commission for reconsideration. The recommended code changes presented by the Planning Department have been reviewed by the Attorney for the Plaintiffs in Van Dyke vs. Yamhill County. She finds the recommended changes unnecessary. This is the same attorney who successfully challenged County defiance of land use law in all five cases brought before LUBA in the matter of the Yamhelas-Westsider Trail. If you're trying to decide whose advice to follow regarding the recommended code changes it gets down to demonstrated expertise and credibility.

The County embarked on an effort to defy the land use laws that we all must live by. That effort was led and executed by County Counsel, now departed. Land use law was upheld and the effort failed. While that effort was supported by some currently in unelected leadership, we understand that the spirit of teamwork and obedience to superiors can temporarily cause regrettable actions by team members. That regret should now be expressed in a formal acknowledgement if the County is to regain credibility. It is essential for departments to be relieved of the silent cloud of suspicion in order to operate normally.

Henry Stimson, at the conclusion of WWII said of the Japanese, The only way you can make a people trustworthy is to trust them. Reagan said, Trust but verify. History teaches that to be successful we must persist in the pursuit of trust. We must trust County Administrator Ken Huffer to lead the County to a recovery of its credibility. Mediocrity must give way to excellence. A genuine and sincere public acknowledgment of past mistakes can lead the way to regaining trust and a commitment to common goal management.