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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SESSION  
ON  
THURSDAY, July 8, 2021  
AT  
10:00 A.M.

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## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Fiona Gwozdz <fgwozdz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 2, 2021 11:53 AM  
**To:** BOC Info; Mary Starrett; Lindsay Berschauer; Casey Kulla  
**Cc:** nmontesano@newsregister.com  
**Subject:** Covid Vaccines

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Dear Commissioners,

Mary and Lindsey - I am appalled to see your pushback on our own Health and Human Services Director, Lindsey Manfrin regarding Covid Vaccines. Her advice is aligned with that of an overwhelming majority of medical professionals, backed by science and proving to be successful in mitigating the pandemic. Yet, instead of listening to our own, respected expert, you continue fear mongering with VAERS cases that aren't validated and deny the positive impact these vaccines have on mitigating Covid's rampant spread. Please listen to the experts, and specifically our own expert in Yamhill County.

Additionally, Manfrin's work to secure funding to support an equity plan for Covid vaccine rollout is admirable and should be further supported by our leadership. Yet again, you show none.

Simply because you don't personally know people who haven't been able to acquire a vaccine, particularly people of color in our community, does not mean that those who face this challenge don't deserve support and resources to equip them in getting vaccinated should they choose.

I continue to be completely opposed to your stances around Covid-19 recovery and appalled by the negative impacts you have on our community, our resources and on our county staff.

Our community needs all the support it can get in coming out of the pandemic and resources around the equity plan are just one piece of that puzzle.

Please listen to the true experts and stop grandstanding on false pretences.

Best,

Fiona Gwozdz Mancill  
McMinnville

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**From:** Fiona Gwozdz <fgwozdz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 2, 2021 2:21 PM  
**To:** Lindsay Berschauer; BOC Info  
**Cc:** nmontesano@newsregister.com  
**Subject:** Please Step Down

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Dear Commissioner Berschauer,

It is evident to me and has been since you stepped into office (with what was only 23% of the vote) that you have what seems to be a vendetta against community building, health and prosperity here in Yamhill County.

From your work to undo the Yamhelas Westsider Trail Project, to your 2A grandstanding and Covid denial, it is clear you are posturing for special interests. I don't know how deep that goes, or who pays for your political consulting currently - but I do know that your lack of transparency around this and your inability to engage with reason with people who have diverse opinions to your own, make you unfit for your role as county commissioner. A role where you are to represent ALL of your constituents NOT just special interests. Your extremist and ill-informed policies and views have no home in Yamhill County.

Please resign.

Fiona Gwozdz Mancill  
McMinnville

## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Jenny Wilson <bullmastiffg@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 2, 2021 2:36 PM  
**To:** nmontesano@newsregister.com; BOC Info  
**Subject:** Lindsay needs to resign

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

I have never been really political in this county and I have lived here almost seven years. But after a very low voter turn out in our county because of the pandemic, Lindsay won a commissioners seat. She is one of the shadiest people I have ever seen in a position of power. We don't know who her clients are. Her and Mary are against the vaccine, and we became a second amendment sanctuary city. (Well not legally but people know) my biggest outrage....killing a trail that so many people worked on for years, before she and mary quashed it. Countless hours, getting signatures, getting people excited for a huge trail, connecting our small towns. This would have brought in so much more tourism. But it was all about farmers, and spray schedules and a pile of BS, really. So with her in a seat, slowly news of extreme right wing shenanigans are circulating in our county. This is not how the majority of the citizens I know here feel, at all. We wanted a trail. Tourism is what makes yamhill county thrive. It's how many people put meals on their families tables. But as soon as more progressive people figure out what she is building this county to become, is a right wing, bully town. She couldn't even treat employees of her own county with respect. We have some paranoid, shady, person making decisions for us. She needs to resign. Do I think she will? No, she is too stubborn and wants to prove everyone wrong. Which by the way is costing tax payers A LOT MORE THAN THEY THINK is happening. Already taking, and not focusing on protecting and helping the people of this county. She is on her own agenda and a power trip. I am all for a recall campaign. And I will be on the front lines for those in favor of attempting to get her out of her commissioners seat. When will most of us who live here start to see the repercussions of her actions? The time is now. Resign Lindsay, please.

Best,  
Jenny Wilson  
Carlton

Jenny L. Wilson

## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Mary Starrett  
**Sent:** Friday, July 2, 2021 5:16 PM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Subject:** Fwd: Appoint John Swanson

Mary Starrett  
Chair, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jerry L Hoffman <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>  
**Date:** July 2, 2021 at 5:12:15 PM PDT  
**To:** Mary Starrett <starrettm@co.yamhill.or.us>  
**Subject: Appoint John Swanson**  
**Reply-To:** Jerry L Hoffman <jeruthoffman@gmail.com>

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Re: Appoint John Swanson

Dear Mary Starrett,

I am writing to say I think John Swanson should be appointed to the open HD 23 seat.

He has the experience and drive to represent our district well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jerry L Hoffman  
jeruthoffman@gmail.com  
280 SE Foundation Dr DALLAS, OR 97338 Constituent

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**From:** Mary Starrett  
**Sent:** Friday, July 2, 2021 5:37 PM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Subject:** Fwd: Appoint John Swanson

Mary Starrett  
Chair, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** James Robertson <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>  
**Date:** July 2, 2021 at 5:20:22 PM PDT  
**To:** Mary Starrett <starrettm@co.yamhill.or.us>  
**Subject:** Appoint John Swanson  
**Reply-To:** James Robertson <atalldad1@aol.com>

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Re: Appoint John Swanson

Dear Mary Starrett,

I have personally sat down on a few occasions and had some great conversations with John. He would bring class and dignity to this position.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
James Robertson  
atalldad1@aol.com  
1080 SE Miller Ave Dallas, OR 97338 Constituent

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**From:** Mary Starrett  
**Sent:** Friday, July 2, 2021 7:01 PM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Subject:** Fwd: Appoint John Swanson

Mary Starrett  
Chair, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Charlie Dekruyf <myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com>  
**Date:** July 2, 2021 at 6:52:01 PM PDT  
**To:** Mary Starrett <starrettm@co.yamhill.or.us>  
**Subject:** Appoint John Swanson  
**Reply-To:** Charlie Dekruyf <sothereiwas63@gmail.com>

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

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## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Tarin Bickford <tbickford1968@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 3, 2021 7:54 AM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Subject:** Lindsay Berschauer- Please resign

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

This email is an impassioned plea for the resignation of Commissioner Lindsay Berschauer. As a McMinnville resident, I've watched as she's harassed people (county employees in particular), spread misinformation and sought to represent the interests of an opaque few rather than the actual people she is meant to serve. I was terribly disappointed that we lost the trail and that we wasted money in doing so.

Lindsay Berschauer is corrupt and must resign. Yamhill County deserves nothing less.

Tarin Bickford  
325 SE College Avenue  
McMinnville, OR 97128



## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Emma Winn <winne~~mak~~mak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 3, 2021 12:27 PM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Subject:** Request to ban fireworks for Fourth of July weekend

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Hello, my name is Emma Winn and I live in Newberg. Please ban fireworks for the holiday weekend to prevent wildfires. Thank you.

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With gratitude,

Emma Winn  
(503) 764-6222  
LinkedIn: [emmakwinn](#)  
IG: [@wininteriordesigns](#)

## Carolina Rook

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**From:** G FW <genfoster@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 3, 2021 5:08 PM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Subject:** Disappointed in your behavior and decisions

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Commissioner Bershauer,

Though I've been disappointed by divisive national politics for several years, at the local level, it never felt dirty. Things changed in 2020.

You and your camp made it feel ugly, using divisive language, attacking, instead of looking for common ground, my way or the highway and zero accountability for decisions made by you or those on behalf of you. The situation has only gotten worse now that you're in the Commissioner's seat.

You don't even pretend to represent or listen to those who do not follow your line of thought or anything that doesn't play to your base of alt right wing conservatives or people who have bought you with campaign contributions.

You come across as an opportunist, using our county to elevate yourself so you can move onto bigger fish since the "issues" you chose to tackle are more in line with the national party line, in a position that is suppose to be non-partisan. Your decisions and unfounded allegations have cost the county time, energy and money. You have contributed to making an uncomfortable working environment for county staff and show either ignorance or mean, unprofessional behavior in meetings that are being recorded! You should resign. So should Mary Starrett for that matter, since both of you are more interested in flexing for the vocal minority than addressing actual issues like land use for homelessness or disproportionate wages vs housing costs. However, I recognize there are 20-23% ish of this county that you two play to, so they should have a voice, but not a disproportionate voice.

Sincerely,

Geneva Foster-Ward

McMinnville,OR

## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Mary Starrett  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 3, 2021 9:26 PM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please Reinstate Mike Nearman

Mary Starrett  
Chair, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** marvin cosby <cosby\_mj@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** July 3, 2021 at 6:48:41 PM PDT  
**To:** ainsworth.mike@co.polk.or.us  
**Subject:** Please Reinstate Mike Nearman

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Greetings

It is my hope you will uphold the will of the PCPs in your county and reinstate Mike Nearman. Whatever the events of that day there are dozens upon dozens of State Police within the building who's job (more so these days with a locked out of capital building order in place) is to see to it that State Employees are able to inter and exit the building freely and safely. If the crowd that was considered "dangerous" why would someone assume Mike should be required to restrain them during his departure from the building. And always consider the law ORS 192.630 - Meetings of governing body to be open to public; location of meetings; accommodation for person with disability; interpreters as it is the public's constitutional protection to have a say and view what is happening within their nation, state, county, city, school boards, etc. within a free nation. No amount of internet access or lack thereof can fill that space...

Thank You  
Marvin J Cosby

## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Samantha Wikstrom <zippyland@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 4, 2021 7:40 AM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Cc:** nmontesano@newsregister.com  
**Subject:** Berschauer should resign

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Hello,

I wanted to take a moment to write about an issue that seems to become more pressing by the day. Our Board of County Commissioners has ceased to become a functioning political body. This change can be pinned almost directly to the election of Lindsay Berschauer. Yamhill County needs Commissioner Berschauer to resign.

I'm not sure where to begin since there are so many issues with Berschauer's time as a Commissioner. Let's start with her election. Using a smear tactic against her opponent is gross. It worked, but it's gross, and it's the sort of politics people resort to who do not have much to offer other than division and hate.

Next up: her choice of issues to focus on. Why on earth was Commission time spent arguing about being a 2A sanctuary city? It's a ridiculous waste of time, and entirely performative. There is a minority of Yamhill County residents who appreciate this kind of rhetoric. But the rest of us want our commissioners to actually do the work of the county, not use their position to increase their own political capital. Vaccines are the same. There's a minority of people who are anti-vaccination in our county. By lifting up those voices, Berschauer has made Yamhill County less safe. With leadership that understands the science of vaccines, we might have had a better response and be better prepared against the Delta variant and other COVID variants that will keep coming. Instead, Berschauer and Starett have made every effort to undermine vaccine programs in the county. People will die in this county who could have been saved if our leadership understood how vaccines work and didn't actively promote conspiracy theories and debunked science.

Next up: her engagement with county staff. Berschauer seeks to increase her political profile any way she sees fit. She has no problem disrespecting and disparaging hard-working, non-partisan county employees. Her tone in BOC meetings is typically argumentative. Her leadership style seems to stem from keeping people divided rather than bringing people together.

And don't even get me started about the Trail. Berschauer is not representing the interests of Yamhill County by trying to kill the Trail. She is representing the interests of a small group of farmers who contributed richly to her campaign. This kind of thing is absolutely disgusting. Yamhill County will lose money because Berschauer is catering to special interests.

Berschauer has proven herself unqualified for the position of County Commissioner, and she should resign.

Sincerely,

Samantha Wikstrom  
Newberg resident

## Carolina Rook

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**From:** Erin Chen <erin.yvonne.chen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 4, 2021 5:34 PM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Cc:** nmontesano@newsregister.com  
**Subject:** Public Comment

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

In May of 2020, at the height of the pandemic, Commissioner Berschauer won her seat, on the votes of less than 23% of the electorate. Her campaign, as we've since learned, was funded by special interests and out of county far-right extremists.

Since taking office, she has leveraged this dubious start as a mandate to deplete our county resources, and hinder county business. Yamhill Citizens paid \$100 each to fund infrastructure projects in OTHER COUNTIES, and countless hours and years of county planning were lost by Commissioner Berschauer's irresponsible decision to withdraw from LUBA planning for the Yamhelas Westsider Trail.

Time and again she has endangered the well-being of Yamhill Citizens by her anti-science, anti common sense positions towards Covid public health measures.

Lindsay Berschauer has salted the fields of Yamhill County with the politics of division in service to her own personal ambitions. Enough is enough. Lindsay Berschauer must resign.

Erin Gardner  
Dundee, Or.

**From:** Cathy Navarra <cathynavarra40@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 7, 2021 4:42 PM  
**To:** BOC Info  
**Subject:** Vaccine Information

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

I must say that I find it extremely alarming that two of our commissioners would like to put unverified medical information on our county's health department page. It seems like the link to the Federal Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System isn't enough for them. Anyone can access this reporting system and put in information. However, it takes medical experts to do the research to verify whether indeed these are legitimate reactions to the vaccine.

County residents deserve accurate information from our County Health Department on Covid-19 and the vaccines.

It is interesting to note that two of our commissioners are against the vaccine because there has not been enough research done on it. However, they want to put out information that has not been researched. This seems to be contradictory.

I look at the number of cases in our state and country and they are coming down. Why are they coming down, because of vaccinations. The science is showing us that the vaccines are safe and effective. Are there reactions? Of course, nothing is hundred percent perfect. However, look at the numbers and you will see that the majority of people show no ill effects.

Commissioners Starrett and Berschauer have a right to their opinions on the vaccine; they have a choice whether or not to take the vaccine. However, this is all on a personal level. They do not have the right to scare and mislead people with unverified information.

Please respect Dr. Lindsey Manfrin enough to allow her to do her job. She has the training and the information to do her job. I trust her to give the County factual information.

Please, Commissioners Starrett and Berschauer, focus on the issues of this County. Please leave it to the medical experts to dispense medical information.

Respectfully,  
Cathy Navarra  
McMinnville