

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED
PRIOR TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SESSION
ON
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10:00 A.M.

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Carolina Rook

From: gexfamily@frontier.com
Sent: Friday, October 22, 2021 4:58 PM
To: BOC Info; Mary Starrett; berschaur@co.yamhill.or.us; Casey Kulla
Subject: Request regarding Treasurer position

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[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

To the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners:

I would request that the Board put on the May 2022 Ballot the proposition of changing the position of County Treasurer from elected to appointed. The voters of our county could then have the opportunity to make this change.

You may consider this as input for your Next Board Meeting Agenda as Public Input.

This can be done under the current form of county government as was done with the position of Surveyor some years ago during my time in office as a county commissioner. This could be written for installation at the end of the elected Treasurer's current term in office.

This e-mail is follow-up on the April 1921 e-mail on this issue that I sent earlier.

Thank you for your attention. I would appreciate your decision on this matter in a reasonable time frame.

Dennis L. Goecks, Former County Commissioner

Carolina Rook

From: Jes Schofield <jes@jessicakphotos.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 1:17 PM
To: BOC Info
Subject: I support Lindsay

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

I am a Yamhill county resident and a small business owner and I fully support Lindsay Berschauer! She has shown real strength and integrity and is a true asset to the community in Yamhill county!

Please don't allow her to be attacked. Her efforts are genuine and in the best interests of our community.

Jes schofield
Amity, Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

From: Val Blaha <music@valblaha.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:36 AM
To: BOC Info
Subject: Public comment for 10/28, Agenda Item I3 (Find a different attorney, or withdraw the SASO)

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re: Agenda Item I3, 10/28/2021 meeting

Consideration of approval of an Attorney-Client Agreement between Yamhill County and Tyler Smith & Associates, PC, for outside counsel representation in case #21CV39270, the Petition for Judicial Review of Ordinance 913.

Dear Yamhill County Commissioners,

Earlier this year on a 2:1 vote, you passed the Second Amendment sanctuary ordinance (SASO) which forbade county agents from administering any state gun laws passed after February of 2021. At the time that this - arguably pointless - ordinance was discussed, it was pointed out to you numerous times that it might put the county in conflict with state or even federal laws. However, 2 of the commissioners seemed hell-bent on getting it passed regardless of possible legal challenges down the line.

Canby attorney Tyler Smith, served as an advisor to you on this resolution, although it's not clear if he was retained and paid by the county, donated his services, or was paid by an outside organization. (This would be good to know, in the interest of transparency.) According to at least one news article, he told you that essentially "the SASOs don't violate any laws because they address enforcement of firearm laws rather than creating or remove existing regulations." Apparently the state disagrees with this seemingly shady work-around of state law, and has sued the county. And now you want to hire the same attorney upon whom you relied for advise, and pay him to get you out of the mess he got you into??? That seems like a nice racket. Maybe I should start a house cleaning business, where I go into people's houses, make a mess, and then have them pay me to clean it up?

I'm pretty sure there may be some other attorneys out there, possibly even residing in our county, who would be happy for the work. Especially since Mr Smith seems to already have his hands full assisting members of the Newberg school board who have now essentially deemed the very existence of some of their students "political". Is he so desperate for clients that he needs to tap into the apparent gold mine he's discovered in our county? Sure we can choose better.

If you do choose to hire Mr Smith to fix this mess, it would be awesome to find out and let all of your constituents know who else he is working for. Transparency is called for, especially so we can understand whether he is possibly working at cross-purposes to our county. For example, working for people against the Yamhelas Westside Trail? Working for the Oregon Firearms Federation? Working for Timber Unity? As non-partisan county officials, you should be hiring people who do not have a blatant agenda that is at odds with both the

job description of county commissioners, and the best interests and wishes of the majority of the county.

Please find a different attorney to represent our county. Or better yet, withdraw the SASO, and end this nonsense entirely.

Sincerely,

Val Blaha

McMinnville, OR

link:

<https://pamplinmedia.com/nbg/142-news/503671-403241-commission-adopts-second-amendment-sanctuary-ordinance-pwoff>