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**MINUTES OF THE GOAL-SETTING MEETING
BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 8, 2025**

Present: Nancy Wyse, Chair; Pat Malone, Vice Chair; Gabe Shepherd, Commissioner; Vance Croney, County Counsel; Rachel McEneny, County Administrator; Rick Crager, Assistant County Administrator

Elected Officials: Ryan Joslin, District Attorney; Jefri Van Arsdall, Sheriff

Staff: Rachel Bulder, Maura Kwiatkowski, Board Staff; Sean McGuire, Sustainability; Erika Milo, Recorder; Bailey Payne, Community Development

Guests: Ed Fulford, Planning Commission; John Harris, Horsepower Productions; Michael Skipper, CFM Advocates

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Wyse called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and introductions were made.

2. Review and Approve Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda under County Updates:

- 6.2 Ratification of a Letter in Support of HB 3939-1, Adair Village-Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement**
- 6.3 Ratification of a Letter in Support of HB 3794, Creation of a Municipal Waste Regional Task Force**

3. Announcements

Sheriff Van Arsdall announced at last week's State of Oregon DUII Multidisciplinary Conference, the Benton County Sheriff's Office received the DUII Enforcement Agency of Year Award, and the DUII Enforcement Officer of Year Award for Deputy Cody Ash.

4. Discussion Topics

4.1 National Association of Counties (NACo) 2025 Legislative Conference Debrief - Michael Skipper, CFM Advocates; Rick Crager, Assistant County Administrator

Skipper stated that counties are experiencing challenges in various areas due to changes within the Federal government; many Federal agencies have paused funding and some programs have been cancelled. Many of the freezes or cancellations are a result of the President's Executive Orders. CFM Advocates is monitoring each topic that is affected and how it could impact Benton County. Many of the Executive Orders, including the Federal funding freeze, have been halted by courts throughout the United States, making it difficult to assess the final impacts until the judicial process completes. Congress passed a year-long resolution which extended Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 funding levels into FY 2025. House and Senate Republicans have been working on their Budget Reconciliation Bill. Republicans want to pair the budget reconciliation with substantial cuts; however, reconciliation cannot be used to cut discretionary funding, which is the funding Congress approves each fiscal year. Budget reconciliation can only be used to cut mandatory spending, such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. Congressional Republicans are trying to pass a budget resolution, which are instructions to the committees tasked with writing the Bill before the recess. If the Bill is passed, it will affect governments at every level nationwide, including potential cuts to Medicaid. Another portion of savings Republicans will consider is removing tax exemptions on municipal bonds, which is receiving opposition from NACo. Skipper stated the Department of Transportation (DOT) recently issued many of their discretionary grant programs. Additionally, DOT is releasing programs that Benton County has previously targeted, including the BUILD program and the Safe Streets and Roads for All program. Many agencies are currently operating under formal or informal orders to not engage in discussion with external agencies as priorities are reviewed in conjunction with Presidential priorities.

Malone asked if Skipper believed the budget cut process would recede.

Skipper predicted the budget resolution will pass. Although there are some Republican lawmakers who are opposed to cuts in entitlement programs, the Administration is campaigning for support from party members. The House Freedom Caucus Chair does not support the resolution because it does not cut enough funding. Skipper believes that if the budget resolution passes, it could be more difficult for Republicans to pass additional funding cuts to Medicaid.

Commissioner Derrick DeGroot from Klamath County mentioned that half of Klamath County's budget for the Sheriff's Office comes from Federal funding in lieu of property taxes, also known as Payments in Lieu of Taxes. Malone stated that once the Bill is

passed, then the funding details will be discussed.

Skipper agreed.

Shepherd provided a recapitulation of the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington DC, which happened during the State of the Union. Shepherd attended a fair for all of the Federal departments and noticed a degree of uncertainty throughout the departments. Shepherd and other Commissioners had an opportunity to speak with Oregon State's Senators, and Shepherd was scheduled to discuss Oregon job cuts. There was a moderate consensus among Oregon County Commissioners on prevalent issues, such as job cuts.

Wyse attended the NACo Conference for the third time. During this year's conference, Wyse attended the Community Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee meeting, and the Federal Immigration meeting. Another meeting, Federal Immigration Policy Impacts on Counties, discussed jobs, the childcare crisis, and highlighted the number of immigrants working in childcare and the potential impact on an already strained situation. Wyse attended the Immigration Reform Task Force meeting; attendees of that meeting heard from a higher-up individual within Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) provide information that was supposed to be reassuring, but Wyse believed was not. Wyse and Shepherd visited Congresswoman Val Hoyle and Senator Jeff Merkley's staff. Wyse also attended the State of the Union Address.

Shepherd discussed a speech by the Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary that referenced the need to cut certain programs and funds for veterans to maintain a focus on veterans. Shepherd acknowledged the devastating effects on veterans if programs are cut to save money rather than refocusing on veterans. NACo is investigating a mid-sized County Caucus; Shepherd attended the task force that was assigned to determine if there should be one. The task force proposed to not define the population number that would qualify a county but to serve counties that have an urban core and rural areas, which Shepherd believed includes Benton County.

Wyse expressed interest in the task force, adding that Benton County is not a largely urban area, nor is it exclusively rural.

Malone stated the Country is operating on many Executive Orders, some of which are not considered legal. Malone asked if there was a possibility to annul any Executive Orders, including those sent to the Supreme Court.

Skipper responded yes, but it can take many years as each order goes through the judicial process. During the President's first term, approximately 40% of Executive Orders were reversed by the courts; Skipper expected a similar outcome after the

current term. Skipper believed many of the Executive Orders will not carry a significant amount of financial savings; and in a few years, many agencies will likely rehire.

Crager and County Counsel met with Governor Kotek's lead Counsel to discuss State agreements and requirements. Crager stated that Oregon's Attorney General has challenged many of the Administration's Executive Orders. Crager and Skipper suggested the County focus on the various sources of funding, particularly any funding in relation to Health Services. Crager provided an overview of the process the County has navigated regarding Covid-related grant funding and factoring it into the County's budget.

Wyse asked how much was left from the Covid funding that ended in March.

Crager stated approximately \$800,000, which was mostly allocated for the continuation of existing Covid work, and resources for a few permanent positions. The County is waiting for an update if the funding can be used or if it must be returned.

Wyse asked what will happen if the County continues to spend the money and the Federal government decides to ask for the funding back.

Crager stated that will require discussions regarding assurances for the County with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Counsel, and the Department of Justice.

Malone asked if it includes American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Crager clarified the funding that has a Federal hold placed is Covid funding, which is pre-ARPA funding. That funding was given to OHA, then distributed to the County. Additionally, the County was notified that the United States Treasury will review its funding obligations for the ARPA dollars that were distributed directly to the County.

The Board discussed previous meeting schedules with CFM Advocates and whether making a trip for a meeting is a necessary use of County funds.

4.2 Planning Commission Regional Housing Subcommittee Discussion -

Rick Crager, Assistant County Administrator; Ed Fulford, Regional Housing Subcommittee Chair and Planning Commission Member

This item was heard after item 4.3.

The Regional Housing Subcommittee (RHS) was established by the Planning Commission as a result of discussions with the Board regarding housing in Benton County and the Comprehensive Plan Update. Crager stated the subcommittee is focused on the execution rather than the planning portion of the update. Crager

discussed Benton County's lack of a robust housing department and staffing that is comparable to the City of Corvallis's department. Crager reviewed Fulford's housing presentation in December 2024; Crager suggested the scope of work may align better under the Board of Commissioners rather than the Planning Commission. The Board had mentioned resources being a part of the housing discussion in order to address capacity building, community challenges, and engagement. For example, if a community cannot attract employees due to a lack of housing or affordable housing, how can the County identify effective tools to overcome that barrier to entry? Crager discussed advocacy and housing-related bills. A possible use of the RHS is to assemble a diverse group of experts in housing to help guide the community and the County. Crager stated many of the talking points are aspirations that require a plan in order to produce more housing or to better utilize tools to assist in housing, whereas the Comprehensive Plan Update will specify types of housing needed in the County. Crager discussed additional areas of interest, such as methods to produce an inventory of regional buildable lands available for housing production and attracting a housing developer that would support those projects. Crager and Fulford had originally estimated approximately \$600,000 in funding for resources. Crager discussed prioritizing the request in lieu of budgetary constraints.

Fulford emphasized the importance of capacity; balancing between planning and strategies and short-term versus long-term goals. Fulford stated Adair Village was an example of a recent deliverable. In regard to funding, if the County can increase its rural housing, then the tax base would increase, which could alleviate current issues in the future. Fulford discussed the importance of the investment in rural communities. Fulford believed there were opportunities in rural communities, and even more so with added capacity and housing inventory. Fulford requested that the Board support a few of the Regional Housing funding requests.

Crager stated the 2025-27 budget will prioritize the Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP). Crager suggested that the mobilization of resources for the SMMP could be modeled in the future as the Board decides its priorities for housing.

Wyse asked for examples of deliverables from RHS if funding was available.

Fulford stated that Alsea's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) could be extended into farmland, and the owner of that land has expressed interest. Fulford cannot engage in those conversations as a Planning Commissioner, but a subject matter expert could work with the community in that regard. Fulford discussed RHS assisting in a wastewater treatment plant for Adair Village that has planned to receive approximately \$4 million in State funding.

Crager discussed the concept of increased capacity as a deliverable; for example, increasing employer engagement or the capacity of affordable housing developers in

the City of Corvallis.

Wyse reviewed the staff report and Fulford's previous presentation and asked if the entire amount requested was for \$700,000.

Crager confirmed that was an estimate for everything.

Wyse listed every item included in the \$700,000 funding request: an updated buildable lands inventory, a housing production strategy plan, a staff member, and a framework. Wyse asked if Fulford has discussed the funding component with the listed partners.

Fulford confirmed there have been discussions with HP, Good Samaritan, and Oregon State University (OSU). Fulford stated that HP corporate will not be interested in investing in a package without a tangible outcome.

Wyse asked if no additional partner has offered an investment.

Fulford stated the requests are ready, but the documents have not been sent out.

Wyse discussed differences in County and City responsibilities. Wyse discussed housing density as a city feature, not rural. Wyse stated that Alsea is not an incorporated city; it is a village and does not have a UGB. Wyse discussed infrastructure items that would require attention before Alsea could be made a city and added that the County does not have the capacity to manage mini-cities that do not function as a defined city. Wyse expressed the importance on helping effectively without overstepping boundaries and agreed on the importance of additional housing. Wyse expressed doubt that the County could fund the entire amount but could potentially fund a portion of it through alternative methods. Wyse discussed the possibility of barriers to success, such as land for housing, if the County was to proceed with creating a housing plan.

Fulford agreed with Wyse's concerns and discussed a 10-year strategy for the buildable lands inventory and capacity building, with the potential to work on singular development and housing initiatives. Fulford asked if the County could fund the first two items on the list.

Wyse asked if a work group is necessary if the County were to hire two dedicated staff members.

Fulford mentioned a community involvement component and asked if the County could stand up its own consortium.

Wyse asked if the consortium would then manage the staff member.

Crager suggested the consortium would be the Board's subcommittee comprised of industry experts and stakeholders.

Wyse was in agreement with Fulford and Crager's ideas but discussed the lack of funds. The County recently announced a partial hiring freeze; and due to that, the County cannot add a new staff member during the current biennium.

Shepherd asked if the County has a Buildable Lands Inventory (BLI).

Wyse was not aware of one.

Shepherd mentioned that all of the surrounding cities have a BLI and agreed with Wyse that density is intended for cities and was uncertain of the function of a BLI outside a city's limits. If the Board were to proceed with the plan, Shepherd requested that staff and/or the work group have actionable deliverables rather than virtue-signaling discussions surrounding housing. Shepherd acknowledged that hiring a Housing Coordinator could incentivize the plan and allow time for Crager to focus on budget-related tasks rather than coordinating a housing initiative. Shepherd added that the County could improve its policies regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on rural property. Shepherd was in support of prioritizing a County Housing Coordinator position and recruiting for it, regardless of a hiring freeze. A Housing Coordinator could coordinate with surrounding cities and the State; and if the Board were to create a task force or workgroup, the Coordinator could manage that.

Wyse requested the conversation be continued during the budget process. Wyse expressed hesitancy over supporting a Housing Coordinator position during a Countywide hiring freeze.

McEneny offered to provide the Board with a list of positions that are currently posted and in recruitment so Commissioners can provide input on which positions should take priority.

Crager and McEneny offered to present a more detailed housing package to the Board and to work on the funding component.

Malone supported moving forward with a part of the funding request and believed it was too soon to decide whether there was enough funding. Malone stated that at times, volunteer groups do not produce deliverables; hence the importance of hiring a dedicated staff member. Malone asked if the Economic Development Office (EDO) is involved in the process.

Crager confirmed there have been conversations with Christopher Jacobs at EDO.

McEneny has been engaging with the City of Corvallis for potential opportunities for economic development.

Malone agreed that housing density would not work in rural communities and requested the County's environmental goals be considered throughout the process. Malone asked who would be involved in the Regional Housing Subcommittee.

Fulford meets on a weekly basis with Liz Irish, who is a partner at Nichols and Irish consulting firm, and Crager is the sponsor of the subcommittee.

Crager stated if the Board wants to move forward, the structure of the RHS could be established, including tangible objectives.

Shepherd requested additional time to consider the effectiveness of a task force or work group but agreed with a community involvement component.

Wyse agreed and suggested involving other jurisdictions and stakeholders in the process, including funding, since it is a regional effort.

Shepherd stated the County should fund the Housing Coordinator position but should engage others for the additional funding needs.

Fulford discussed the selection process for the steering committee.

Shepherd discussed a governing body's standard process for selecting an advisory group and asked if there was an authorization for the creation of a steering committee.

Crager clarified that the action to create a subcommittee was made by the Planning Commission, which originated from discussions with the Board. Crager suggested a joint discussion between the Board and the Planning Commission regarding the scope of the subcommittee.

Shepherd discussed the financial burden of an additional public meeting.

Wyse suggested the RHS could operate independently from the Planning Commission, thus eliminating the requirement of minutes and additional resources associated with public meetings. The caveat to that idea is RHS would not be associated with the County and would not receive County funding.

Malone was in favor of proceeding with the proposal and asked if it was financially possible.

Crager believed a discussion regarding resources, prioritizations, and grant funding

was possible.

Wyse and Cramer continued to discuss the County's budget. Wyse was not in favor of moving forward if it resulted in the reduction of other services.

Fulford discussed the potential for increased revenue if the County were to invest early on.

McEneny stated if the County is presented with a housing project, it will be one of the Board's priorities. McEneny regularly examines relevant opportunities and suggested EDO as a potential resource.

4.3 *Multiple Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) Program Overview for City of Albany - Sophie Adams, Economic Development Manager; Matthew Ruettgers, Community Development Director, City of Albany

This item was heard before Item 4.2.

Adams stated the MUPTE program currently exists in the City of Corvallis; it is an economic tool designed to incentivize housing and mixed-use development in a city, specifically in areas near fixed transit routes. Adams provided a program overview that details how the City of Albany envisions the program working; Albany's eligibility criteria follows the Oregon Revised Statutes. Albany's program can differentiate itself under the public benefits section, which outlines the public benefits a project would need to meet in order to be eligible for the incentive. Albany's City Council and City stakeholders discussed an affordability component, place-making, open spaces, childcare facilities, economic opportunities, and accessibility beyond code requirements. The City Council expressed interest in the local labor, materials, and ownership portion. Adams explained there being no significant fiscal impact or loss in revenue for the City of Albany and the overlapping taxing districts. Additionally, there is no decrease in property tax revenue that is received by the taxing jurisdictions.

Ruettgers said the Albany City Council supports the program. As entities experience cuts in Federal funding and grants, governments rely on programs similar to MUPTE that assist in housing and other economic opportunities.

Adams and Ruettgers asked the Board if there is support from Benton County and if the Board had any questions.

Wyse supported the program.

Shepherd agreed and asked if Albany will be pursuing low-income property tax exemptions in addition to MUPTE.

Ruettgers explained that was on pause to allow time for discussions and reviewing questions from the community to ensure interested parties understand both programs. Ruettgers meets with developers and community members monthly in an open forum, and many individuals within that group have expressed support for a MUPTE program.

Shepherd asked if the program is discretionary and if the City Council can decide whether to apply the program to a project.

Adams stated that staff would apply the approved program criteria to MUPTE applicants. If more scrutiny is required for an application, the process would go to Albany's Community Development Commission and the City Council if necessary.

Ruettgers mentioned that Albany can perform an audit if needed to review how the program is functioning and projects that did or did not qualify, which will provide insight on how the City can readjust the criteria to achieve its goals if needed.

Shepherd asked if the City will require a vote from the Board.

Adams requested a form of documentation that confirms the Board's support, such as a Resolution.

Wyse suggested the Board supports the program, then the City can return with a Resolution for Board consideration.

Adams confirmed the City will work with County staff on bringing a Resolution to the Board at a future meeting.

Malone stated the program overview was comprehensive and reviews the benefits of qualifying development projects; Malone discussed the importance of childcare and transit.

MOTION: Shepherd moved to direct staff to prepare a resolution in support of the Multi Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE) program in the City of Albany, Oregon. Malone seconded the motion, which **carried 3-0.**

*Exhibit 1: MUPTE Program Overview

Chair Wyse recessed the meeting at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

4.4 Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan (SMMP) Task Force

Update - Sean McGuire, Sustainability Coordinator; Bailey Payne, Solid Waste Coordinator, Community Development Department

Payne had provided the Board's Letter of Support for HB 3794 to legislators; the Bill will create a State Task Force to inherit SMMP's work. Payne stated the Bill moved forward after it was presented; Commissioner Cameron of Marion County had recommended the Bill be moved to the Rules Committee instead of the Ways and Means Committee.

Crager asked if the Bill would be referred to the Ways and Means after the Rules Committee.

Malone stated based on Commissioner Cameron's experience, the Bill has a better chance with the recommended strategy.

McGuire stated the SMMP has four subcommittees, one being the Regional Solid Waste Subcommittee, which is involved with HB 3794. McGuire discussed testimony on the Bill and SMMP that others had provided.

Wyse asked if there was much testimony expressing opposition to HB 3794.

McGuire stated approximately 15 to 20 community members testified.

Shepherd stated none were in opposition, but eight individuals were neutral.

Malone stated that Coffin Butte Landfill was a minor part of the SMMP discussion.

McGuire stated that solid waste is a systemic and regional issue. The entire SMMP committee met on March 17 and each subcommittee is on its third meeting; the final SMMP meeting is on May 28. Next steps include working with PIO Thwaites on the final report.

Malone stated the SMMP created a document that contained actionable items.

McGuire discussed identifying an audience for each recommendation. For example, what a State elected official can achieve versus a local elected.

Shepherd mentioned website navigation and meeting link difficulties for the SMMP's webpage.

McGuire will fix the issues.

Malone stated that progress has been made with Representative Sarah Finger

McDonald regarding the County's investment in HB 3794 and the subject matter experts who have worked on the project being ideal members of the new task force.

McGuire stated that all of testimony on HB 3794 mentioned individuals who should be involved in the next task force. McGuire agreed on the importance to not lose any institutional knowledge.

Chair Wyse recessed the meeting at 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 11:38 a.m.

4.5 Discussion of Summer Board Meeting Schedule for 2025 - Rachel McEneny, County Administrator

McEneny provided the projected Board meeting schedule from June through August and discussed staff time off during the summer months. McEneny mentioned the meeting series between May and June for the Biennial Budget.

Wyse and Malone will attend the Association of Counties (AOC) Board Retreat in June. Wyse asked if the first Board meeting of June should be rescheduled, cancelled, or merged with the Goal-setting meeting.

The Board agreed to cancel the June 3, 2025 Board meeting and continued to discuss potential public meeting dates on the June schedule and a tentative meeting hold for the 2025-27 Budget adoption.

McEneny stated for the month of July, the Board could pick a Tuesday meeting date to cancel.

The Board agreed to cancel the July 15 Board meeting.

The Board agreed to not change the August public meeting schedule.

McEneny discussed the Board meeting schedule during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day holidays.

5. Consent Calendar

5.1 Order No. D2025-043: Appointments to the Disposal Site Advisory Committee: Dianne Cassidy, Robert Kipper, Peter Petersen - Nancy Wyse, Board Chair

5.2 Order No. D2025-044, Appointment of Tanya Thompson to the Linn Benton Housing Authority - Nancy Wyse, Board Chair

5.3 Order No. D2025-045, Appointment of Alexis Maxwell to the Natural Areas and Parks Board - Nancy Wyse, Board Chair

5.4 Order No. D2025-046, Appointment of Matthew Lehman to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee - Nancy Wyse, Board Chair

5.5 Order No. D2025-047, Appointment of Fred Edwards to the Willamette Criminal Justice Council - Nancy Wyse, Board Chair

MOTION: Malone moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Shepherd seconded the motion, which **carried (3-0).**

6. County Updates

6.1 General County Updates - Board of Commissioners; Rachel McEneny, County Administrator

Commissioner Malone:

- Discussed Commissioner Cameron of Marion County's involvement in discussions regarding HB 3794. Lane County has one of the better recovery rates in recycling at approximately 50%; Multnomah and Marion Counties are near that percentage and Benton County's recovery rate is approximately 32%. Malone discussed Marion County's programs and policies that encourage recycling and reusing.
- Discussed McEneny's message regarding the Benton County budget and partial hiring freeze in the Gazette Times.
- Met with Representative Val Hoyle's staff.
- Toured the Benton County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Shepherd:

- Will attend AOC day in Salem.
- Will attend the final session of AOC County College.

Shepherd and Malone discussed AOC day and Senate Bill 726 regarding methane regulation. The Board did not vote on supporting SB726; but at a previous meeting, Wyse mentioned the bill was discussed at AOC. Both Shepherd and Wyse were in favor of the bill at the time.

Malone will abstain from voting until there is more time to research and understand the bill.

Shepherd asked if it could be said the Board supports the bill if there is a majority.

Malone requested clarification on what the vote in support is regarding.

Shepherd discussed the reasoning for some opposition centering around perceived unfunded mandates on counties that own landfills.

Wyse added that Senator Sara Gelser Blouin stated mandates would apply to facilities of a certain size and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will engage in the regulations; the mandates would exclude transfer stations.

Wyse expressed the importance of Benton County helping with the methane issue by advocating to the State to create and maintain regulations.

Crager asked if the bill would provide the County authority to enforce regulations.

Shepherd stated the bill will provide DEQ the authority to create and enforce regulations.

MOTION: Shepherd moved that the Benton County Commissioners support Senate Bill 726A. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried (2-0; Malone abstained)**.

Commissioner Wyse:

- Attended the Board's Annual Jail Inspection.
- Judged a community chili cook-off in Monroe for the South Benton Food Pantry.
- Will attend Benton Believes Comprehensive Plan Meeting.

County Administrator McEneny:

- Discussed recent changes in leadership.
- Attended Celebrate Corvallis.
- Attended ABC House celebration.
- Meets with Union leadership on a regular basis.
- Met with Peggy Lynch from the League of Women Voters.
- Attended the Benton County and City of Corvallis Council meeting.
- Will meet with Commissioners one-on-one to discuss which Board positions will remain vacant and how to help other departments.
- Will attend a County Administrators lunch.
- Will attend the Jackson Street Youth Shelter Rising Event.
- Will begin recruitment for a Chief Financial Officer.

Shepherd asked if a joint meeting with the City of Albany has been scheduled.

Kwiatkowski confirmed the meeting is scheduled for April 21 and Benton County is hosting. The City of Albany asked for a list of topics the Board wanted to discuss.

The Board discussed potential meeting topics, including transportation, public works, the status of road transfers, and housing.

Assistant County Administrator Crager:

- Requested further discussion regarding the Housing Subcommittee (Agenda item 4.2).
- Attended the Legislative Breakfast.
- Meeting with Human Resources regarding a Community Development Director recruitment announcement.
- Discussed facilities and rental opportunities.
- Discussed Federal government layoffs.

6.2 *Ratification of the Letter of Support for HB 3939-1, Adair Village Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

MOTION: Shepherd moved to ratify the letter supporting House Bill 3939-1. Malone seconded the motion, which **carried (3-0).**

*Exhibit 2: Letter in Support of HB 3939-1

6.3 *Ratification of the Letter of Support for HB 3794, the Creation of the Municipal Waste Regional Task Force

MOTION: Shepherd moved to ratify the letter of support for House Bill 3794. Malone seconded the motion, which **carried (3-0).**

*Exhibit 3: Letter in Support of HB 3939-1

7. Other

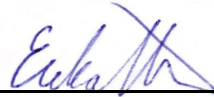
No other business was discussed.

8. Adjournment

Chair Wyse adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.



Nancy Wyse, Chair



Erika Milo, Recorder



Rachel Bulder, Transcriptionist

* NOTE: Items denoted with an asterisk do NOT have accompanying written materials in the meeting packet.