

AGENDA

(Chair May Alter the Agenda)

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 9 AM

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1. Opening

- A. Introductions
- B. Announcements

2. Comments from the Public

Time restrictions may be imposed on public comment, dependent on the business before the Board of Commissioners. Individual comment may be limited to three minutes.

3. Review and Approve Agenda

4. Work Session

- 4.1 9:00 a.m., 30 minutes – COVID Update from Department Operation Center
– Suzanne Hoffman, April Holland; Health Services
- 4.2 9:30 a.m., 15 minutes – Benton County Talks Trash: Solid Waste Process
Workgroup – Darren Nichols; Community Development
- 4.3 9:45 AM, 30 minutes – Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments
(OCWCOG) Veterans' Services Update – Ryan Vogt, Executive Director,
Molly Murphy, Veteran Service Officer; OCWCOG

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BUSINESS MEETING

5. New Business

5.1 Selection of Architect for Courthouse Project - *Gary Stockhoff; Public Works*

6. Other

ORS 192.640(1)" . . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects."

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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Tuesday, August 16, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Present: **Nancy Wyse**, Chair; **Pat Malone**, Commissioner; **Vance Croney**, County Counsel; **Joe Kerby**, County Administrator

Excused: **Xanthippe Augerot**, Commissioner

Staff: **Rick Crager**, Finance; **Marriah De La Vega**, **Maura Kwiatkowski**, **Amanda Makepeace**, BOC Staff; **Cory Grogan**, Public Information Officer; **Suzanne Hoffman**, **April Holland**, Health; **Nick Kurth**, JSIP Manager; **Erika Milo**, BOC Recorder; **Darren Nichols**, **Daniel Redick**, Community Development; **Gary Stockhoff**, Public Works; **Jef Van Arsdall**, Sheriff's Office; **Mario Veloz**, Information Technology

Guests: **Kathryn Duvall**, Corvallis-Benton Economic Development Office; **John Harris**, Horsepower Productions; **Molly Murphy**, **Ryan Vogt**, **Meg Walker**, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments; **Debbie Palmer**, Corvallis resident

Chair Wyse called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. Opening:

A. Introductions

B. Announcements

No announcements were made.

II. Comments from the Public

No comments were offered.

III. Review and Approve Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

IV. Work Session

4.1 COVID Update from Department Operation Center – Suzanne Hoffman, April Holland; Health Services

Holland explained that reported COVID-19 cases are down and statewide wastewater surveillance shows a downward trend. The week of August 7, 2022, Benton County (BC) had a total of 139 reported cases, or 148 cases per 100,000 of population. Reported cases have not been under 200 per 100,000 since April 2022. Holland noted that reported cases are a sizeable undercount. Testing positivity rate was up to 19.5% in late June, but last week was 9.8%. BC tests at one of the highest rates per capita of all Oregon counties. BC wastewater surveillance has been more variable than in some areas of the state; reporting lags, so staff continue to monitor other indicators. On August 11, 2022, BC moved to “Low” community transmission in the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) levels. Hospitalizations remain elevated at 9.4 new COVID-

19 admissions per 100,000 of population. Five more deaths have been reported in BC. The Communicable Disease team continues to support high-risk settings. No new variant is known at this time. The next case increase may occur at the end of September or October 2022 due to waning immunity. Holland recommended staying up to date on vaccination and assessing risks regarding mask wearing. Vaccination will be available at SamCare Express in Corvallis and Albany, Lincoln Health Center, Oregon State University Memorial Union, Clemens Primary School in the City of Philomath, and Monroe High School.

A new bivalent booster should be available in fall 2022. Last week the CDC updated COVID-19 guidance, more in line with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) guidance since about March 2022. OHA will continue to provide tests to Kindergarten-12th Grade schools. The CDC continues to recommend extra precautions for those at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Layering protections when risk is higher is still recommended.

Malone asked if the lack of a new variant was worldwide.

Holland confirmed there are no new variants of concern in other locations. It is hoped that bivalent vaccines can be distributed before a widespread increase of transmission.

Malone asked for more detail on local hospitalization rates.

Holland replied that hospitalizations tend to rise two-three weeks after high case rates. The rate of hospitalizations is expected to decrease.

4.2 *Benton County Talks Trash: Solid Waste Process (SWP) Workgroup – Darren Nichols; Community Development

Nichols gave the first twice-monthly project update to the Board on the SWP Workgroup (WG). Nichols requested Board feedback on a draft Workgroup (WG) Charter by Sam Imperati, WG facilitator. Redick and Counsel are working on background documents recommended in the situational assessment, especially the Common Understandings draft; Redick also made a website for background documents. Counsel has drafted an outline of Authorities and Responsibilities between Republic Services (RS) and BC. Grogan sent invitations for community members to apply to join the WG through the end of August 18, 2022. Applications will be provided to the Board, which will adopt the Charter and appoint WG members at the August 23, 2022 Board Meeting. Next, requests for proposal will be issued in the first week of September 2022 for land use counsel to help review land use applications, and a land use consulting firm to review and present applications to the Planning Commission. Nichols displayed a revised version of a chart of action items (exhibit 1). Green highlighted items have been completed, yellow items are in progress, and white items have not been started. Nichols requested Board feedback today and in general.

Wyse requested regular updates, and will provide feedback in future as needed.

Malone asked if the goal was to appoint 16 WG members, half from dedicated sources and half community members.

Nichols confirmed. The goal is balanced perspectives and a manageable group size, as recommended by Imperati. Nichols requested more detailed Board suggestions to select two neighboring jurisdictions to participate. Nichols had asked Kerby regarding BC staff to serve on the WG. The Solid Waste Advisory Council and the Planning Commission each appointed two

members, Republic Services made its wishes known from the local and national level, and Imperati secured a commitment from a representative of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Public applicants were asked to provide a two-three page summary of background, interests, and experience.

{Exhibit 1: SWP Action Items}

4.3 Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) Veterans' Services Update – *Ryan Vogt, Executive Director, Molly Murphy, Veteran Service Officer; OCWCOG*

Vogt introduced new Communications Officer Meg Walker. COG is a volunteer organization where member agencies come together to more efficiently take care of business that each entity would otherwise have to do; thus every COG is crafted to meet regional needs. Vogt highlighted a new reporting style that describes COG services including client stories. Next year, reporting will be able to provide individual member information. COG has been asked by its Board of Directors (BOD) to investigate options for a regional Bias Incident Response System, in response to many community concerns. This issue was initially brought to COG by the City of Corvallis, which designated funds for an investigation due to specific incidents. COG hired a contractor who researched existing systems and is now performing community engagement on individual experiences, existing resources, and resource gaps. A conversation will be held at the Philomath Community Library on August 23, 2022. Community engagement will also be done in Linn and Lincoln Counties. COG received match funds to begin the Stand By Me financial empowerment program, including a \$24,000 grant from Oregon Community Foundation to sponsor a Latinx coach.

Vogt has engaged consultant Pivotal to help develop a COG strategic plan, including primary areas of focus and clarification of the mission statement. Malone serves on the COG BOD and Executive Committee; the whole BOD will continue to be engaged in work on the plan, which should be completed by the end of 2022.

Murphy reported on Veterans Services Office (VSO) activities for the past six months. Reporting has shifted from graphs to holistic description of activities. VSO held the first Linn-Benton Stand Down event in the last two years, hosted in the City of Corvallis for first time; 35 veterans attended. VSO is also working with the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Plus Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, planning events at Oregon State University (OSU) in 2022. Melissa Wright was hired in June 2022 as VSO Community Services administrative assistant, so response time has improved. Ian Briggs was also hired, with experience in veterans' appeals. There has been an uptick in the number of in-person appointments with veterans. In the last six months, VSO worked with 112 veterans in person and 94 by telephone.

Vogt requested Board of Commissioners feedback on the new reporting style. The report included a map about Benton County Early Childcare Education slots. COG, the County, and most member agencies are experiencing a workforce squeeze, partly due to low availability of childcare, with many dual-income families opting to be single-income to provide their own childcare. There is a dearth of available certified daycare slots for families in the area or moving to the area who have children of childcare or preschool age. (This data does not cover informal childcare by relatives, friends, or neighbors.). Next steps include increasing the pipeline of people moving into this field, considering investment strategies, and working with Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC), OSU, and some high schools. Higher wages do not necessarily

impact workforce turnover, but periodic bonuses seems to help people stay on the job. In addition to a lack of slots, COG found many places with slots who also have trouble getting staff. COG staffer Jenny Glass can provide additional details.

Malone praised the new report format, especially regarding veterans. Malone asked if ODVA offices were still closed to in-person visits.

Murphy replied ODVA is in-office one day a month; COG VSO is in-office two days a week.

Malone asked about ongoing conversations with CSC about organizational consolidation/cooperation.

Vogt described a longtime conversation about partnership between Community Services Consortium (CSC) and COG, which serve the same region and many of the same clients. A past discussion of combining administratively did not work out. Instead, CSC Executive Director Pegge McGuire and Vogt are seeking ways to streamline services for a one-stop shop approach. Another option is to combine some staff, such as having one Finance or Human Resources Department for both agencies; then merging can be discussed. CSC and COG will seek joint tenancy space in the Corvallis area. COG's lease has a year left; CSC's lease has several more years. In the Albany office, COG owns its building; since many COG staff will be teleworking for the foreseeable future, there is unused space that CSC might move into. Work is happening on universal eligibility; some seniors who are eligible for food assistance through COG are also eligible for some CSC programs, such as energy and weatherization services. COG provided CSC a list of consumers that meet that criteria so CSC can notify consumers.

Malone praised the one-stop shop approach and being consumer-oriented.

Vogt explained that due to staff retirements, COG and CSC needed to replace several senior leadership team members at the same time. This led to some mentoring between agencies as people learned new roles. McGuire and Vogt are working on both agencies coordinating if one implements policy or gets new software or hardware. For instance, if the Human Resources teams use the same policies and software system, staff can cover for each other's vacations.

Malone noted feeling uncomfortable with the term 'merger' when that conversation started over three years ago. Cooperation is a slow process but may yield better results. Customers care about services, not which group provides the service.

Wyse appreciated the detailed information, including the Adult Protective Services multi-disciplinary team. Wyse was on Corvallis City Council when the bias response conversation started and was glad the project was moving forward. Wyse asked about a statewide reporting system that was being set up by the State.

Vogt replied the system was set up in the Oregon Department of Justice, which secured some additional funding for staffing. Vogt had not seen detailed data yet. COG's contractor is investigating existing bias response systems; there is also a comprehensive student-focused system at OSU. Response providers could include organizations and community affinity groups, from Law Enforcement to civic engagement. The consultant's report has not been completed yet.

Wyse noted that data could aid the County's efforts. Wyse asked about the Mobility Hub design.

Vogt replied that a multi-mobility center at LBCC and OSU is going in, which will allow people to get public transportation, share bicycles or scooters, and link to carpooling options. COG had grant funds for the initial design phase. LBCC and OSU want to add new customizations, so COG is determining whether more funds are needed. If funds are not found through traditional sources, the schools must either find funds or scale back the design.

Wyse asked if there is a way to directly ask VSO clients for feedback on services.

Murphy is planning to create a feedback form; COG is not tracking that currently.

Vogt added that as in-person visits increase, there will be more outreach to inform other veterans about services.

Kerby noted that the County examined providing onsite childcare at the Kalapuya Building for employees and community, but realized there were a lack of providers and other challenges. It is still an aspiration; the County would look for partners. Kerby will contact Jenny Glass.

Vogt shared that COG has considered providing that service in its building, and suggested mutual conversation.

Chair Wyse recessed the meeting at 9:58 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

V. New Business

5.1 Selection of Architect for Courthouse Project -- Gary Stockhoff, Public Works

Stockhoff explained that stakeholder interviews were held on August 4, 2022 for the final two architect candidates for the Courthouse/Justice System Improvement Program (JSIP). The panel unanimously recommended selecting DLR Group and beginning contract negotiations. Kerby and Van Arsdall served on the selection committee. Criteria included past experience including trauma-based design, experience working with the Oregon Department of Justice, experience with courthouses and other justice-related facilities, the quality of the firm's team, how long the team had been together, and the team's availability throughout the contract. The DLR team that has worked on JSIP so far (including Hein, Lori Coppenrath, and Jane Gooding) will spearhead the design. DLR has all the project background. Staff are already working on the contract.

Kerby noted that the selection process was very thorough. This decision sets the stage for the entire JSIP campus. Kerby recognized Kurth for managing the project.

Malone asked Kurth to review work DLR had done for the County thus far.

Kurth explained that DLR Group has been the County's predesign/conceptual design consultant since that phase of JSIP began almost two and a half years ago. DLR will work on the entire campus. DLR has been instrumental in the 20-month site selection process, including the County's interactions with the Technical Advisory Committee and Community Advisory Committee, which led to conceptual designs shared in community engagement. DLR will present a site master plan to the Board in early September 2022.

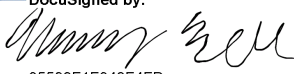
MOTION: Malone moved to select DLR Group as the architect for the new Courthouse, and to direct staff to enter into contract negotiations. Wyse seconded the motion, which **carried 2-0.**

VI. Other

No other business was discussed.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Wyse adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

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Erika Milo, Recorder

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

WORK SESSIONS

Screenshot of Exhibit for Agenda Item 4.2; August 16, 2022, 9AM, Board of Commissioners Tuesday Board Meeting

Benton County DRAFT Solid Waste Process Work Group Implementation Plan Updates (08/16/22)

The following DRAFT project outline proposes specific tasks, identifies the party primarily responsible for completion of the task and a proposed due date for completion of each task.

#	Task	Responsible Party	Deadline	Status
0.1	Create webpage for Work Group	Staff	ASAP	Complete
0.2	Update online document library with all relevant information	Staff	ASAP	Complete – Update As Needed
0.3	Draft a document (for review by the Work Group) outlining common understandings	Staff	8/15/22	In Progress
<i>Begin Contracting Processes</i>				
1.1	Select and contract with Work Group Facilitator	BOC	8/2/22	Complete
1.2	Determine necessary RFP processes and draft scopes for Legal Review	Planning Official	8/9/22	In progress
1.3	Determine necessary RFP processes and draft scopes for CUP Land Use	Planning Official	9/30/22	
1.4	Determine necessary RFP process(es) and draft scope for Sustainable Materials Management Planning	Benton County Staff	9/30/22	
<i>Communications and Community Engagement</i>				
2.1	Public information strategy (TBD in consultation with PIO)	Staff and PIO	TBD	In progress
2.2	Draft press release announcing work group	Staff and PIO	8/12/22	Complete
2.3	Draft Work Group Charter	Facilitator	8/16/22	Final Draft - Pending
2.4	Public engagement strategy	Staff/consultant	TBD	In progress
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3.1	Fill SWAC/DSAC and Planning Commission vacancies	BOC	ASAP	
<i>Work Group Membership</i>				
4.1	Identify two neighboring jurisdictions to participate	BOC	7/26/22	
4.2	SWAC/DSAC selects two members recommended for appointment	SWAC/DSAC	7/27/22	Complete
4.3	Planning Commission selects two members recommended for appointment	Planning Commission	8/2/22 (May require a special PC meeting)	Complete
4.4	Republic Services selects two members recommended for appointment – one national, one local	Republic Services	8/2/22	Complete
4.5	Staff Facilitator requests DEQ participation	Facilitator, DEQ	8/2/22	Complete
4.6	Select Benton County staff to participate	County Administrator	8/2/22	In progress
4.7	Select members of the public or groups	BOC	8/20/22	
4.8	Recruit, confirm Work Group Members	BOC	8/25/22	
<i>Work Group Agendas and Priorities</i>				
5.1	Provide staff (and Work Group) with guidance and expectations for agenda development	BOC	8/16/22	
5.2	Develop draft agendas/work group schedule and present to the BOC	Facilitator, Staff	8/23/22	Complete
5.3	Present the drafted agendas to the Work Group for further feedback	Facilitator	9/1/22	
<i>Budget</i>				
6.1	Determine Benton County resources to be used on the project implementation	BOC	7/26/22	In Progress



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 16, 2022
TO: Benton County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Ryan Vogt, Executive Director
RE: OCWCOG Benton County Updates

Senior, Disability and Community Services Update

Adult Protective Services

Increased Outreach and Awareness with Local Law Enforcement

Adult Protective Services (APS) has increased outreach and awareness to the local law enforcement agencies and District Attorney's office in Benton County as of May 2022.

- This was the first month that the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Meeting through the District Attorney's Office took place after a long break during the COVID pandemic.
- The MDT brings together APS, local law enforcement, community partners, and the DA's office to staff high-level cases that are either moving toward criminal charges or have high-volume touch points with multiple agencies in the county.
- We have successfully met monthly since May, creating the opportunity to engage on many cases to work on safety and risk planning.

Additionally, Adult Protective Services coordinated with the Corvallis Police Department to conduct an overview training for all shifts during briefing.

- Each training was approximately 45 minutes long and touched on improving awareness of what Adult Protective Services and Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments provides to our communities.
- During the training we discussed how we can improve coordination among joint cases with Corvallis Police Department.
- We developed ways in which patrol officers can report to Adult Protective Services in a quick and succinct manner to best fit their busy schedules.

Community Services Programs

Stand By Me – Oregon (\$BM-OR)

The Stand By Me – Oregon Program continues to expand in the OCWCOG region with the addition of a new AmeriCorps staff to help coordinate and build capacity for its financial coaching program that is centered on budget creation, debt reduction, increased savings, and

credit improvement. The Program has provided free coaching to a total of thirty-four unduplicated clients, with 85% taking action on budget creation, 82% taking action to increase savings, and 67% taking action to reduce debt. Two clients have purchased motor vehicles and one has purchased a home.

We are thrilled with the movement and thankful to be able to return to important outreach events to promote this free programming. During the last quarter, Community Services Programs promoted the Stand By Me Program at various events across Linn and Lincoln Counties.

Stand By Me – Oregon continues to work with KidCo Head Start, Community Services Consortium's Head Start of Lincoln County, and CARDV as implementation partners. Since the last reporting period, Stand By Me has accomplished the following:

- Added 2 additional coaches from OCWCOG (one bilingual English/Spanish)
- Presented the Program as part of Corvallis C3 course offerings (Spring); will offer again for Fall 2022
- Began the onboarding process to train a coach with the Benton County Drug Treatment Court
- Plans to train 5-6 coaches from Oregon State University's Center For Advancing Education (CAFE)
- Is working with Casa Latinos Unidos to secure a bilingual coach to augment its current financial course offerings
- Secured an intern from Western Oregon University to capture success stories and create digital media to promote our newest Program

Bias Response Initiative

We have partnered with Zilo International Group to research the interest and feasibility of a Regional Bias Response System to address bias within Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. Our first two focus groups will be held in Benton County at the Philomath Community Library and C3. Members of the community are encouraged to attend and share their thoughts on a variety of discussion topics focused on bias response. All participants will receive a \$50 gift card and lunch or dinner will be provided.

- The Philomath Community Library event will be held on Tuesday, August 23rd from 11am to 1pm.
- The C3 event will be held on Thursday, August 25th from 5pm to 7pm.

Each focus group session will begin with defining a bias incident versus a hate crime. This feasibility study, while not an end solution to all bias incidents, will produce valuable findings from within our community. This information will help create a survey that will be sent to Commissioners this fall to present findings and gauge interest in the solutions offered.

Benton County Veteran Service Office

Claims Filed and Appointments Served

From January 1st through June 30th, a total of 119 claims have been filed with the Benton County Veteran Service Office. These claims include new claimed issues, reopening previously denied issues, applying for VA healthcare, and appealing claims to the Board of Veterans Appeals. VSOs conducted 187 appointments with veterans and saw a total of 19 students at

OSU, resulting in 206 total appointments. 94 appointments were completed via phone and 112 were completed in person (including OSU outreach).

Outreach and Presentations

Monroe VFW Coffee with Veterans

On February 12th, Molly attended a coffee and resource fair at the Monroe VFW. At this event, Molly had the chance to connect with 30 veterans who live in and around Monroe. We look forward to continuing to grow our presence and outreach in the Monroe community.

OSU Out of the Darkness Walk

Benton County Veteran Service Office participated in a tabling event at the OSU Out of the Darkness Walk on April 9th, which is aimed at suicide prevention. At this event, VSOs had the opportunity to speak with students, veterans, and community members regarding the Benton County Veteran Service Office and the Council of Governments.

Corvallis Regent Court-Memory Care Visit

On May 31st, members of the Benton County VSO Office visited with veteran residents at Corvallis Regent Court-Memory Care to reflect on Memorial Day as well as their service to our Country. VSO staff presented residents with peace lilies and challenge coins while sharing words of encouragement. We are thankful for the ability to return to outreach events, particularly in facilities where many of our veterans reside.

ODVA LGBTQ+ Coordinator and BCVSO Pop Up Office at OSU

On June 2nd, Benton County VSOs partnered with ODVA's LGBTQ+ Coordinator to have a pop-up office at Oregon State University. At this pop-up office, we were able to engage with veteran students and discuss what services we can provide them. VSOs also met with student veterans to discuss and complete claims for VA Benefits. We plan to continue pop up offices at OSU with ODVA's LGBTQ+ Coordinator and expand to include the Women Veterans Coordinator and the Houseless Veterans Coordinator.

Linn Benton Stand Down

On July 21st, the Linn Benton Stand Down was held for the first time since 2019. Benton County VSO participated in the Linn-Benton Stand Down planning process and tabled at the event. This event allowed us to connect with unhoused veterans in our area and provide them with not only our service information, but various community supports. These services and supports included disability and social security benefits, employment services, housing and utility assistance, VA medical benefits, VASH and Section 8 assistance, medical resources, and VA mental health. We look forward to continuing our annual Stand Down tradition and growing this event.



Mark Lapinskas, Molly Murphy, and Ian Briggs

Training and Networking

- Mark attended new VSO training virtually with NACVSO and received his National Accreditation.
- Molly and Mark attended ODVA's regional training.
- Molly and Mark attended the NACVSO National Conference in San Antonio Texas, Ian attended virtually.
- VSOs attend bi-weekly OACVSO meetings to connect with VSOs from across the state and receive updates from ODVA.
- VSOs continue to attend monthly Vet Net meetings.
- VSOs attend the Linn-Lincoln-Benton VA Veterans Bi-Name list meetings, which are aimed at creating a list of our unhoused veterans and coordinating care and services.
- Molly has been participating on the Linn-Benton Stand Down Planning Committee.
- Molly has been chairing a committee with the Oregon Association of County Veteran Service Officers (OACVSO) to explore hosting the National conference in Oregon.
- Molly attended the 5 Critical Leadership Skills course offered by LBCC.
- Due to his previous accreditation while working at ODVA, Ian received his ODVA Accreditation in June.

Success Story

In the VA world, claims we submit can take time to see results and requires resiliency and patience from our veterans (and us). We recently had an example of this with a local veteran, referred to as Veteran A.

Veteran A first came to us in April of 2021 to discuss his VA rating after being medically discharged from the US Army in July of 2020. Veteran A served in Afghanistan, where they were injured and suffered from a Traumatic Brain Injury. Our VSO team was able to review Veteran A's current rating and discuss conditions that may have been missed or ratings that did not accurately reflect Veteran A's condition. Our team was also able to discuss his exposure to Burn Pits in Afghanistan and file claims for presumptive conditions related to such exposure.

After overcoming claim denials, reopening the claim, and multiple VA examinations, Veteran A received an increase in their rating to 100% Permanent and Total Disability in February of 2022. Permanent and Total Disability means the VA will never lower this veteran's rating. This entitles Veteran A to full Medical and Dental coverage through the VA and opens medical and educational benefits to their spouse and any future dependents. As a full-time student since discharge, this rating and associated benefits remove financial hardships and barriers faced by Veteran A and their family.

Office Updates

- Linda McMillan retired on June 30th, after six years with OCWCOG/BCVSO and 45+ years serving veterans.
- Melissa Wright, CSP Administrative Assistant, was hired to assist with VSO phone calls and scheduling appointments.
- Ian Briggs was hired as a full-time AVSO. We asked Ian to share his story below:

I am a former member of the US Navy and a service-connected veteran. I am married for the past 12 years and have two kids, but my fur kid is my favorite. I have about 10.5

years of experience representing veterans and their families. I started with the D.A.V in 1998 and held such jobs as a Senior NSO, Supervisory NSO, and Senior Appeals Specialist at the Board of Veterans Appeals in Washington D.C. Most recently I worked for ODVA in Portland, Oregon, and represented veterans and their families before the Board of Veterans Appeals. I enjoy being at the beach, and my wife would point out I am more comfortable in the water than on land. I also enjoy fishing, camping, and movies.



Linda McMillan with Ryan Vogt



New AVSO Ian Briggs

Community and Economic Development Updates

Transportation

Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)

- Held first in-person/hybrid meeting for CAMPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) in June
- Updating Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) project evaluation criteria and application for distribution of CAMPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding

Cascades West Ride Line

March 2022 – June 2022

Ride Line coordinated over 43,000 physical trips in the region from March through June. Of those trips, 9,163 served consumers in Benton County.

	Trips (Sedan, Wheelchair, Secure, Stretchers)	Clients (Unique members)	Reimbursement (Mileage, Meals, Lodging)	Clients (Unique members)
Benton County	9,163	753	2,148	69
Regionally	43,148	3,454	14,764	575

Projects

Mobility Hub Design

- To bring the hub designs to 100%, the work is going to be more expensive than originally planned, due to both LBCC and OSU selecting custom structures.
- If LBCC decides on a new design, the redesign cost will also add to the project cost. OCWCOG staff members are working with Linn and Benton County on potential sources of funding to complete the project. If additional funding isn't obtained, the project will end at 60% design, and an additional design phase will need to be included in future grant requests.
- OSU Campus Planning Committee approved the conceptual design, and the consultant team is finalizing the 30% design based on the minor revisions requested during the CPC meeting.

Seamless Transit Experience

- Swiftly presented new features available for agencies to better communicate with customers in May. In July, agencies will meet for the annual business review of Swiftly services.

Cascades West Transportation Options

- May bike month challenge was held with 35 participants who logged 684 trips, traveling over 1,850 miles, and saving over 1,500 lbs. of CO2. 15 participants received safety related prizes.
- Donation and sponsorship requests were sent out to area businesses to provide prizes for the annual Get There Challenge in October. Received commitments for gift cards/certificates from:
 - Rogue Ales & Spirits
 - Oregon Coast Aquarium
 - Tallman Brewing
 - Rio Theatre
 - Deluxe Brewing

Linn, Benton, Lincoln County Human Services Coordinated Plan Update

- Four individual and focus group interviews were conducted with stakeholders across the region.
- One advisory committee meeting was held along with a follow up for members unable to attend.
- Special Transportation Fund (STF) Coordinators for each county provided updates on previous plan goals.
- A provider survey was drafted and distributed in early July.
- A rough draft of updated demographics and existing conditions in review.

Cascades West Training Center

- 19 non-emergent/public transit drivers were trained in Passenger Assistance, Safety, and Sensitivity between March and June.
- 13 non-emergent medical transportation/transit drivers trained in Defensive Driving between March and June, and 25 Foster Grandparents/Senior Companions were certified in Defensive Driving in two classes held in Albany and one class held in at the Newport Health Education Center.
- 14 non-emergent medical transportation/transit drivers were certified in Adult First Aid and CPR.

Planning

Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD)

- CWEDD continued convening Childcare Working Group for Linn, Benton, & Lincoln Counties and developed GIS maps showing an 850 slot deficit for childcare in Benton County. (See attached maps and report.)
- A \$86,045 Rural Capacity Fund was received for the region consisting of Linn, Benton, Lincoln, and Lane Counties. Work began with 12 Linn/Benton rural cities to identify projects and supply grant writing if applicable.
- The EDA Broadband Grant was moved to OCWCOG to administer. This grant now serves Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. A Request for Proposal (RFP) is out for a \$269,000 three-county broadband feasibility study.

Land Use & Planning Projects

- The Cascade West Regional Consortium continues to work with ECONorthwest and the consulting team on the Wetland Mitigation Bank Feasibility Study. The study will be finalized by September 2022.

Lending

Cascade West Business Lending

- Sandra Easdale left her position as Senior Loan Officer with OCWCOG and we are now working with her on contract through Lane Council of Governments.
- Continued to work on marketing and outreach projects

BENTON COUNTY



MONROE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN



CORVALLIS CITY APP



CORVALLIS CLEANUP

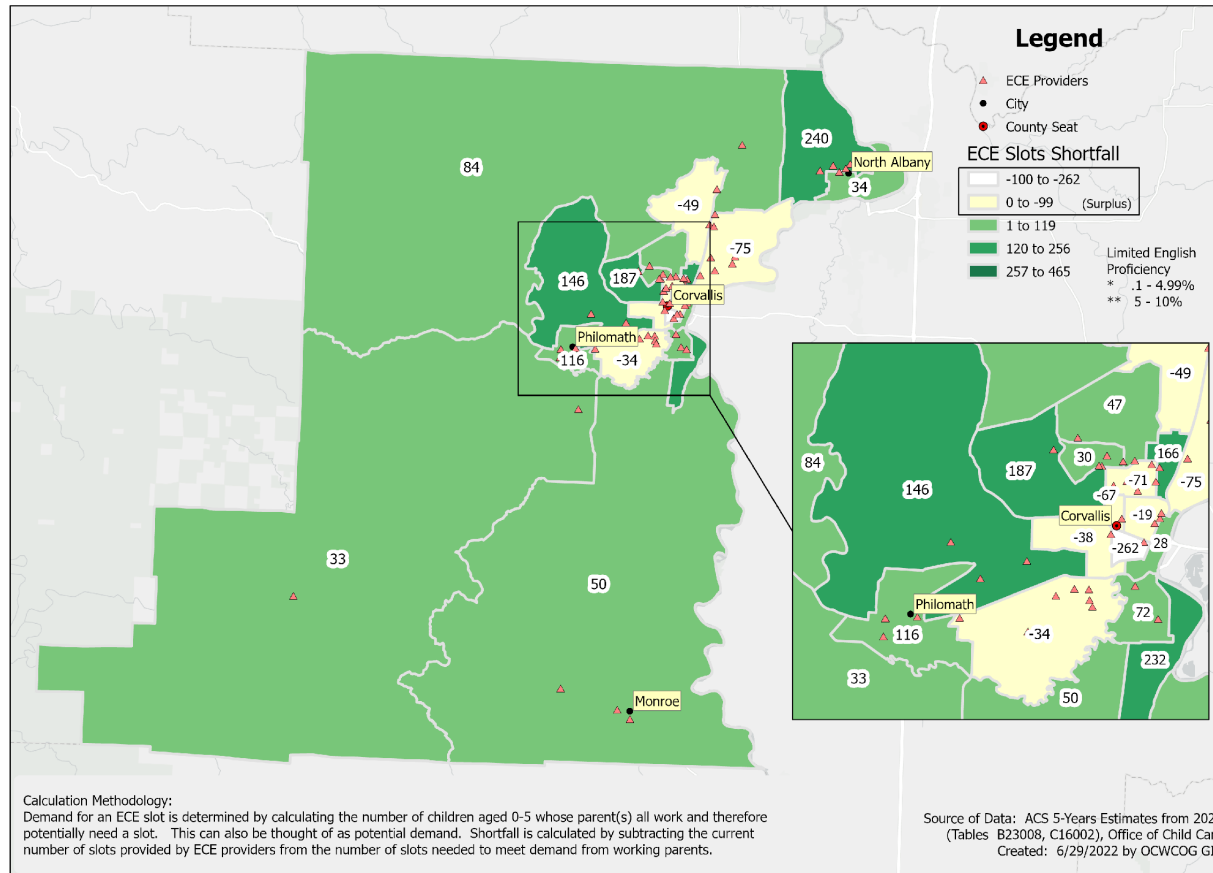


Benton County CARES Projects

Monroe Economic Development Plan	\$10,000
Corvallis Chamber Conference Room	\$7,450
Corvallis City Cleanup	\$4,270
Explore Corvallis City App	\$2,500

CARES FUNDED

Benton County Early Childcare Education Slots Shortfall for Children Aged 0 to 5



According to the Oregon Employment Department in February 2022, the number one reason why workers have been unable to return to the workforce is

lack of access to childcare.

Access to stable, high-quality early childcare education helps working parents improve their labor productivity by increasing work hours, missing fewer work days and pursuing further education. High-quality child care and education that enables mothers to enter the labor market pays for itself through increases in family income.

Benton County is facing a challenge to increase access to early childcare education (ECE) placements for children aged 0 to 5 and decrease the estimated shortfall.

This map shows the shortfall of ECE slots across Benton County within individual 2020 Census tracts. If the number shown within the Census Tract is negative, that indicates a surplus of slots available for the number of children aged 0 to 5 living in that Census tract. The percentage of limited English proficiency in households within the Census tract indicates areas which might benefit from additional, culturally-specific ECE placements.





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A Message from the Executive Director

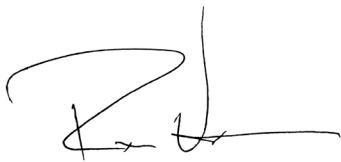
I am proud and excited to provide the first ever, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments' (OCWCOG) year-end County reports. The Council of Governments (COG) impacts many people throughout the Linn/Benton/Lincoln Region by our various services like delivering hot meals and a warm smile to a family in need, providing small business loans to improve the vibrancy and livability of our communities, or orchestrating multi-million dollar transportation initiatives.

In the next few pages, you will see highlights of the work we do and how that has affected your County over this last year. The report is not exhaustive, but merely a snapshot of the great work which is being authorized and championed by 19 cities, 3 Counties, the Siletz Tribe, and the Port of Newport in the Linn/Benton/Lincoln Region.

The work captured in this report is being carried out by approximately 200 staff in every corner of the Region. These dedicated individuals care deeply about the area and everyone living in it. They are committed to making the Region a more livable, safe, and prosperous area for generations to come. As you know, 2021 was extremely challenging in numerous ways and many of our staff have adapted to delivering services from their homes, in an ongoing response to the COVID pandemic. We have adjusted other programs and processes to provide continuous services safely to many of our consumers, where in-person contact was still required.

Here at the COG, we are always looking to improve and better serve the people of our Region. Last year we went beyond our normal practices and explored alternative funding opportunities to enhance and expand services. We have begun participating in regional conversations regarding housing solutions, and are leading an effort to explore a Regional Bias Incident Response system.

I am grateful for the support of our staff, our many community partners, and our active Board of Directors for the support and hard work it takes to provide these services to you.



Ryan Vogt
Executive Director



Senior and Disability Services

The Senior and Disability Services (SDS) department is committed to providing services and supports to keep older adults and people with disabilities independent, safe, secure, and healthy in your communities. SDS staff provide case management, and authorize and coordinate supportive services such as assistance with dressing, bathing, toileting, and grooming.

- Approximately 218 Benton County residents received these vital services in their home on any given day.
- Another 176 residents received these services daily in one of 22 longterm care facilities. These care facilities include: Assisted Living, Memory Care, Adult Foster Homes that serve older adults and people with physical disabilities, and one nursing facility.



Eligibility

Eligibility workers processed 6,957 applications for Food and Medical benefits in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties in 2021.

Adult Protective Services

Adult Protective Services (APS) workers within the Senior and Disability Services department investigate allegations of abuse and/or neglect of seniors and adults with disabilities.

- APS screeners received 767 calls of concern about the safety and health of these citizens in Benton County. These calls led to:
 - 145 community APS investigations.
 - 173 facility APS investigations.

Aging and Disability Resource Connection

The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) is a free service that offers the public a single point of entry to access resources, information and assistance on issues affecting older adults and people with disabilities regardless of their income.

- Call center agents answered 246 calls from Benton County residents requesting information and assistance in 2021.



Community Service Programs

OCWCOG's Community Services Program (CSP) Department served Benton County this past year through various programming, including:

Meals On Wheels: Meals on Wheels serves fresh, hot, nutritionally balanced meals to older adults, adults with disabilities, and spouses/life partners who often live alone and have limited resources or ability to care for themselves. Along with a nutritionally balanced lunch, MOW provides a daily well-check and social connection, thereby assisting limited-income, low-mobility clients to remain safe and independent in the home of their own choosing, for as long as possible while avoiding premature placement in a facility.

In 2021 a total of 39,349 meals were served in Benton to include:

- 37,415 home delivered meals, delivered to the porches of our homebound clients;
- 1,165 congregate meals, served “grab and go” style during the COVID-19 pandemic out of the Corvallis Elks meal site; and,
- 769 “blizzard boxes”, which contain 5 emergency shelf stable meals.

Meals on Wheels was awarded a \$13,000 District Grant from the Rotary Club of Corvallis. A multi-club grant, the Rotary Club of Corvallis partnered with Greater Corvallis, Philomath, Albany, and Newport Clubs to obtain matching grant funding from Rotary District 5110. The grant helps support Meals on Wheels in Benton County.



Stand-By-Me (\$BM): Stand By Me-Oregon is a financial empowerment program that replicates \$BM Delaware; a proven coaching model that helps provide financial stability to individuals and families. There are four primary outcomes: budgeting, reducing debt, improving credit ratings, and building savings.

- Coaches in Benton County are housed at Philomath's Strengthening Rural Families, KidCo Head Start, and the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV), with plans to recruit coaches for the Corvallis Community Center in 2022. This program was established from Benton County seed money, and now has a total of 10 trained coaches.
- This program was also the recipient of a 2021 Oregon Community Foundation Grant of \$36,000 to support its Latinx outreach and coaching efforts.

Money Management for Seniors: This program provides free assistance with personal money management tasks through specially trained volunteers. Service is personalized, confidential, and safe; and is offered free of charge to eligible individuals.

- There were 18 Benton County seniors or people with disabilities who were served in 2021.
 - 7 were assisted as Bill Pay clients who receive assistance in budgeting and check writing
 - 11 used the program for Representative Payee services. A Representative Payee is someone appointed by the Federal Benefit payers to manage benefit payments on behalf of an incapable beneficiary.



AmeriCorps Seniors - Foster Grandparent Program: National Service Foster Grandparent volunteers, sponsored by OCWCOG, tutor and mentor local youth ages 3-18 in public schools, after school, and through various literacy programs.

- In Benton County, Foster Grandparent volunteers served 17 total local youth through its mentoring and tutoring Program, chiefly online, due to the pandemic. Students from both Philomath Elementary School and College Hill Alternative High School were supported in person in 2021.

AmeriCorps Seniors – RSVP: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is America’s largest volunteer network for people age 55 and over. RSVP volunteers choose how, where, and how often they want to serve. Volunteer community duty station opportunities include food pantry assistance, SHIBA Medicare counseling, money management coaching, meal delivery, reading with youth, tax preparation, gleaners, and more.

The most active RSVP program, The Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance Program (SHIBA), is administered by OCWCOG on behalf of the State of Oregon. This Program educates local residents on Medicare benefits elections. SHIBA counselors provide one-on-one free counseling as well as “New to Medicare” Seminar classes. Volunteers are certified by the State and serve both remotely and at the Corvallis Community Center.

- Last year, SHIBA volunteers served 526 Benton County residents.

AmeriCorps Seniors - Senior Companion Program: Senior Companion volunteers provide assistance and friendship to older adults who have difficulty with daily living tasks, such as shopping or paying bills. Through this program, volunteers keep seniors independent longer and provide respite to family caregivers.

- In 2021, 6 volunteers provided 704 rides for local homebound seniors to complete important tasks such as to get to the store or doctor. The rides were provided to seniors residing in Corvallis, Adair Village, Philomath and Monroe. These clients were not eligible for Ride Line, and are screened and referred by in-house Options Counselors.



Oregon Project Independence: Oregon Project Independence (OPI) is a program providing assistance that supports daily activities of living which can be provided by home care workers or in-home care agencies. Examples of in-home assistance includes help with dressing, meal prep, bathing, shopping, and housekeeping. OPI is an alternative to Medicaid and offers up to 20 hours a month of in-home assistance.

- There was approximately 26 Benton County residents that benefited from this program in 2021.

These community-facing programs were provided thanks to braided funding from federal, state and city contracts and grants, as well as supports from Samaritan Health Services Social Accountability Grants, Trust Management Services, Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, and the Oregon Community Foundation.

Benton County Veterans' Service Office

The Benton County Veterans' Service Office (VSO) assists veterans and veteran families with submitting claims for Veterans' Affairs (VA) benefits, including compensation, pension, survivor's benefits, and VA Healthcare. Our Veterans' Service Officers advocate on behalf of the claimant to ensure all benefits for which the claimant is eligible, are received. A few things that happened in VSO for the year 2021 are:

Our Veterans' Service Officers completed 574 appointments with veterans. These appointments were conducted over the phone, as our office remained closed due to COVID19. These appointments ranged from discussing eligibility, to filing for benefits. Our services include assisting surviving spouses and families in applying for benefits, assisting veterans and dependents with education benefits, applying for VA healthcare, appealing VA decisions, and filing for compensation or pension benefits. Our Officers don't stop there, they also help veterans navigate through the VA Healthcare Community Care program, and through general community resources such as housing assistance, home loans, crisis navigation, financial assistance, and COVID19 resources.



- Our office assisted veterans and surviving spouses file 205 claims in 2021. These claims included applying for the VA Disability Compensation Program and VA Income Based Pension Program. We also assisted surviving spouses with applying for VA Survivors Income Based Pension Program, VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), and VA Burial Benefits. In 2021, our county had 111 claims awarded to veterans and their surviving spouses.. Those claims brought in a total of \$192,242 in new monetary awards for veterans and surviving spouses. Additionally, a total of another \$655,512 was awarded in retroactive funds (money owed to them dating back to their original filing date).



- VSO was awarded a \$4,000 Suicide Prevention grant from the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. With these funds, our office is sponsoring courses in Mental Health First Aid for Adults, and Mental Health First Aid for Veterans and Military Families. Our office also organized a Cold Weather Gear handout event in December for unhoused veterans in Benton County.

Community and Economic Development

Transportation Services and Planning

Transportation is the largest program area within Community and Economic Development (CED), and provides an array of services including:

Cascades West Ride Line: The Ride Line program is the region's Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) for physical, dental, drug and alcohol, and mental health treatment. For the year 2021 Ride Line has made an incredible impact in Benton County by:

- Providing 27,662 rides for 1,303 people.
- These rides put over \$1,026,000 back into Benton County.
- Planning the expansion of Ride Line to Medicare consumers through benefits with the Samaritan Advantage Health Plan. This project will launch in 2022.

Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO): CAMPO's role is to coordinate transportation planning efforts in the Corvallis Urbanized Area and to serve as a forum for cooperative decision-making. CAMPO works closely with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and assists in coordinating regional transit, facilitates public participation in transportation planning, and oversees specialized projects. Some of the 2021 accomplishments for CAMPO were:

- Obtaining stimulus funds awards in the amount of \$1,025,840, which is being passed through to local projects:
 - Benton County Projects:
 - Gas tax shortage/replacement Irish Bend, Fern Road, 53rd/County Club
 - Traffic Impact Assessment 53rd/County Club
 - City of Corvallis/Oregon State University Projects;
 - 35th/Campus Crossing Improvements
 - 11th Street Bikeway
 - Monroe Ave/Kings
 - City of Philomath Projects:
 - 11th Street Bike/Ped Improvements
 - Willow Lane/Cedar Street Multi-use Path
 - Adair Village Projects:
 - Future Trail investment
- Prepared the CAMPO 20-year Regional Transportation Plan for adoption in early 2022. Unique to this RTP is a "corridor analysis" in which planning is focused on regional connections between member communities.
- CAMPO multi-modal count program –Developed reports capturing the number of people walking and riding bikes on the Eric E. Austin multi-use path in south Corvallis.
- Provided in-kind match for both a Corvallis Bikeshare Study, and an e-bike Pilot Program, which is a partnership with Corvallis/Benton County Economic Development.
- Worked on the Adair Village Trails Plan with an anticipated completion in early summer 2022.



Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT): provides a forum for local governments to collaborate on local, regional, and State transportation issues in the Region. The CWACT is chartered by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) and provides input, advice, and recommendations to the OTC and ODOT on State transportation plans and policies. In 2021, CWACT provided input on multiple State funding programs including recommendations for funding priorities in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), reviewed applications for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary Grant Program, and provided feedback on ODOT's "Leverage" funds that were added to ODOT projects within the region.



Transportation Options Program: This program provides outreach, education, and carpool/vanpool matching services for commuters living or working in the Region. The program connects commuters within the Region and beyond, to major cities such as Eugene, Salem, and Portland. Our program administered a challenge for bike month in May with 42 participants across Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties traveling over 2,400 miles, saving over 2,000 lbs of CO₂, and burning 200,000 calories! 33 participants received safety related prizes. Staff participated at in-person tabling events at the OSU Beaver Fair and Linn Benton Community College Welcome Day engaging over 100 people. The annual Get There Challenge in October had statewide participation of over 1,400 participants and 13 prize winners from our region.

Corvallis Bikeshare Plan: You may know this program as *Pedal Corvallis*. This project is in the system design phase after a pilot project was launched in 2016 producing an average of 400 trips a month over a four year period. The project was awarded a \$25,000 Transportation Options Innovation grant to conduct the Corvallis Bikeshare study.

Other grants received from STIF to assist in transportation improvement efforts in Benton County are:

- \$280,000 to do the Mobility Hub design work for LBCC and OSU Hubs.
- \$150,000 to update the Human Services Coordinated Plans for Linn/Benton/Lincoln Counties.
- \$64,280 to build the Regional Transit Access Plan.

Other transportation related projects that impact Benton County are:

- Completion of the Seamless Transportation Project connecting bus service to all three Counties, with real-time bus information and online ticketing.
- Completion of the Highway 99W feasibility study, which evaluated the possibility of providing bus service between Junction City and McMinnville.
- Started the Adair Village Trails Plan.

Community Development

The Community Development program seeks to improve the quality of life for residents in Benton County. OCWCOG has professional staff to assist communities, especially smaller communities, with specialized tasks. Here are some of the projects Community Development has worked on in Benton County:

- Providing Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services to Philomath.
- Providing staffing to the Cascades West Regional Consortium and helped secure a \$130,000 grant from Business Oregon to fund a wetlands mitigation bank feasibility study.
- Secured technical assistance from Department of Land Conservation and Development to develop a Regional Housing Toolkit, working with Philomath on their housing development planning goals.

Economic Development

OCWCOG provides staffing for the Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD), which creates, adopts and works to implement the priorities of the Region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). OCWCOG supports local economic development initiatives through research, grant writing, convening, project development and management, and technical assistance.

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Grants: CARES funding is designed to assist partners with responding to the specific recovery needs in the unique communities across the district. Eligible applicants included City and County governments in the Region to support economic resiliency and recovery. In Benton County three CARES micro-grants were awarded:

- \$10,000 was awarded to the City of Monroe for an Economic Development Plan. This grant will cover costs related to hiring a consultant to assist in the creation, decision-making, and implementation of Monroe's first ever strategic 5-year Economic Development Plan.
- \$4,270 was awarded to the City of Corvallis for a County Business Portal. This comprehensive portal will be available in both English and Spanish providing tools and information relevant to industry and city. It will provide business start-up information as well as links to resources for disaster preparedness, hiring employees and obtaining capital.. In addition, the site will devote a section to listing available commercial property and buildable lands inventories.
- \$7,450 was awarded to City of Corvallis to upgrade the Corvallis Chamber conference room. Improvements were made to the Chamber's conference room in order to provide necessary accommodations for the local business community.



Cascade West Business Lending: Cascades West Business Lending (CWBL) efforts aim to encourage new employment opportunities, and promote a stable and diversified economy in the tri-County Region. CWBL delivers expert commercial loan packaging, closing, servicing, and collection services through various direct and indirect loan programs. Our team provides administrative services, technical assistance, and professional lending services through contractual partnerships to local government and non-profit organizations, who offer economic development oriented commercial loans. Our Small Business Lending program currently has over \$3.45 million in loans throughout our tri-county region

- In Benton County we funded a \$576,000 loan to a veterinary clinic in Corvallis.

Technology Service Contracts

OCWCOG Business Services provides Information Technology (IT) services and supports to member agencies. In Benton County, we have agreements to provide support to:

- Philomath Fire & Rescue
- Adair Village



NEW BUSINESS

BOC Agenda Checklist Master

Agenda Placement and Contacts

Suggested Agenda Date 08/16/22

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Suggested Placement * BOC Tuesday Meeting

Department * Public Works

Contact Name * Gary Stockhoff

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Meeting Attendee Name * Gary Stockhoff

Agenda Item Details



Item Title * Selection of Architect for Courthouse Project

Item Involves *
Check all that apply
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Board/Committee Involvement *
☐ Yes
☒ No

Advertisement*

☐ Yes

☒ No

Item Issues and Description

Identified Salient Issues*	A Request for Proposals (RFP) for architectural services for the new courthouse was advertised in June, and proposals were due on July 14. Two proposals were received, and have subsequently been reviewed and scored. The firms were ranked almost equally, and were advanced to in-person interviews with a panel of stakeholders. The interviews were conducted on August 4. The firm selected will provide architectural services for the new courthouse, which is part of the Justice System Improvement Program (JSIP). Additionally, the firm could be retained to do other JSIP project components if other funding becomes available, or the bond measure is successful.	Options*
Fiscal Impact*	A panel consisting of various stakeholders interviewed the two finalists on August 4. The panel is pleased to recommend that the DLR Group be retained as the project architect for the new Courthouse. ☒ Yes ☐ No	Fiscal Impact*
Description*	The JSIP funds proposed for the courthouse component of the plan will be utilized to pay for this contract.	Description*

Mandated Service? *

Yes

No

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

Describe how this agenda checklist advances the core values or focus areas of 2040, or supports a strategy of a departmental goal.

To review the initiative, visit the website [HERE](#).

Mandated Service Description *

If this agenda checklist describes a mandated service or other function, please describe here.
County must have a Courthouse meeting State requirements.

Values and Focus Areas

Check boxes that reflect each applicable value or focus area and explain how they will be advanced.

Core Values *

Select all that apply.

☐ Vibrant, Livable Communities

☐ Supportive People Resources

☐ High Quality Environment and Access

☐ Diverse Economy that Fits

☐ Community Resilience

☐ Equity for Everyone

☐ Health in All Actions

☒ N/A

Explain Core Values Selections *

n/a

Focus Areas and Vision *

Select all that apply.

☒ Community Safety

☐ Emergency Preparedness

☐ Outdoor Recreation

☐ Prosperous Economy

☐ Environment and Natural Resources

☐ Mobility and Transportation

☐ Housing and Growth

☐ Arts, Entertainment, Culture, and History

☐ Food and Agriculture

☐ Lifelong Learning and Education

☐ N/A

Explain Focus Areas and Vision Selection *

Community Safety is a community goal.

Recommendations and Motions

Item Recommendations and Motions

Staff Recommendations* Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners select DLR Group, which is the architectural firm recommended by the interview panel, and direct staff to enter into contract negotiations with the DLR Group.

Meeting Motions* I move to ...
select DLR Group as the architect for the new Courthouse, and direct staff to enter into contract negotiations.

Attachments, Comments, and Submission

Item Comments and Attachments

Attachments

Upload any attachments to be included in the agenda, preferably as PDF files. If more than one attachment / exhibit, please indicate "1", "2", "3" or "A", "B", "C" on the documents.

Comments (optional)

If you have any questions, please call ext.6800

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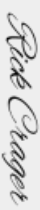
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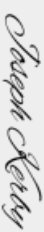
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