

AGENDA

(Chair May Alter the Agenda)

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

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THE BOARD WILL TAKE A BRIEF RECESS BETWEEN THE WORK SESSION AND BUSINESS MEETING

9:00 A.M.

I. Opening:

A. Introductions

B. Announcements

II. 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.

III. Review and Approve Agenda

IV. Work Session

- 4.1 9:00 a.m., 30 minutes - Update from Department Operation Centers –
Suzanne Hoffman, April Holland; Health Department
- 4.2 9:30 a.m., 30 minutes – Update on the Justice System Improvement Program
(JSIP) – *Nick Kurth, JSIP Program Manager*

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BUSINESS MEETING

V. Consent Calendar

- 5.1 In the Matter of Appointing the following Advisory Board and Committee Members:

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VII. Old Business

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VIII. 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."

VIII. Executive Session ORS 192.660[2][e] – Negotiations for Property

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
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Tuesday, February 1, 2022
9:00 a.m.

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

Staff: **Teresa Farley**, **Joe Hahn**, BOC Staff; **Suzanne Hoffman**, **April Holland**, Health; **Nick Kurth**, JSIP Coordinator; **Erika Milo**, BOC Recorder; **Jef Van Arsdall**, Sheriff; **Debbie Parsons**, **Jenn Ambuehl**, **Rick Crager**, Finance; **Matt Wetherell**, Juvenile Department; **Daniel Redick**, Community Development

Guests: **Cody Mann**, Media; **Mitch Mannino**, **Sara Wynn**, **Tim Roach**

Chair Wyse called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

I. Opening

- A. Introductions
- B. Announcements

Van Arsdall commented there was a dodgeball tournament in Albany sponsored by Lynn County, a charity softball field was the beneficiary, Benton County (BC) was third of six. The Albany Police Department won. Donations are still being accepted on the Albany website.

II. Comments from the Public

No comment was offered.

III. Review and Approve Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

The following items were added to the agenda under “**Other**”:

- a conversation about Commissioners supporting HB 4123 and signing on to two letters of support, and
- a question for the Commissioners regarding the National Association of Counties (NACo) conference.

IV. Work Session

4.1 Update from Department Operation Centers – Suzanne Hoffman, April Holland; Health Department

Holland reported COVID-19 has remained active, BC’s cases and community transmission remain high. There is a reduction in weekly cases; starting to reach a peak statewide, but some areas will have further increases, and it takes time for numbers to go down. Total cases last week were 1,159; a 20% decrease from the previous week. Testing positivity was 17.6% last week (has been 15-18% in last four weeks. Despite being high, the testing positivity is among the lowest in

the state; BC continues to have testing capacity and maintain a testing infrastructure. The Communicable Disease Team has moved to a focus on outbreaks in high priority settings such as long-term care facilities and schools that are all experiencing disruptive outbreaks. For several weeks, the COVID-19 hotline and website for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) were resources for the public to get answers to questions, as well as to respond to surveys so BC can continue to obtain data on potential exposures and connect people to services. Hospitalizations are almost as high statewide as with Delta; about 1,100 people currently hospitalized. There are about 20 hospitalizations per day at Good Samaritan Hospital over the last week; there have been seven deaths.

Schools are working very hard to meet student needs. Superintendents and principals are substituting, people working in custodial or bus driving are filling in where necessary. Schools continue to be impacted; some local schools have had short-term closures, but this is not as widespread as it could be due largely to high vaccination rates, universal masking, and being a safe space for children.

Local testing lab capacity is relatively stable, Good Samaritan has moved to appointment-only for the previous drive-through site. Willamette Valley Toxicology expanded BC Fairgrounds testing from January 29 to February 11, 2022, and is cohoused with the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) vaccination event. 12 million home test kits from iHealth continue to come into Oregon. For populations with high risk or barriers to access, a survey was distributed by OHA to request additional tests. All service organizations should be receiving their full allotment of testing soon; BC is positioned to fill those gaps. Local tests received will be prioritized for high-risk populations and for those with barriers to access. BC will not have capacity to send tests to households. However, there is a Federal program to directly deliver four tests per household. The website address to request tests is under USPS COVID-19 tests; BC encourages residents to take advantage of that.

All BC partners are working hard to vaccinate residents who want it. BC started Sunday with vaccination events this week: Boys & Girls Club of Philomath, Alsea Library, and two more events. FEMA is at the BC Fairgrounds from 11am to 6 pm every day.

BC's primary series vaccination rate is 72% for all residents; about 46% of BC residents have received a booster compared to 41% statewide; 56% of ages 5 to 11 have had at least one dose compared to 30% nationally. Yesterday, Moderna received full Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval, meaning the vaccine is no longer an emergency use authorization (EUA). It has a good safety profile and is effective. Regarding the COVID-19 vaccine for children aged six months to four years, Pfizer announced yesterday that FDA approval may be sought for that age group with a two-dose regimen EUA, while a third dose trial is being conducted. If accepted, data analysis will take a few weeks, so it could be late February 2022 for an EUA for that younger demographic.

Malone asked, if BC residents are fully vaccinated, does that mean 72,000 are vaccinated with a county population of 100,000? Holland replied affirmatively; 67,657 people had been vaccinated in the primary series.

Malone noted that BC may have peaked on infections, or close, and asked if there is any sense of what the trend will be as BC come down from peak. Holland replied BC is hoping for a swift trajectory; but even as a downward trend, those numbers are very high, it is difficult for people to stay focused on safety when cases decrease and cause restrictions to loosen. It is up to residents how well BC does as a county by deciding to keep masks on until BC case numbers are low.

Malone asked for confirmation of the idea that at least through February, residents must remain vigilant to keep cases low. Is the positivity rate a key number to maintaining low case numbers? Holland replied that BC looks at hospitalizations, case numbers, and outbreaks, as well as positivity rate. When BC makes the shift to COVID-19 being endemic, this means there is some acceptable level of disease, like tuberculosis, which still causes deaths and illness in many parts of the world. There can be epidemics in the middle of endemics; it is possible to have a low level overall, but in a spike, it might be beneficial to return to mask usage. It is essential that BC learn from earlier lessons by looking at other areas of the world.

Wyse asked Holland to repeat the percentage of residents with booster vaccines in BC; Holland indicated it was 46.2%.

4.2 *Update on the Justice System Improvement Program (JSIP) – Nick Kurth, JSIP Program Manager

Kurth noted it can no longer be business as usual; BC is behind schedule on the timeline (Exhibit 3). The implications will be heard today. BC made important decisions, including site selection of the north site near Hewlett Packard (HP), in compliance with the timeline. The Lumen Letter of Intent (LOI) hoped to wrap up in January, but BC will have an LOI back to them. Regarding the new courthouse funding agreement, there is an upcoming meeting with Crager to meet with David Moon and Phil Lemmon; the timeline is somewhat behind schedule but there are no major impacts. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Marketing Strategist was issued; there is a session on Friday and interviews in two weeks. BC is not making progress on communications resources, a JSIP communications person, or the Public Information Officer. There is no point in having a strategist without those positions filled, or BC will have to change the RFP. The decision on crisis center (CRC) construction has not been made yet; the previously outlined timeline to Representative Rayfield for opening on April 2023 will likely not be occurring. Counsel is reviewing a construction manager RFP that is being issued next week, and the county is mostly on time. That firm will help BC get the design RFP issued; BC needs to determine the scope of construction for the construction manager RFP. In March, Kurth hopes to have a Marketing Strategist on board. There are several companies attending the information session; if all are on board by late March, it will only be a month late. A communications coordinator needs to be hired and up to speed by late March; BC will thus be polling in late April or early May. This impacts the second round of public engagement, pushing the second public engagement into summer 2022, similar to summer 2021. Polling results will not be available until late May at best if BC sticks to this timeline. A year from now, the entire preparation process will be done, and BC will have completed all preparatory tasks. BC needs to share that message more broadly across the organization.

Malone agrees with the sense of urgency; word needs to get out to key staff and key community members about the timetable.

Kurth talked about the upcoming bond measure. If the measure fails, BC loses significantly. This measure has much more significance than past failed measures. BC will own an expensive site in the North, the new courthouse (NCH) will be there, but BC is unable to sell “North” anymore. The District Attorney (DA) will remain in the historic courthouse (HCH) unless BC finds \$16m. BC will still have the aging jail downtown; transporting to Norcor (Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facilities), Polk County, and the North site, which will impact operational costs. BC will have spent \$20m on the NCH that BC is comfortable borrowing.

Malone stated maybe it is a positive there is a lot at stake, BC has a year to get the public's attention. This is not just a BC government project; BC needs the active support of the Sheriff's Office, the DA, and community leaders. BC's job in the near- and medium term is to convey this is a group effort; all stakeholders are in this together and need to be united to move forward. BC has a great package; good community support is needed. Malone re-stated the sense of urgency.

Wyse commented that Kurth's earlier statement 'BC cannot afford to lose' is absolutely true; but she prefers "BC cannot afford to proceed with what the community does not support." This project is for the community and approved by the community; BC needs to message this and get all the public feedback possible. The foundation is good, data-driven best practices, but the Board needs to be sure BC gets the message out; educating the public and making sure BC listens to what the public wants, which is a commitment Wyse will see through.

Wynn had questions about JSIP and noted confusion about how the schedule works. If JSIP funding rests on having a bond measure; it sounds like the County budget will be in trouble if it does not pass, but that depends on public support. Wynn asked about the process to determine the level of community support the measure would have, as well as when the research on community support happened, and what it entailed.

Kerby recommended Kurth have a 1:1 conversation with Wynn to ensure all the information is provided.

Augerot excused herself from the meeting.

Wyse requested other public comment. None was offered.

{Exhibit 1: JSIP Preliminary Site Selection Presentation 01182022} Exhibit 2: JSIP "We Lose Big" Slide} {Exhibit 3: JSIP Timeline 220201}

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MOTION: Malone moved to approve the Consent Calendar of February 1, 2022. Wyse seconded the motion, which **passed 2-0.**

VI. Proclamation

6.1 In the Matter of Proclaiming February 2022 as Black History Month and Black Futures Month in Benton County – JoeHahn, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator

Hahn read the proclamation aloud, which had the theme "Black Health and Wellness" due to African Americans' history of experiencing racial bias and discrimination from the medical

community. The Proclamation also honored Gertrude “Trudy” Woods Rice, one of the first Black women in Oregon to become a registered nurse.

MOTION: Malone moved to proclaim February 2022 as Black History Month and Black Futures Month in Benton County. Wyse seconded the motion, which **passed 2-0.**

VII. Old Business

7.1 Discussion and Decision Approving an Amendment to the Small Business and Microenterprise Grant Extending the Date and Eligible Use – Rick Crager, Chief Financial Officer

Crager requested an extension of the current contract with Business Oregon for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Board approved the contract about a year ago; it was allocated due to the pandemic as emergency funds, targeting low and moderate income businesses and micro-enterprises to help recover from the pandemic. It was given to the County for non-entitlement areas, and funds had to be used within one year. BC partnered with Community Lending (CL) to administer these pass-through funds; BC met with CL and understood the outcome was met, but BC had not used the entire \$150k (incorrect in packet). CDBG rules state if after 12 months BC has not spent the funds, BC will have an option to extend to April 1, 2022 and open funds to the entitlement areas of BC. The intent is to create a broader opportunity, still with a priority for non-entitlement uses. The Business Office (BO) has improved and submitted a contract amendment that would extend through April 22, 2022. Crager noted the BO has not determined the exact balance that has been expended; will follow up with Porsche and the Board.

Malone asked if a contract extension will make this work smoothly, as the end date is only two months away.

Crager replied that BC received tentative agreement early on from the BO, but BC has been holding off on final commitments until the Board acts. CL has been working to expand but is still waiting for a signed agreement.

MOTION: Malone moved to approve amending the current intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Business Oregon for a \$150K small business and micro-enterprise grant to extend the use to April 1, 2022 and expand the eligible use to all areas of BC. Wyse seconded the motion, which **passed 2-0.**

VIII. Other

The Board expressed support of Oregon House Bill HB 4123.

Wyse noted this bill is going to the Legislature requesting \$8m for eight pilot projects for homelessness at \$1m per project. Corvallis Councilor Gabe Shepard contacted Commissioner Wyse; the City is asking the Board to sign a joint letter of support. Staff made changes to the letter. The City is looking for broad support, as it directly benefits this pilot partnership between BC and the City of Corvallis; the city is also looking for BC Commissioners’ approval to sign on to any letters of support for the hearings for the bill. Wyse attended the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) meeting, and a letter of support will likely be forthcoming from that organization.

Malone noted interest in this topic; had seen the Bend and Deschutes County letters and is pleased that BC and the City of Corvallis are included.

MOTION: Malone moved for BC to support HB 2143 and sign letters of support including the AOC letter and City of Corvallis letter. Wyse seconded the motion, which **passed 2-0.**

Wyse asked whether Commissioners Malone and Augerot plan to attend the NACo conference in Washington, DC. Malone noted limiting travel and attendance in February due to COVID-19 case numbers, though Malone will try to attend virtually. Augerot will not attend. Wyse noted virtual attendance.

Chair Wyse recessed the meeting at 10:06 AM

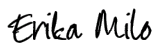
Chair Wyse reconvened the meeting at 10:16 AM and immediately entered Executive Session under ORS 192.660[2][e] – Real Estate.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Wyse exited executive session at 10:56 AM and immediately adjourned the regular Board Meeting.

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Amanda Makepeace, Preparer

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

BOC Agenda Checklist Master

Agenda Placement and Contacts

Suggested Agenda Date 02/01/22

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Suggested Placement * BOC Tuesday Meeting

Department * Board of Commissioners

Contact Name * Nick Kurth

Phone Extension * 6076

Meeting Attendee Name * Nick Kurth

Agenda Item Details



Item Title * Justice System Improvement Program Update

Item Involves * Check all that apply

- ☐ Appointments
- ☐ Budget
- ☐ Contract/Agreement
- ☐ Discussion and Action
- ☒ Discussion Only
- ☐ Document Recording
- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Notice of Intent
- ☐ Order/Resolution
- ☐ Ordinance/Public Hearing 1st Reading
- ☐ Ordinance/Public Hearing 2nd Reading
- ☐ Proclamation
- ☐ Project/Committee Update
- ☐ Public Comment
- ☐ Special Report
- ☐ Other

Estimated Time * 30 minutes

Board/Committee Involvement *
☐ Yes
☒ No

Issues and Fiscal Impact	
Item Issues and Description	
Identified Salient Issues*	Update with planning/milestones for JSIP
Options*	NA
Fiscal Impact*	☐ Yes ☒ No

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

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](#).

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 *

JSIP Vision: The residents of Benton County require an effective, efficient and equitable criminal justice system that maintains public safety and holds people accountable, while providing treatment opportunities that address underlying causes of criminal behavior.

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 *

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Recommendations and Motions

Item Recommendations and Motions

Staff None
Recommendations*

Meeting Motions* I move to ...
NA

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

Department Approver TERESA FARLEY

Department Approval

Comments

Signature

Teresa Foley

BOC Initial Approval

Approvals Required ☐ Counsel

☐ Finance

☐ HR

County TERESA FARLEY

Administrator

Approver

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Teresa Foley

Building a Justice System for the Future

Board of Commissioner Meeting
January 18, 2022

Justice System Improvement Program
Nick Kurth, Manager



Key JSIP Milestones

- November 30 – South site removed from current consideration
- December 7/14 – County advances new courthouse project; favors co-location of DA with new courthouse
- January 4 – County favors new courthouse on campus location
- January 18 – Preliminary site decision West or North
- January 21 – Final site decision West or North

Site selection: *Critical Predesign Phase deliverable*



1. Mapped areas in or near the Corvallis Urban Growth Boundary



2. Weighed 40+ possible sites using 32 factors



3. Narrowed to 10 properties –
5 downtown, 5 suburban



4. County/broker approached property owners



5. Narrowed sites to 4 properties –
1 downtown, 3 suburban



6. Joint City/County staff task force conducts due diligence



7. Commissioners approved negotiating team



8. Tested 6 site specific conceptual designs with the community

Site Decision Implications

- Binary outcome – a decision to purchase either North or West knocks the other from contention
- If West Site, then next step is executing a PSA
- If North Site, then must consider condemnation as an option
- If neither site, then could reconsider South Site (if still available) or re-commence site selection

Condemnation / Eminent Domain

- Acquire some or all of the 28 acres zoned GI for public use
- A multi-step process including:
 - condemnation appraisals
 - last-best offer
 - court filing
 - judge determination of legal merits of the taking
 - jury decision on how much just compensation should be paid by the county
- Option to take possession of property during pendency of condemnation if county deposits amount of last best offer with court
- The entire process could take up to 18 months
- Will necessitate hiring a lawyer with condemnation experience

Public Engagement Concerns/Comments on West Site for JSIP Facilities

- Proximity to neighborhood
- Safety related to release of adults in custody in the area
- Impact on property values
- Impact on site functionality with 53rd Street flooding
- Impact on transportation infrastructure
- Environmental impacts/challenges – inherent and to surroundings

Public Engagement Concerns/Comments on North Site for JSIP Facilities

- Impact of Willamette River Greenway requirements on development
- Anecdotal public support in general for site

Note: North site public engagement was limited to one recent focus group, following broad public engagement

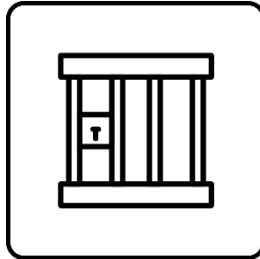
Ranking of Proposed Sites

		West				North			
	Total Acreage (approximate)	35				20			
	Percent Wetlands	47%				0%			
	Acquisition Cost	\$1,500,000				\$5,662,800			
	Acquisition Cost per Acre	\$42,857				\$283,140			
	Development Cost (JSIP Facilities Only, incl. wetland mitigation and contingency)	\$450,000				\$1,000,000			
	Development Cost per Acre	\$12,857				\$50,000			
	Acquisition & Development Cost per Acre	\$55,714				\$333,140			
150%	Partition/Annexation Likely (No=1, Yes=0)	No		1	1.5	Yes		0	0
	Access with Flood Event (Good=1, Challenging=0)	Good				Good			
150%				1	1.5			1	1.5
150%	Potential for Future Expansion other than JSIP (Minimal=0, Moderate=1, Extensive=2)	Minimal		0	0	Moderate		1	1.5
150%	Sheriff's Response Access (Good=0, Better=1)	Better		1	1.5	Good		0	0
	Adjacent to existing residential: No = +1, One side = 0, Two sides = -1)	One Side				No			
150%				0	0			1	1.5
100%	Adjacent to Multi-Model Paths (Yes=1, No=0)	Yes		1	1	No		0	0
100%	Travel Time to City Hall (Good = 0, Better = 1)	Good		0	0	Better		1	1
100%	Node / Anchor tenant potential (Yes=1, No=0)	No		0	0	Yes		1	1
		Unweighted Score		4			Unweighted Score	5	
		Weighted Score			5.5		Weighted Score		6.5

Proposed locations for the facility concepts

Concepts may include the following facilities

Crisis Center



Correctional Facility

County Courthouse



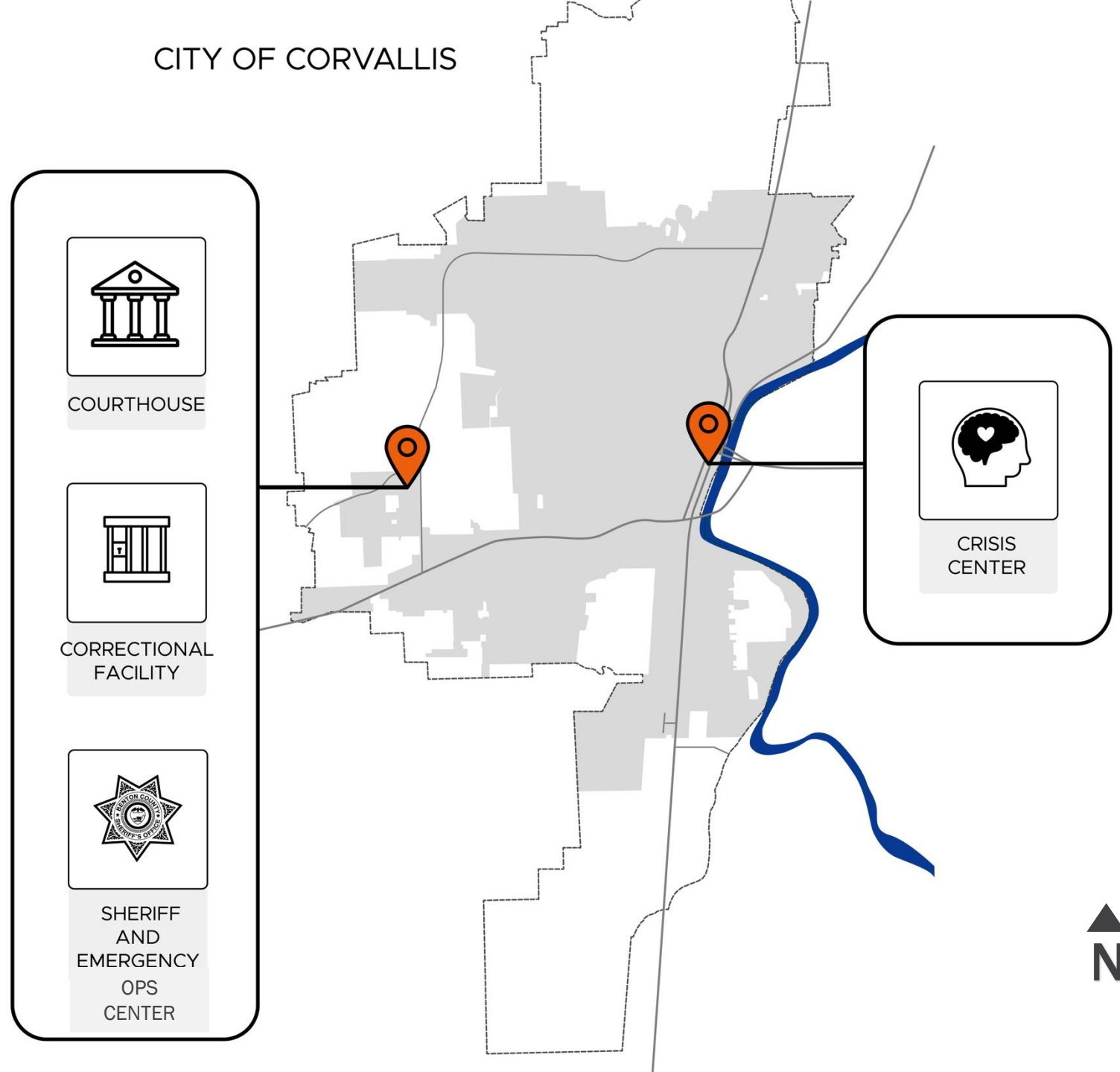
Sheriff & Emergency Operations



CONCEPT 1

West Campus

CITY OF CORVALLIS



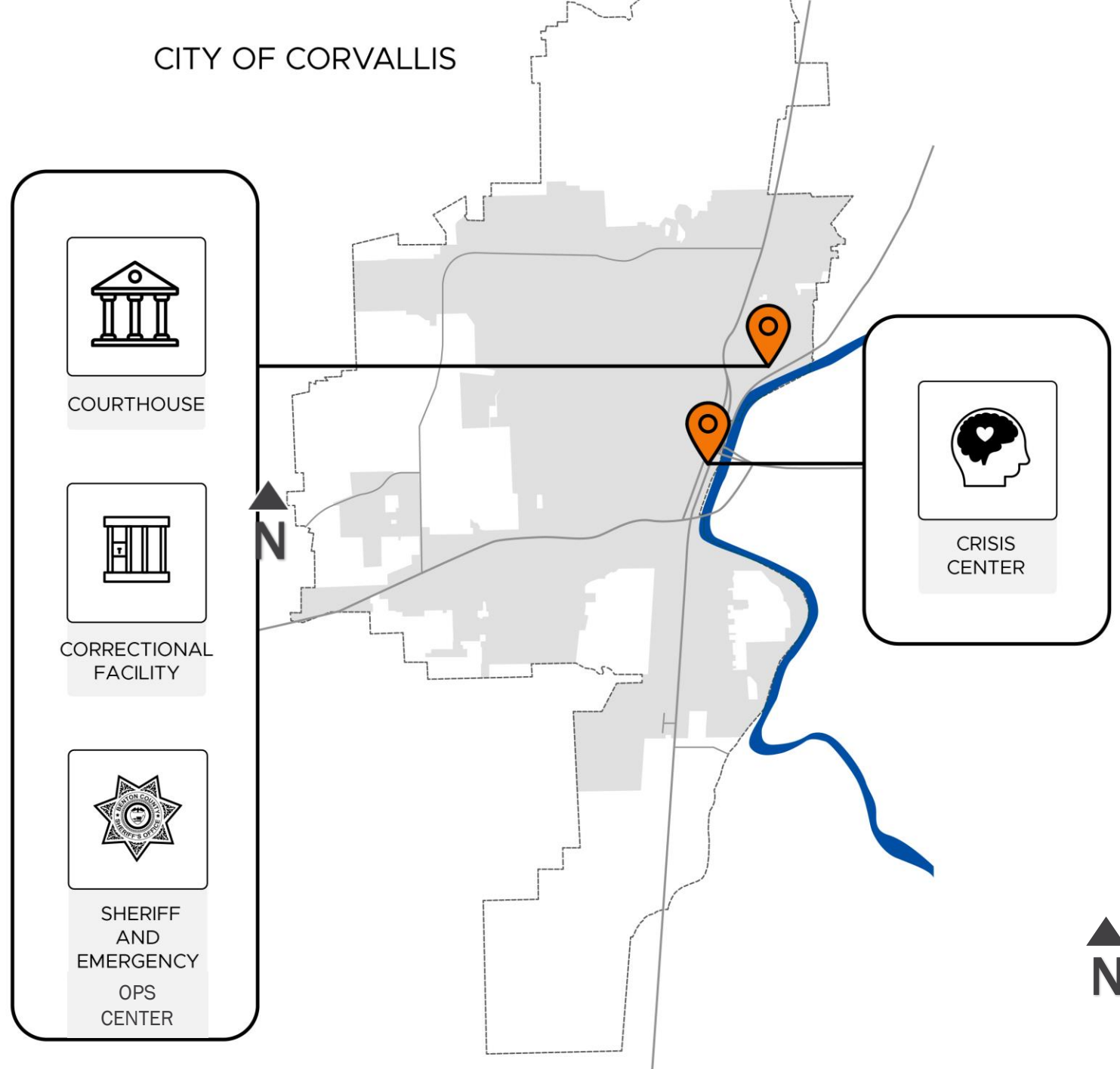
Concept 1: West Campus (test fit)



CONCEPT 2

North Campus

CITY OF CORVALLIS



Concept 2: *North Campus (test fit)*

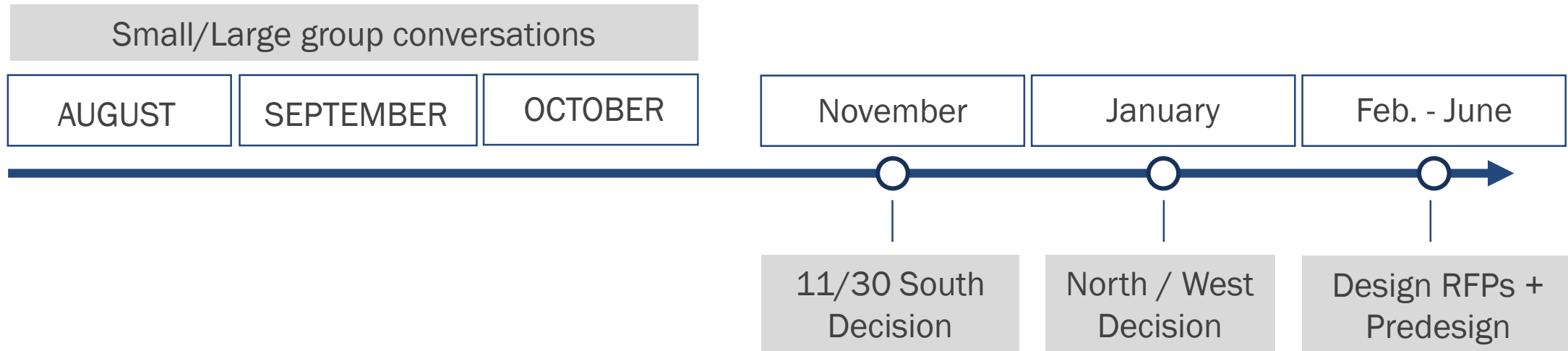


Summary Points

- Both West and North ranked well against selection criteria
- Public opposition to West site
- North site better suited for integrated justice system campus
- After 7 months of negotiations, parties far apart on North LOI
- North 5X nominal cost of West; 2.5X per useable acre
- 30-40% of West or North acquisition cost used for courthouse match

Next steps

Align on site to reach a final conceptual design in 2022



From there:

- Second round of public engagement summer 2022
- Final funding plan and design renderings fall 2022
- Bond Measure in May 2023

Questions or comments?

Learn more at: co.benton.or.us/justice

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Benton County

If County Loses – WE LOSE BIG!

- Own expensive north site
- New courthouse on north site
- DA remains in historic Courthouse
- Aging jail downtown, transporting AICs to NORCOR, Linn, and north site
- Financially leveraged – additional borrowing challenging
- Additional bonds and levies coming from municipalities/districts
- Millions spent on Assessment and Predesign

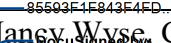
JSIP Program Timeline 2022/23

January 2022	✓ Suburban Site Decision ✓ Marketing Strategist RFP Issued ✓ Courthouse site decision Finalize Lumen LOI (February) New courthouse funding agreement (February)
February 2022	Decision on Crisis Center construction Decision on EOC location Decision on Construction Manager scope of work Construction Manager RFP Issued North site acquisition
March 2022	Marketing Strategist On Board (late March) Communication Coordinator Hired (March)
April 2022	Polling (late April/early May) Construction Manager on Board (early April) Architectural Design Consultant RFP Issued (late April)
May 2022	Polling Results (late May)
June 2022	Architectural Design Consultant on Board (late June) Public Engagement #2 begins
July 2022	Public Engagement #2 ends Bond Measure Elements/Cost and Funding Strategy Determined
August 2022	Vacation
September – December 2022	DLR Group Final Costing / Renderings Public Engagement #3 PAC Formation
February – March 2023	Safe Harbor, Bond Measure Filings
April 2023	Crisis Center Grand Opening
May 2023	Bond Measure

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Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner

**BENTON COUNTY
DISPOSAL SITE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(DSAC)**

POSITION	NAME/ADDRESS	<u>TERM PERIOD</u>	<u>TERM SERVING</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>
1	Fred Penning	Begin: 01/01/21 Expire: 12/31/23	1 st Term	12/22/20
2	Deborah Gile	Begin: 01/01/22 Expire: 12/31/24	1 st Term	07/16/19 Reappt'd 12/21/21
3	Ken Eklund	Begin: 01/01/22 Expire: 12/31/24	1 st Term	12/21/21
4	John McEvoy	Begin: 01/01/20 Expire: 12/31/22	Partial Term	10/20/20
5	Linda Brewer	Begin: 01/01/21 Expire: 12/31/23	1 st Term	12/22/20
6	Marge Popp	Begin: 01/01/21 Expire: 12/31/23	Partial Term	02/01/22
7	Joel Geier	Begin: 01/01/21 Expire: 12/31/23	Partial Term	02/01/22
8	VACANT	Begin: 01/01/20 Expire: 12/31/22		
9	VACANT	Begin: 01/01/12 Expire: 12/31/14		
10	VACANT	Begin: 01/01/09 Expire: 12/31/11		
11 Designated Permittee: Republic Services (Coffin Butte Landfill)	Ian McNab	Begin: 01/01/18 Expire: 12/31/19	Partial Term	03/01/16 01/15/19 reappt'd

STAFF: Daniel Redick, Community Development, 541-766-6014

RECORDER: Linda Ray, 541-766-0250 **(Contact)**

MEMBERS: 10 members, Benton County residents; 1 Designated Permittee (2 year term)

TERM LIMIT: 3 yrs same as SWAC; No span designated except for employee of permittee-2 years, January 1-December 31

MEETINGS: Meets every 4th Wednesday, 6:30 pm;
Benton County Sunset Building, Mary's Peak Meeting Room (2nd floor)

Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner

**BENTON COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL
(SWAC)**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM PERIOD</u>	<u>TERM SERVING</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>
1	Fred Penning	Begin: 01/01/21 Expire: 12/31/23	1 st Term	12/22/20
2	Deborah Gile	Begin: 01/01/22 Expire: 12/31/24	1 st Term	07/16/19 12/21/21 reappt'd
3	Ken Eklund	Begin: 01/01/22 Expire: 12/31/24	1 st Term	12/21/21
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7	Joel Geier	Begin: 01/01/21 Expire: 12/31/23	Partial Term	02/01/22
8	VACANT	Begin: 01/01/20 Expire: 12/31/22	1 st Term	02/04/20
9	VACANT	Begin: Expire: Term to expire same year as position 1		
10	VACANT	Begin: Expire: Term to expire same year as position 2		
11 Designated Permittee: Republic Services (Coffin Butte Landfill)	Ian McNab	Begin: 01/01/18 Expire: 12/31/19	Partial Term	03/01/16 01/15/19 reappt'd
STAFF:	Daniel Redick, Community Development: 541-766-6018			
RECORDER:	Linda Ray, 541-766-0250 (Contact)			
TERM LIMIT:	3 years: January 1 to December 31			
MEMBERS:	10 members, Benton County residents; 1 Designated Permittee (2 year term)			
MEETS:	Meets every 4 th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunset Building, Mary's Peak Mtg Rm (2 nd floor)			

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

**In the Matter of Appointment to the)
CORVALLIS-BENTON COUNTY)
LIBRARY BOARD)** **ORDER #D2022-027**

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER COMING NOW FOR THE CONSIDERATION
OF THE BOARD AND,

IT APPEARING TO THE BOARD

THAT the following qualified and knowledgeable individual has indicated a willingness
to serve on this board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointed & Position</u>
Christopher McMorran	Appointed: 02/01/22
	Expires: 06/30/24
	Position: 2

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above individual is hereby
appointed to the Corvallis-Benton County Library Board.

Adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

Signed this 1st day of February, 2022.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Nancy Wyse, Chair

Pat Malone, Commissioner

Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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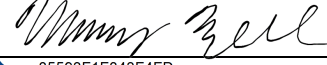
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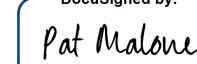
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CORVALLIS-BENTON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
(CBCLB)

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM PERIOD</u>	<u>TERM SERVING</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>
<u>POSITIONS APPOINTED BY COUNTY</u>				
1	Debbie Mourey	Begin: 07/01/19 Expire: 06/30/22	1 st Term	07/16/19
2	Christopher McMorran	Begin: 07/01/21 Expire: 06/30/24	Partial Term	02/01/22
3	Gabriel Ledger	Begin: 07/01/20 Expire: 06/30/23	Partial Term	10/05/21
4	David Low	Begin: 07/01/21 Expire: 06/30/24	2 nd Term	07/03/18 07/06/21 reappt'd
5	Cheryl Maze	Begin: 07/01/19 Expire: 06/30/22	3 rd Term	08/06/13 07/05/16 reappt'd 07/16/19 reappt'd
Student	Cleo Sandler	Begin: 07/01/21 Expire: 06/30/23	Partial Term	10/05/21

POSITIONS APPOINTED BY CITY

1	Russa Kittredge	Expire: 06/30/23
2	Karen Clevering	Expire: 06/30/24
3	Loretta Rielly	Expire: 06/30/22
4	Jacque Schreck	Expire: 06/30/24
5	VACANT	Expire: 06/30/23

City Council
liaison:

Charlyn Ellis

Benton County
liaison:

Nancy Wyse, Commissioner

STAFF: Ashlee Chavez; Library Director, 541-766-6910
CONTACT: Stephanie Conn - 541-766-6928
TERM LIMIT: 3 years, July 1 - June 30; Students have a two-year term
MEMBERS: 10 members, 5 each appointed by Corvallis Mayor and Board of Commissioners.
MEETS: 1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Library Board Room

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

**In the Matter of Appointments to the) ORDER #D2022-030
NATURAL AREAS and PARKS)
ADVISORY BOARD)**

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER COMING NOW FOR THE CONSIDERATION
OF THE BOARD AND,

IT APPEARING TO THE BOARD

THAT the following qualified and knowledgeable individual have indicated a willingness
to serve on this board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointed & Position</u>
Carol Walsh	Appointed: 02/01/22 Expires: 06/30/24 Position: 1
Phillip Hays	Appointed: 02/01/22 Expires: 06/30/24 Position: 9

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above individuals are hereby
appointed to the Natural Areas and Parks Advisory Board.

Adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

Signed this 1st day of February, 2022.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Nancy Wyse, Chair

Pat Malone, Commissioner

Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

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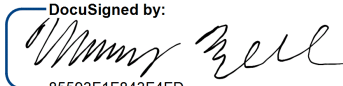
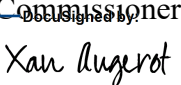
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**BENTON COUNTY
NATURAL AREAS AND PARKS ADVISORY BOARD
(NAPB)**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM PERIOD</u>	<u>TERM SERVING</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>
1	Carol Walsh	Begin: 07/01/20 Expire: 06/30/24	Partial Term	02/01/22
2	Mary Derr	Begin: 07/01/20 Expire: 06/30/24	Partial Term	01/19/21
3	VACANT	Begin: 07/01/18 Expire: 06/30/22	1 st Term	07/03/18
4	Elizabeth Spatafora	Begin: 07/01/18 Expire: 06/30/22	Partial Term	07/06/21
5	Jackie Hastings	Begin: 07/01/18 Expire: 06/30/22	1 st Term	07/03/18
6	David Smith	Begin: 07/01/18 Expire: 06/30/22	1 st Term	07/03/18
7	Dan Rosenberg	Begin: 07/01/19 Expire: 06/30/23	2 nd Term	09/06/16 07/16/19
8	Bob Hansen	Begin: 07/01/19 Expire: 06/30/23	Partial Term	01/19/21
9	Phillip Hays	Begin: 07/01/20 Expire: 06/30/24	Partial Term	02/01/22
Student	VACANT	Begin: 07/01/15 Expire: 06/30/17	1 st Term	02/02/16

STAFF: Lynne McKee 541-766-6090; Jesse Ott 541-766-6002

RECORDER: **Contact— Leanna Steinke**, Parks 541-766-6025

TERM LIMIT: ~~3 years~~, 4 years (as of 12/20/20) July 1 – June 30

MEMBERS: 9 members

MEETINGS: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 6:00 pm, Avery Complex, Large Conference Room

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

**In the Matter of Appointments to the)
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE)**

ORDER #D2022-026

THE ABOVE ENTITLED MATTER COMING NOW FOR THE CONSIDERATION
OF THE BOARD AND,

IT APPEARING TO THE BOARD

WHEREAS, Positions 3 and 4 were to be appointed on November 16, 2021 with terms
beginning July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024 is hereby retroactive.

THAT the following qualified and knowledgeable individuals have indicated a
willingness to serve on this committee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointed & Position</u>
Robin de La Mora	Appointed: 11/16/21 Expires: 06/30/24 Position: 3
Nathan Mart	Appointed: 11/16/21 Expires: 06/30/24 Position: 4

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above individuals are hereby
appointed to the Special Transportation Advisory Committee.

Adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

Signed this 1st day of February, 2022.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Nancy Wyse, Chair

Pat Malone, Commissioner

Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

**In the Matter of Appointments to the)
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE)**

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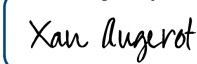
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**BENTON COUNTY
SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(STAC)**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM PERIOD</u>	<u>TERM SERVING</u>	<u>DATE APPOINTED</u>
1 Provider of Transportation Services (Dial A Bus)	Steven Harder	Begin: 07/01/19 Expire:06/30/22	3 rd Term	05/01/12 08/06/13 reappt'd 07/05/16 reappt'd 07/16/19 reappt'd
2 User of Elderly & Disabled Transportation Services (Hewlett Packard)	Axel Deininger	Begin: 07/01/19 Expire:06/30/22	3 rd Term	08/06/13 07/05/16 reappt'd 07/16/19 reappt'd
3 Representative of Transportation Users	Robin de La Mora	Begin: 07/01/21 Expire:06/30/24	Partial Term	11/16/21
4 Representative of Transportation Users	Nathan Mart	Begin: 07/01/21 Expire:06/30/24	Partial Term	11/16/21
5 User of Elderly & Disabled Transportation Services	Steven Black	Begin: 07/01/19 Expire:06/30/22	4 th Term	01/05/10 08/06/13 reappt'd 07/05/16 reappt'd 07/16/19 reappt'd
6 Provider of Transportation Services (Corvallis Transportation Services)	Timothy Bates	Begin: 07/01/19 Expire:06/30/22	4 th Term	10/30/07 08/06/13 reappt'd 07/05/16 reappt'd 07/16/19 reappt'd
7 User of Elderly	VACANT	Begin: 07/01/18 Expire:06/30/21	1 st Term	09/06/16 07/03/18 reappt'd
8 Representative of Transportation Services Chair	VACANT	Begin: 07/01/18 Expire:06/30/21	4 th Term	08/25/09 07/03/12 reappt'd 06/16/15 reappt'd 07/03/18 reappt'd
9 Representative of User and Provider of Transportation Services (Grace Center)	VACANT	Begin: 07/01/19 Expire:06/30/22	2 nd Term	12/15/15 07/05/16 reappt'd 07/16/19 reappt'd
Ex-Officio	Jasper Smith Benton County Health Dept.			

COUNTY STAFF:

Gary Stockhoff, County Public Works – 541-766-6010
c: Debie Wyne, 541-757-6821, x6009 County Public Works

CITY STAFF:

Lisa Scherf, Transportation Services Manager, 541-754-1759
Corvallis Public Works; lisa.scherf@corvallisoregon.gov
Brad Dillingham, Special Transp. Coord., 541-754-1748;
Corvallis Public Works; brad.dillingham@corvallisoregon.gov
Tiffany Plemmons, 541-766-6729;
tiffany.plemmons@corvallisoregon.gov

TERM LIMIT:

Three years - 2 successive terms if appointed by the Board,
July 1 – June 30

MEMBERS:

Total of **9** members: up to **3** non-county employee members who provide transportation services for residents of the County or are employees of organizations who provide transportation services for residents of the County; and up to **6** county-resident/non-county employee members who shall be either system users, system user representatives, representatives of elderly or disabled individuals, or persons who are elderly or disabled residing in an area where there are no transportation providers (consideration should be given to including at least one disabled user and at least one elderly user).

MEETS:

As needed. 1:30-3:00 pm, Benton County Sunset Building,
4077 SW Research Way, Corvallis.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GoToMeeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/444294909>
Livestream: <http://facebook.com/BentonCoGov>
Tuesday, October 5, 2021
9:00 a.m.

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

Staff: **Jenn Ambuehl**, **Rick Cramer**, **Mary Otley**, Finance; **Justin Carley**, **Dawn Dale**, **Abraham Griswold**, **Bryan Lee**, **Greg Ridler**, **Jef Van Arsdall**, Sheriff's Office; **Bill Emminger**, Environmental Health; **Teresa Farley**, BOC Staff; **April Holland**, Health; **Nick Kurth**, JSIP Coordinator; **Tracy Martineau**, **Tammy Webb**, Human Resources; **Erika Milo**, BOC Recorder; **Alyssa Rash**, Public Information Officer

Guests: **Jennifer Butler**, First Congregational United Church of Christ; **Shawn Collins**, Unity Shelter; **Mitch Hein**, DLR Group; **Andrea Myhre**, Corvallis Housing First

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

I. Opening:
A. Introductions
B. Announcements

Augerot acknowledged that Benton County is on lands that historically belonged to the Kalapuya and Alsea peoples, who are still present in the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians. Residents seek to honor that vision about balance with natural limits and ecosystems.

II. Comments from the Public

Jennifer Butler, First Congregational Church of Christ: Butler referred to a recent camp clearing in the City of Corvallis where many COVID-19 cases were discovered. Campers' safety and well-being has been compromised by a system that failed to support them. Butler stated that Corvallis is not supporting the isolation needs of the unhoused, and expressed concern about the level of support Benton County Public Health and partners can provide with current resources. As with an outbreak at a school or assisted living facility, a camp needs support with routine testing, food, hygiene, and sanitation. The County needs to encourage more effective communication and collaboration.

III. Review and Approve Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda under VIII. Other:

8.1 Discussion on Employee Recognition, Health and Wellness
Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Estate and ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Labor Negotiations

IV. Work Session

4.1 Update from Department Operations Center (DOC) – April Holland, Health Services

Holland shared that Benton County COVID-19 cases are still very high, with 183 cases recorded last week and an average of 181 for each of the last four weeks. Decreases are expected, but the Delta variant and increased indoor activities (especially schooling) are challenging. Case numbers may not reach low levels until 2022. Benton County had 89 cases in June 2020, 220 cases in July 2021, 658 cases in August 2021, and 750 cases in September 2021. Seven-day case rate averages remain very high at 193. The 14-day case average is 397 (double the old threshold for extreme risk category). Testing positivity rate decreased from 7% to 3.1%, among the lowest in the state, largely due to Oregon State University (OSU) student move-in testing. High testing volume helps detect cases and ensure isolation or quarantining.

In the past month in Benton County, children ages 12-17 comprised 6.6% of cases and 6% of the population. Children ages 6-11 comprised 6.8% of cases and 5% of the population. People ages 30-49 comprised 27% of cases and 22% of the population. People age 70 and up have the highest vaccination rates and low relative case rates. There are many local outbreaks, mainly in Kindergarten-12th grade schools, involving several classrooms and sports activities. OSU has good vaccination rates and tested about 2,000 campus residents, initially finding only 13 cases.

COVID-19 hospitalization rates at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center (GS) remain high, with 22 patients last week and a seven-day average of 23 daily, down from 28 a few weeks ago. In Hospital Region Two (Benton, Yamhill, Polk, Lincoln, Linn, and Marion Counties; about 800,000 people), 5 out of 170 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds are available. Sixteen out of 647 non-ICU beds are available. It is important to avoid risky behaviors and continue COVID-19 precautions. Nationally, there are about 2,000 COVID-19 related deaths per day, for a total of over 700,000 deaths. Benton County had 5 more COVID-19 deaths in September 2021, for a total of 30. September 2021 County death reports were higher than at any other point, though actual dates of death were spread over a wider timeframe than at the beginning of the pandemic.

On September 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) recommended that people age 65 and up who live in long-term care facilities (LTCFs) should get a vaccine booster six months after the second Pfizer dose. People ages 50-64 with underlying conditions should also get a booster. Others who may get boosters are people ages 18-49 with underlying conditions and people ages 18-64 who may be at increased risk due to occupational or institutional settings, such as teachers and healthcare workers.

Benton County Health staff have estimated vaccine and booster need once all children are approved for vaccination and boosters are available for all three brands. However, this depends on how many people will want a booster. GS planned to help run a mass vaccination event at the Linn County Fairgrounds, but the site was unavailable. Health staff and Samaritan Health Services (SHS) are working on a vaccination plan. OSU stated that a campus site was not feasible due to space and parking concerns. Medium-sized clinics are needed to fill the temporary supply/demand gap.

The demand for Pfizer boosters is very different from the start of vaccination. SHS provided boosters to its largely Pfizer-vaccinated staff via internal clinics. Health staff have partnered with pharmacies to provide boosters to LTCFs. Pharmacies, providers, and SamCare Express sites continue to vaccinate and are operating within capacity. The new model aims to fill upcoming gaps, while meeting DOC goals of outreach to underserved groups and reducing disparities in

vaccine uptake. Staff are working with partners including SamCare Mobile, OHA mobile, and County equipment on a rotating schedule of clinics to include schools and a community location.

The County provided 347 doses at five school vaccination clinics last week. The OHA mobile unit was not approved to give boosters until September 29, 2021, so Cindy D'Angiolillo (Health) provided boosters until then. The County gave food boxes and \$100 gift cards to vaccine recipients. A drive-through clinic for County staff and dependents will be held October 8, 2021. On October 9, 2021, the County will provide vaccines to all, including unhoused community members, at the Street Dogs and Cats Fair hosted by OSU Veterinary School. From October 18-22, 2021, the County will offer 6 clinics at these high schools: Philomath, Monroe, Alsea, Crescent Valley, Corvallis, and College Hill. Lincoln Health Center will sponsor clinics at Garfield and Lincoln Elementary Schools in November and December 2021. Schools and community centers are safe places and will work well when young children become vaccine-eligible. The DOC does not currently need an EOC to coordinate boosters; staff will provide two-week notice if this becomes necessary.

A new antiviral drug from Merck, molnupiravir, blocks the COVID-19 virus from replicating, reducing hospitalization and death risk by 50%. Merck will apply for an Emergency Use Authorization. The DOC redistributed a CDC health alert urging pregnant women to seek vaccination due to an increased risk of severe illness, death, and pregnancy complications from COVID-19. The CDC and Food and Drug Administration will meet regarding boosters and vaccine approval for children ages 5-11 on October 26, 2021. Staff are encouraging Benton County providers (such as pharmacies and pediatric or family practitioners) to make a plan, host a clinic, go through patient rolls, and order Pfizer vaccine through the Pfizer hub.

Augerot asked about capacity for quarantine and isolation among people who are unhoused.

Holland replied this remains a challenge. COVID-19 affects all populations including the unhoused. Many hotel and other sheltering contracts were discontinued. Many partners are working to assist, using every available sheltering space, but the County cannot provide an indoor space for everyone at this point.

4.2 Discuss Environmental Health (EH) 2022 Revised Fee Schedule – Bill Emminger, Environmental Health

Emminger proposed the fee schedule for 2022. Any increase will be absorbed by Environmental Health (EH) funding from the General Fund. In 2019, fees were adjusted 3%; there were no fee adjustments in 2020. In 2021, fees were adjusted by 3%; however, staff were only able to perform 50% of inspections due to the pandemic and reallocation of EH resources, so the 2021 adjustment included a 50% credit on licenses. Business owners in food service, the tourist industry, and the pool/ spa industry were very appreciative. Staff limit administrative costs to no more than 15% of direct cost; fees are based on a partial cost model. Other adjustments include a reduced fee for benevolent restaurants and temporary restaurant licenses for benevolent organizations.

Onsite wastewater system repairs are proposed at 50% of full cost recovery to help low-income property owners with failing septic systems. Applications for repair permits increased by a record 144% in 2020. A 50% reduction in mobile home personal and medical hardships for onsite programs is proposed. A few fees changed to align with Department of Environmental Quality annual report evaluations; the small administrative cost does not warrant the County charging a separate fee.

Malone asked if Emminger anticipates a fee increase in 2023.

Emminger answered yes. Historically, fees increase 3-5% annually. Staff are committed to yearly incremental adjustments instead of major increases. The Food Service Advisory Committee felt strongly that fees should stay flat in 2022.

Malone and Augerot expressed approval for modest regular increases to keep up with costs.

Augerot noted that the County is engaged in labor negotiations, so costs will increase.

MOTION: Malone moved to forward this item to the October 19, 2021 meeting for approval. Wyse seconded the motion, which **passed 3-0.**

Augerot welcomed new Benton County Chief Financial Officer Rick Crager.

4.3 *Update and Discussion Regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Allocation Process – Mary Otley, Chief Financial Officer

Otley explained that Exhibit 2 contains questions which need Board input, to be discussed at the November 9, 2021 Goal Setting Meeting. A major question is how much ARPA funding will be available for community-based organizations (CBOs). Exhibit 1 row 9 shows about \$13 million (including reserves) of unallocated ARPA funds and other resources received after the budget was adopted. Column B lists projects and potential costs from the last three months, including a high estimate (\$1 million) for a Crisis Respite Center seismic retrofit. Last week, County Health Clinics received a data warehouse grant of \$615,000 requiring a \$260,000 County match, so Otley moved that item from ARPA to projects. It may be necessary to hire an individual to administrate ARPA funds for the next four years; see row 28. If the County uses non-discretionary ARPA funds for Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs), this could include website redesign, ring topology, data center cooling, and County Service District (CSD) infrastructure. Gary Stockhoff, Public Works, hired consultants to assess CSD infrastructure improvements, mainly needed for Alpine, Alsea, and Hidden Valley. Water and sewer services infrastructure are allowed ARPA funding uses.

Augerot felt comfortable with \$2.493 million for the listed ARPA-eligible projects.

Otley added that Finance is asking departments and CBOs for better project plans and check-ins before distributing funds. Column G shows ARPA funding the County has received and has committed: CIPs, new projects (column H), and allowed projects, which leaves \$8.2 million of \$18 million that is not yet earmarked. Revenue losses in 2021 cannot be calculated till early 2022, but Otley estimates losses at around \$3 million. Discretionary revenue amount must be calculated to determine how much is available for CBOs. Board direction is needed on project prioritization.

Crager commented on the need for Finance to provide oversight and support Federal requirements for ARPA funds; hence some administrative costs were included in Exhibit 1.

Otley requested Board input on how funds are dispersed to CBOs and what reporting is required. Discretionary funds require less accountability than ARPA funds. Before Goal Setting, the Board will be asked to individually rank priorities in a survey. Ambuehl is working on a web-based ranking tool that Departments and outside agencies can use to submit projects.

Augerot agreed that hiring a programs administrator will be important for a strategic and transparent approach, and asked if this person could handle other grants work in at least the next two years of COVID-19 and other infrastructure legislation.

Otley recommended starting the new hire on ARPA funding, then adding elements to create an established grant management program. These funds will cover administration during the first two biennia.

Malone asked how other counties are approaching use of ARPA funds.

Otley replied that some counties recommend waiting until the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (HR 3684) passes, which might fund some of these projects.

Augerot noted there will be a November 2021 Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) conference on ARPA spending. At a district meeting, Augerot learned that Clackamas County has already allocated funding for housing/ homelessness and water-related strategic planning. Benton County is also interested in those areas, but a slow approach is fine.

Crager noted the opportunity to leverage with other counties on shared goals.

Augerot mentioned the Linn-Benton-Lincoln County Broadband Action Team, which should be factored into these decisions. Cascades West Council of Governments may facilitate the work.

Ambuehl demonstrated ClearGov software for the 2021-2022 CIP budget and potentially ARPA funds. Projects can be entered and easily moved to a public transparency page on the County website. The public page shows project overview, budget, expenditures, location, timelines, and funding sources. The public can submit questions or comments to Finance or the project manager. Related graphics can be shared on social media. Outside agencies can apply for ARPA funding after setting up an account with Ambuehl. Staff will create training materials. Ambuehl demonstrated the outside agency process for an ARPA funding request. The Board will be surveyed on the top 3 priorities out of 5-8 choices to be shown on the website. Applicants must describe a project's impact on Board priorities. Department heads can use the site to request CIP funding and add improvements. All 2021-2023 requests have been entered.

Augerot commented that this tool appears to provide internal tracking, project comparison, and project ranking, helping to communicate those priorities internally and externally.

Ambuehl concurred. Departments will be able to rank projects for Finance to evaluate via a scorecard based on the Board survey. Projects in a Board priority ARPA or CIP category will receive higher rankings. Results can be aggregated for recordkeeping.

Wyse asked when a project would be displayed on the County website.

Ambuehl replied that staff have discussed only posting approved projects on the public site.

Wyse praised the tool for ease of use and providing transparency and public access.

Malone felt the tool could alleviate past concerns on CIP ranking and setting priorities.

Augerot suggested adding a way to aggregate scores inside the program, rather than in a spreadsheet. Ambuehl to suggest this feature to ClearGov.

Ambuehl added that staff can create different criteria for ARPA and CIP. The CIP section includes 2040 core values and goals; applicants must pick one core value and one priority.

Augerot suggested creating scorecards that can reflect different funding streams.

Otley mentioned that another question to discuss at Goal Setting is who will review funding requests, potentially a committee.

{Exhibit 1: 2021-2023 Unbudgeted Projects Spreadsheet}
{Exhibit 2: ARPA Funds Allocation Questions Document}

Chair Augerot recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Chair Augerot reconvened the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

4.4 Continued Discussion Regarding Justice System Improvement Program (JSIP) – Nick Kurth, JSIP Project Manager

Kurth explained that the intent is to learn if the Board inclines towards one suburban JSIP site. Kurth hopes to provide some site information at the October 13, 2021 large public meeting, with a final site decision to be made at the October 19, 2021 Board Meeting.

Rash proposed that the October 13, 2021 public meeting provide an overview of the Board's top site criteria, followed by a short statement from each Commissioner about site preference. The Board agreed to this proposal.

Kurth stated the Operations Team will discuss the public meeting today. Kurth shared comments from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Many committee site discussions focused on south and north sites; when the County was not able to secure the north site, discussion shifted to the south and west sites. CAC site discussions were limited by confidentiality. Discussion highlights: emphasis on an adjacent Courthouse (CH) and District Attorney's office (for any site); efficiency of co-locating the CH and Correctional Facility (for any site); concerns from neighborhoods near the west and south sites; public transportation access (both sites are near but not on current routes); existing traffic issues near the west site; Corvallis Police Department's (CPD) interest in a site near downtown Corvallis. The County initially considered a new law enforcement building to accommodate the Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) and CPD, but is now pursuing a new County building and possibly transferring the current building to CPD.

Hein presented an updated version of a chart comparing pros and cons of the west and south sites to produce a scorecard. Some criteria that were the same at both sites or were already counted in development costs (such as wetlands mitigation) were removed. Other criteria were added, such as BCSO access to other parts of the County and access during flood events. Priority criteria (highlighted in green) are weighted in scoring. Regardless of weighting, the west site comes out ahead.

Kurth noted that public engagement has not asked attendees to choose a site, but that would not change the chart results. Both sites have nearby communities, including 297 houses in the Grand

Oaks subdivision near the west site, and 479 houses in the Willamette Landing subdivision near the south site. Both Homeowners' Associations are concerned about a nearby JSIP site.

Wyse asked Kurth to explain the 'node/anchor tenant potential' criterion.

Kurth replied that the south site has high development costs, requiring a sizeable project to justify those costs and provide opportunity for further development. The City has favored the south site, because the County would absorb and create infrastructure that would support larger Corvallis development (extension of SE Kiger Island Drive to SW 53rd Street) and possibility of other commercial businesses on the property). The west site lacks acreage for this use. Also, the City views the SE Kiger Island Drive/Highway 99-W intersection as a gateway to Corvallis, which is not true of SW Reservoir Avenue.

Augerot noted the west site is next to OSU agricultural land, so there is less developable land nearby.

Wyse did not want to make a site decision till public input is complete. However, it is appropriate to share this information with the public to show the basis for Board decisions.

Malone was initially excited about the size of the south site, but development costs substantially impact overall costs. The community near each site would prefer the other site; another public meeting is not likely to provide new information. The County is subject to City and Oregon Department of Transportation requirements, hence the range of costs. The chart is helpful.

Augerot agreed that further public input is unlikely to provide clarifying information. The scoring can be presented neutrally. For immediate need, the west site is better on cost and location (access for BCSO and Emergency Services). From the long-term County and City perspective, the south site may be better, offering a Corvallis development node, especially with the South Corvallis Urban Renewal District, and potential for other public services on the 65-acre parcel. Decisions about other parts of the site include wetlands mitigation and whether to set aside land for parks/conservation. Augerot asked whether passage of the Infrastructure Act would allow the County to buy down south site development costs.

Kurth was unsure. The County has applied for funds for the SW 53rd Street overpass, but south site allocations have not been discussed.

Augerot felt that excluding SW 53rd Street improvements would create an artificial site cost differential.

Kerby noted that a traffic impact analysis for the west site should be complete by mid-October 2021, which could give insight into SW 53rd Street and the Marys Annexation project. The Infrastructure Act could provide assistance for the SW 53rd Street corridor and the south site.

Malone observed that the SW 53rd Street timetable is under County control.

Kurth did not recall long-term strategic value being a major site selection criterion.

Hein shared that JSIP expansion and site use by other departments have been discussed. Both sites can accommodate JSIP expansion, and the south site has additional acreage for other County functions, which is indicated in the scoring.

Augerot noted that the node anchor criterion captures some other long-term factors.

Kurth felt that analyzing infrastructure challenges that predate JSIP, such as SW 53rd Street challenges, had not been formally discussed for the south site.

Augerot noted that the south site has great access because it is on a State highway, but is also more expensive to develop. Augerot asked what pressure the south site would cause on SW Airport Avenue.

Kurth summarized that the Board would like the October 13, 2021 meeting to present the chart and the Board's thoughts, but not endorse a site yet.

Augerot stated that the data indicates a leaning to the west site. Then each Commissioner can provide a perspective. The traffic study in progress should be mentioned.

Kurth believed that SW 53rd Street would not be impacted by JSIP, overshadowed by the Marys Annexation. Long-term strategic growth potential was not a JSIP objective and could be difficult to add at this point.

Augerot indicated that the criteria already include potential expansion for non-JSIP uses. Long-term opportunities should be considered.

Kurth asked if the scoring should be weighted differently.

Kerby asked if the Board needs additional information from staff. November 16, 2021 is the deadline for site decision to avoid jeopardizing the Letters of Intent for both sites.

Wyse and Malone approved of the current weighting and felt the current information was sufficient.

Augerot requested more information in the next few weeks about wetlands as an opportunity on both sites for additional environmental investment and contribution to water and habitat quality. This is not a major factor but should be included. The Marys River Watershed Council would like to discuss this; Augerot to put Kurth in touch.

Kurth corrected Kerby's comment, noting that a site selection decision is needed on October 19, 2021, whereas November 16, 2021 is the date when a site Purchase and Sale Agreement must be approved and signed.

Augerot shared that October 19, 2021 is during the AOC annual meeting, so the Board must decide whether to meet that day.

V. Consent Calendar

5.1 In the Matter of Appointment to the Corvallis-Benton County Library Board: Gabriel Ledger, Cleo Sandler

5.2 In the Matter of Appointments to the Community Services Consortium Community Action Advisory Council: Cookie Johnson, Mark Edwards, Vince Adams, Kristi Collins, Donna Holt, Miriam Cummins, Luhui Whitebear

5.3 Approve September 2, 2021 Joint City/County Meeting Minutes

5.4 Approve September 7, 2021 Tuesday Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Malone moved to approve the Consent Calendar of October 5, 2021. Wyse seconded the motion, which **passed 3-0.**

VI. Old Business

6.1 In the Matter of a Second Reading Amending Benton County Code (BCC) Chapter 39 – Transient Lodging Tax (TLT), Ordinance #2021-0306 – *Vance Croney, County Counsel*

Counsel explained that the TLT for Benton County will now be collected by the State of Oregon instead of the City of Corvallis. The Ordinance must be modified to align with State procedure. The Ordinance takes effect November 5, 2021.

MOTION: Malone moved to enact Ordinance #2021-0306, amending BCC Chapter 39, and to conduct a second reading of the ordinance. Wyse seconded the motion, which **passed 3-0.**

Counsel read the ordinance aloud (short title).

Responding to a question from Malone, Otley explained that the City will collect Benton County's TLT through December 2021.

VII. New Business

7.1 Discussion and Decision Regarding Financial Request from Corvallis Housing First (CHF) to Provide \$75,000 to Complete the Renovations of Third Street Commons (TSC) – *Andrea Myhre, Corvallis Housing First; Mary Otley, Chief Financial Officer*

Kerby explained that CHF approached the County last month to help complete TSC (formerly Budget Inn) renovations. The Board requested more information at the September 28, 2021 meeting; CHF has submitted a formal request.

Myhre explained that CHF purchased the Budget Inn/TSC through Project Turnkey funding as a site for shelter and services for people experiencing homelessness. TSC is near downtown resources and bus routes and is not near a residential area. Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) and CHF performed inspections; OCF required certain repairs be made after purchase, at an estimated cost of \$70,000-120,000. OCF provided \$100,000. CHF started renovating and found unexpected major issues which required replacing floors, plumbing, et cetera. The scope of repairs required hiring a general contractor, which added 20% to the cost. Materials and construction costs have also risen. CHF made the repairs. Corvallis Sustainability Coalition offered to install solar panels, requiring electrical and roof improvements. CHF acquired about \$2.4 million through an Emergency Services grant and raised several million dollars. However, the organization had to spend its reserve funds. CHF requests \$75,000 from the County to help with unanticipated capital costs for TSC.

Otley noted the amount would come from discretionary funds for lost revenue, though it could possibly be funded by ARPA.

Augerot expressed support for the project, which houses people and provides COVID-19 isolation and quarantine.

Wyse noted that while the County cannot fund every request, this project has varied funding support and huge community support, and is worth supporting.

Malone supported finishing the project and asked why the City of Corvallis had declined to partner on the request.

Kerby replied that the City did not feel able to assist financially due to other commitments. Kerby proposed splitting the request from ARPA funds; City Manager Mark Shepard said the City was not ready to evaluate ARPA fund uses, but might contribute in future.

Myhre added that CHF plans to approach the City for pre-development assistance. The site will receive \$5 million from the State and \$3 million from the pending Infrastructure Act for additional permanent supportive housing.

MOTION: Malone moved to approve a \$75,000 contribution to Corvallis Housing First for the purposes of repairs and renovations to Third Street Commons. Wyse seconded the motion, which **passed 3-0.**

7.2 Discussion and Decision Approving the 2021-2023 Community Corrections Plan and Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) #6152 between State of Oregon and Benton County – Justin Carley, Sheriff's Office

As required by the Oregon Justice Department, Carley submitted the 2021-23 Benton County Community Corrections (BCCC) Plan and IGA to receive funds for the CC program. The State community corrections (CC) budget is \$284 million; BCCC will receive about \$3 million (1.06%). The State baseline budget is \$234 million, with three marijuana packages including \$32 million in personal services inflation, \$10 million in supervision fee enhancement, and \$7 million for designated misdemeanors.

Carley explained that BCCC Parole and Probation (P&P) has 13.3 Full-time Equivalent (FTE) staff: a three-person leadership team, seven P&P officers, two administrative specialists, a 1.3 FTE Case monitor, and 4-5 part-time temporary paid student interns. BCCC is responsible for supervision of convicted justice-involved adults that the courts and parole board have placed in the community. One main goal is to help people address the issues that cause them to enter the Criminal Justice System (CJS), and ultimately to leave the CJS. BCCC prioritizes the population at highest risk to re-offend. Staff use Validated Risk Assessments (VRAs) to direct supervision strategies, caseload organization, and prioritization of resources. VRA helps to avoid over-exposing low-risk clients to the CJS. BCCC is forward-thinking in its use of VRAs, research-driven best practices, effective referrals, and involvement with re-entry programs,.

At the end of August 2021, BCCC had 253 felony cases and 50 misdemeanor cases. Caseloads are decreasing statewide. BCCC programs and caseloads include medium-high risk level caseloads, low-limited risk caseloads, the Transition Program (prison releases, re-entry, and wraparound services), Drug Treatment Court Caseloads, the Sex Offender Supervision Program, the Work Crew Program, and a Transition Center providing structured housing.

Augerot thanked Carley and staff. A group is working on rethinking State CC funding; the caseload-based approach is not ideal, especially with justice reinvestment focused on reducing prison population. However, P&P plays a critical role in transitioning people out of prison and local jail. Measure 110 defelonized several offenses; the same people have the same issues, but jurisdictions cannot serve those people in the same way. That is part of the reason for the option package, but \$10 million does not go far statewide. CC is difficult to navigate, with pressures and shifting sources of funding.

Malone and Wyse thanked Carley and staff, and asked to discuss operations in more detail later.

Augerot asked about an apparent discrepancy between the budget total of \$5,655,750 in the CC plan and the IGA budget total of \$5,124,645.

Carley indicated that an updated transition fund replaced an inmate welfare fund in previous biennia. Carley to follow up with Dale.

MOTION: Malone moved to approve the 2021-2023 Community Corrections Plan and Intergovernmental Agreement #6152 between the State of Oregon and Benton County. Wyse seconded the motion, which **passed 3-0.**

Dale added that BCCC did not have final numbers in the submitted documents, but does now. There are slightly fewer funds in the Justice Reinvestment Grant, more funds in the CC Allocation Plan, and differences in the beginning balance, for a total of \$287,385 more than was budgeted. This amount will probably go into a contingency fund rollover into the next biennium.

7.3 Discussion and Decision Approving a Salary Adjustment to the Non-represented Employee Salary Schedule – Tracy Martineau, Tammy Webb; *Human Resources*

Martineau proposed adjusting non-represented employee salary ranges based on the Employment Cost Index (ECI). For the last 12 months ending June 30, 2021, the increase is 2.9%. This does not adjust individual salaries, except for any employee whose salary is at the minimum. If an employee falls below the new minimum, that salary would be adjusted upwards. Responding to a question from Malone, Martineau explained that the ECI tracks the price of labor, based on data submitted to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Augerot commented that the County has discussed moving away from the performance management system (PMS), and asked if the adjustment approach will change once that occurs.

Martineau replied not necessarily; the County would still want to maintain its position in the market. However, salary progression on these ranges would change.

Augerot noted that since ECI is an average, sometimes the County makes more precise adjustments to salaries for specific professions.

Martineau confirmed that the County trues up the ranges with market studies; the next study is planned for year two of the biennium.

Kerby clarified that the County is keeping the PMS but discontinuing the pay-for-performance component for non-represented employees.

MOTION: Malone moved to approve a 2.9% adjustment to the non-represented employee salary schedule ranges effective July 1, 2021. Wyse seconded the motion, which **passed 3-0.**

VIII. Other

Chair Augerot entered Executive Session at 12:24 p.m. under ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Estate and ORS 192.660(d) – Labor Negotiations.

Chair Augerot exited Executive Session at 1:47 p.m. and immediately resumed the regular Board Meeting.

8.1 Discussion on Employee Recognition, Health and Wellness

Based on Executive Committee and Leadership Team recommendations, Kerby proposed that Benton County provide: a one-time \$600 recognition payment to eligible employees; two additional holidays on November 26, 2021 and December 23, 2021; and 3-5 days over the next 12 months offering resources for employee health and wellness.

MOTION: Malone moved to approve a \$600 performance recognition payment to eligible employees, exempting elected officials, and to provide 3-5 days of health and wellness benefits within the next 12 months. Wyse seconded the motion. The motion was amended to remove the word ‘performance.’ The motion **passed (3-0)** as amended.

MOTION: Malone moved to designate November 26, 2021 and December 23, 2021 as holidays for employees in 2021. Wyse seconded the motion. The motion was amended to say ‘for all eligible employees.’ The motion **passed (3-0)** as amended.

IX. Adjournment

Chair Augerot adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Xanthippe Augerot, Chair

Erika Milo, Recorder

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

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Benton County is committed to improving the experiences of Black community members and their Health and Wellness. County initiatives such as the Health in All Actions and Patient Inclusion Committees are working to identify and address health disparities that Black community members, and other members with historically oppressed and marginalized identities, experience. As a society we have a long way to go to address the historical legacy of medical discrimination, and we are committed to partnering with community organizations and training our county staff on equitable and culturally competent practices.

Black History and Black Futures month work together to honor the achievements, strife, and challenges of Black Americans in the past while looking forward towards equity, diversity, inclusion, and justice. Black Futures Month celebrates art, culture, and science that brings us all toward collective beloved community. The Benton County's 2040 Initiative fits the vision of Black Futures Month by encouraging us all to work towards thriving and vibrant communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that February 2022 is Black History Month and Black Futures Month in Benton County and all residents are encouraged to join in this observance.

Adopted this 1st day of February, 2022.

Signed this 1st day of February, 2022.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Nancy Wyse, Chair

Pat Malone, Commissioner

Xanthippe Augerot, Commissioner

Drafted by JoeHahn, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Coordinator
Read by JoeHahn



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

In the Matter of Proclaiming	)	
February 2021 as Black History	)	PROCLAMATION P2022-001
Month and Black Futures Month	)	
in Benton County		

This February, we celebrate and honor the history of Black and African-Americans through Black History Month. This year's theme "Black Health and Wellness" centers the experiences of Black people in the United States and their history of experiencing racial medical bias and discrimination. We reflect on the past to create a more bright future. Continuing our recognition from last year, we are recognizing February as Black History Month and Black Futures Month.

The Association of the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) was founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. In February 1926 the first "Negro History Week" was celebrated, and set in February to include the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two key figures in the history of African Americans. In 1976, the week expanded to Black History Month, also known as African American History Month. ASALH recognizes this year's theme of "Black Health and Wellness" with the following: This theme acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well." Community clinics and Black-led medical and nursing schools such as Morehouse School of Medicine are examples of Black Health and Wellness. ASALH recognizes "grassroots organizations and mutual aid societies, such as the African Union Society, National Association of Colored Women, and the Black Panther Party" which provides or provided spaces for "Black people to counter the economic and health disparities and discrimination that are found in mainstream institutions." Black mental and emotional health are also critical, and we celebrate the Black practitioners and patients throughout the county and Oregon who offer and seek a holistic health experiences.

Benton County and Oregon have a history we must not forget. While Oregon was founded with a ban on slavery, our constitution also forbade free Blacks from living in Oregon. The Oregon Territory and state had Black Exclusion laws that made it difficult or impossible for free Black families to settle in Oregon. This created systems of inequity that still have reverberations today. Redlining, homelessness, and environmental racism are just a few examples of the many issues Black Oregonians face due to Oregon's history, our history, of discrimination and prejudice. While the Black Exclusion Laws have ended, we cannot move forward without acknowledging our past and addressing our present. Black Health and Wellness continues to be harmed by medical racism such as assuming Black people have higher pain thresholds or care providers not believing symptoms Black people experience.

Black Oregonians defy the racist history of our state and stand for equity, community, health, and wellness. One such Oregonian is Gertrude "Trudy" Woods Rice. Trudy was one of the first Black women to become a registered nurse in 1968 after graduating from Portland Community College. She faced racial issues throughout her life. From living in the now destroyed city of Vanport and moving out a few months before it flooded, to experiencing staff that did not believe she would graduate because she was a single Black mother of five. She was assumed to be the housekeeper and faced other racial microaggressions and stereotypes. Despite others not believing in her, Trudy got her degree. She faced racism throughout her career, such as patients walking past her station demanding to see Head Nurse Trudy, only to be surprised when she said she was Trudy. Trudy held a variety of jobs throughout her career, including working for the Department of Health as surveyor where she interacted with people who rarely, if ever, saw people of color. In another job, she helped institute diversity training after her coworkers made a racist birthday cake with a picture of Aunt Jemima and the text "Happy Birthday Mammy," a term used to undermine and insult Black women. Trudy's fight for equity,

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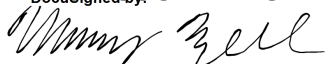
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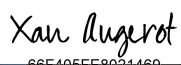
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Suggested Agenda Date 02/01/22

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Suggested Placement * BOC Tuesday Meeting

Department * Finance

Contact Name * Rick Crager

Phone Extension * 6246

Meeting Attendee Name * Rick Crager

Agenda Item Details



Item Title * Small Business and Microenterprise Emergency Grant Program

Item Involves * Check all that apply

- ☐ Appointments
- ☐ Budget
- ☒ Contract/Agreement
- ☐ Discussion and Action
- ☐ Discussion Only
- ☐ Document Recording
- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Notice of Intent
- ☐ Order/Resolution
- ☐ Ordinance/Public Hearing 1st Reading
- ☐ Ordinance/Public Hearing 2nd Reading
- ☐ Proclamation
- ☐ Project/Committee Update
- ☐ Public Comment
- ☐ Special Report
- ☐ Other

Board/Committee Involvement *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Advertisement *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Issues and Fiscal Impact

Item Issues and Description

**Identified Salient
Issues ***

The Small Business and Microenterprise Emergency Grant Program is supported through a \$250,000 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. These funds are passed through to Community Lending Works to provide grants to low- and moderate-income small businesses and micro-enterprises in order to carry out a Small Business and Microenterprise Assistance program in response to the economic fallout of the COVID epidemic. The original grant provisions only allowed for grants to be provided to recipients located in non-entitlement areas of Benton County. However, after the 12 month period of the grant, the County has the option to extend the current grant by 3 months and enable remaining funding to be used more broadly for both entitlement and non-entitlement area of the Benton County. This request is to approve with an addendum to our Micro-enterprise CDBG grant to extend the grant through April 1, 2022 and to allow businesses within entitlement areas to receive funds.

Options *

Option 1 - Approve the addendum
Option 2 - Reject the addendum resulting in funding being limited to non-entitlement areas and risking the loss of resource due to unused funding.

Fiscal Impact *

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

2040 Thriving Communities Initiative

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](#).

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 *

These funds help low and moderate income businesses and microenterprises to recover from the impacts of the pandemic and remain resilient in the community. This results in building and maintaining more vibrant businesses that are economically diverse and available to effective support community.

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 *

These funds enable businesses to continue to grow and prosper to help support ongoing economic growth.

Recommendations and Motions

Item Recommendations and Motions

Staff
Recommendations * Staff recommends the BOC approve the contract amendment

Meeting Motions * I move to ...
I move to approve amending the current IGA with Business Oregon for a \$250,000 Small Business and Microenterprise Grant to extend the use to April 1, 2022 and expands the eligible use to all areas in Benton County

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.

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Comments (optional) If you have any questions, please call ext.6800

**Department
Approver**

RICHARD CRAGER

Department Approval

Comments

Signature

Rick Crager

BOC Initial Approval

Approvals Required ☒ Counsel

☐ Finance

☐ HR

Counsel Approver VANCE CRONEY

**County
Administrator
Approver** TERESA FARLEY

Comments Vance - shouldn't the amendment reflect the current BOC chair? If so, I can make the change after you approve.
Teresa

Counsel Approval

Comments

Signature



Vance H. Cheney

County Administrator Approval

Comments

Signature

Tereza Faltyg

BOC Final Approval

Comments

Signature

Teresa Foley

Amendment Number 1

Project Name: Benton County Small Business and Microenterprise Emergency Grant Program

This amendment is made and entered into by and between the State of Oregon, acting by and through the Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority of the Oregon Business Development Department (“OBDD”), and the Benton County, Oregon (“Recipient”), and amends the Grant Contract between Recipient and OBDD, Project Number SB2006, dated 30 November 2020, (“Contract”) for the above-named Project. Capitalized terms not defined in this amendment have the meanings assigned to them by the Contract.

Recital: The purpose of this amendment is to extend the time to complete the project and extend the scope of work.

The parties agree to:

1. Amend Section 2.B of the Contract as follows (deletion in ~~striketrough~~; addition in double underline):

“B. Recipient shall, through its further subrecipient, Community Lending Works, an Oregon nonprofit corporation, provide grants to low- and moderate-income (as defined in the CDBG Program Guidelines) small businesses and micro-enterprises in order to carry out a Small Business and Microenterprise Assistance program in response to the economic fallout of the COVID epidemic. This program shall provide grants to eligible small business of up to \$2,500 per qualifying job created or retained, or \$10,000 per qualifying microenterprise. ~~All assisted businesses shall be located in non-entitlement areas of Benton County. Employees whose jobs are being supported shall reside in non-entitlement areas of Benton County.~~ The Recipient's subgrantee shall use application forms, business underwriting criteria, and income limits described in its application or otherwise approved in writing by Business Oregon. Recipient and its subgrantee shall ensure that supported businesses provide required reporting documents, which are detailed in the Recipient's application, six months after receiving funds.”

2. Amend Section 2.C of the Contract as follows (deletion in ~~striketrough~~; addition in double underline):

“C. All Project activities must be completed, and all disbursement requests (except disbursement requests for audit costs, if applicable) must be submitted to OBDD by 01 April 2022, ~~within 12 months from the Effective Date~~ (“Project Completion Deadline”).”

3. Amend Exhibit E(v)- Information Required by 2CFR§ 200.331(A)(1) (deletion in ~~striketrough~~; addition in double underline):

(v) Sub-award Period of Performance Start and End Date: 12 months from Contract execution 30 Nov 2020 to 01 April 2022

OBDD will have no obligation under this amendment, unless within 60 days after receipt, the Recipient delivers to OBDD the following items, each in form and substance satisfactory to OBDD and its Counsel:

- (i) this amendment duly executed by an authorized officer of the Recipient; and
- (ii) such other certificates, documents, opinions and information as OBDD may reasonably require.

Except as specifically provided above, this amendment does not modify the Contract, and the Contract shall remain in full force and effect during the term thereof. This amendment is effective on the date it is fully executed and approved as required by applicable law.



STATE OF OREGON
acting by and through its
Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority
of the Business Development Department



BENTON COUNTY

By: _____
Chris Cummings, Assistant Director
Economic Development

By: _____
The Honorable Nancy Wyse, Chair
Benton County Board of Commissioners

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS 291.047:

Not required by OAR 137-045-0050
Wendy Johnson, Senior Assistant Attorney General