



## AGENDA: REGULAR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021

WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p>Items without a designated appointment may be rearranged to make the best use of time. Other matters may be discussed as deemed appropriate by the Board.</p> <p><b>Corrections or Additions to the Agenda</b></p> <p><b><u>Discussion Items:</u></b> <a href="#">COVID Updates</a>; <a href="#">Budget Committee Appointment</a> (<i>Items of general Commission discussion, not otherwise listed on the Agenda</i>)</p> <p><b><u>Consent Agenda:</u></b> <a href="#">1.20.2021 Regular Session Minutes</a> (<i>Items of a routine nature: minutes, documents, items previously discussed.</i>)</p>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<a href="#">Bench Dedication</a> – Matthew Klebes/Keith Mobley
<b>10:10 a.m.</b>	<a href="#">Hazard Mitigation Grants</a> – Sheridan McClellan
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<a href="#">Emergency Management 2020 Review</a> – Sheridan McClellan
<b>10:50 a.m.</b>	<a href="#">Business Oregon COVID Supplies Use and Distribution</a> – Lisa Farqharson
<b>11:10 a.m.</b>	<a href="#">Executive Session – Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(g) Trade Negotiations/(2)(H) Legal Consultation/(2)(E) Real Property Transactions</a>
	<b>COMMISSION CALL</b>
	<b>NEW/OLD BUSINESS</b>
	<b>ADJOURN</b>

If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ORS 192.660(2)(a) – Employment of Public Officers, Employees & Agents, ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Discipline of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Labor Negotiator Consultations, ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property Transactions, ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, ORS 192.660(2)(g) – Trade Negotiations, ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation, ORS 192.660(2)(i) – Performance Evaluations of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(j) – Public Investments, ORS 192.660(2)(m) –Security Programs, ORS 192.660(2)(n) – Labor Negotiations



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PRESENT: Scott Hege, Chair  
Kathy Schwartz, Vice-Chair  
Steve Kramer, County Commissioner

STAFF: Kathy Clark, Executive Assistant  
Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer

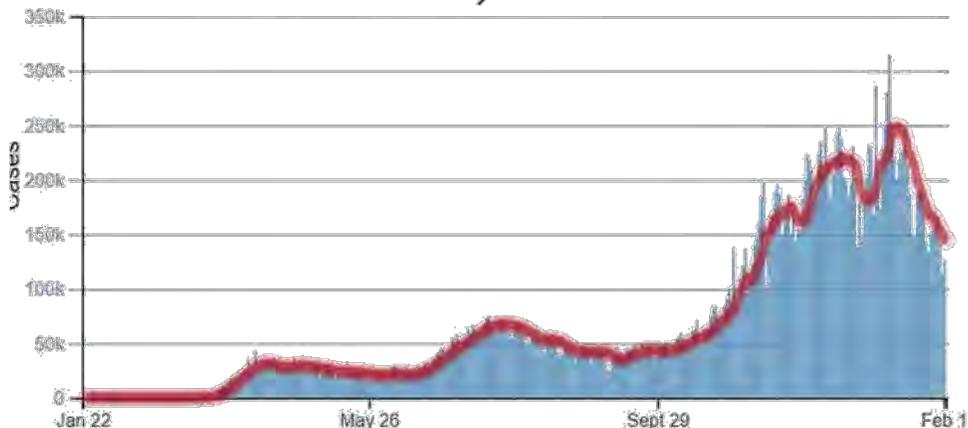
Chair Hege opened the session at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion Item – NCPHD COVID-19 Update

North Central Public Health District Health Officer Dr. Mimi McDonnell reviewed the current COVID statistics for the Country, state, region and county.

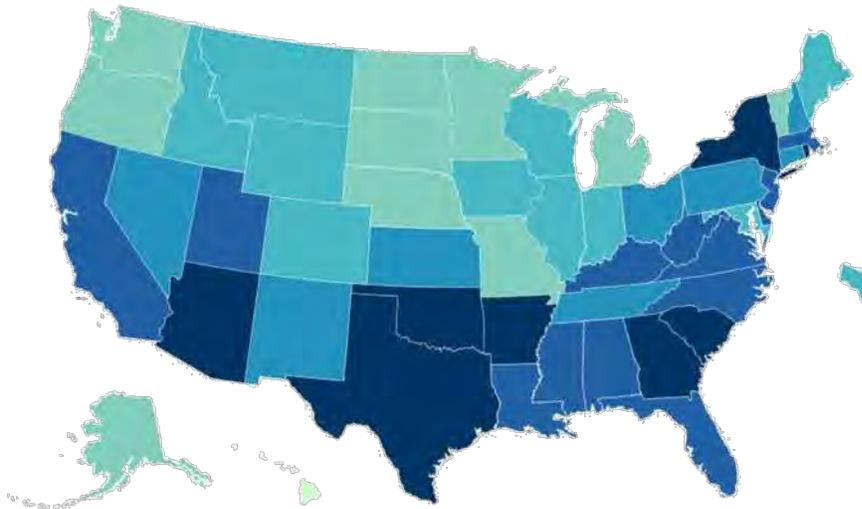
## US CASE TRENDS

Cases 26,160,210  
Deaths 441,831



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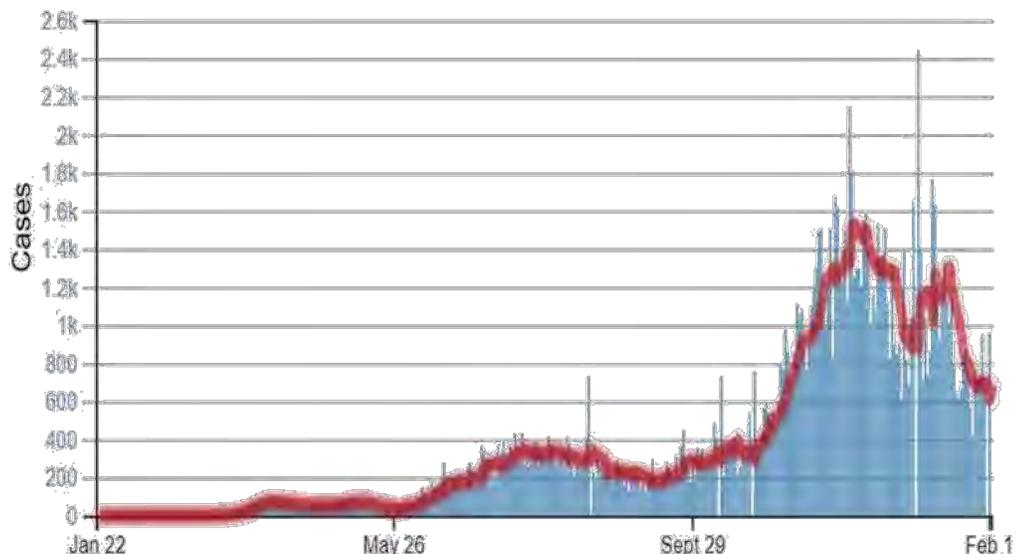
Dr. McDonnell explained that the map above illustrates how each state is doing comparatively – the lighter colors are the states with the fewest cases. She pointed out that although we are still seeing more case than we would like, compared to the rest of the country, Oregon is doing well. The slide below shows that we continue to trend downward.

Cases 143,978

Deaths 1,981

OREGON

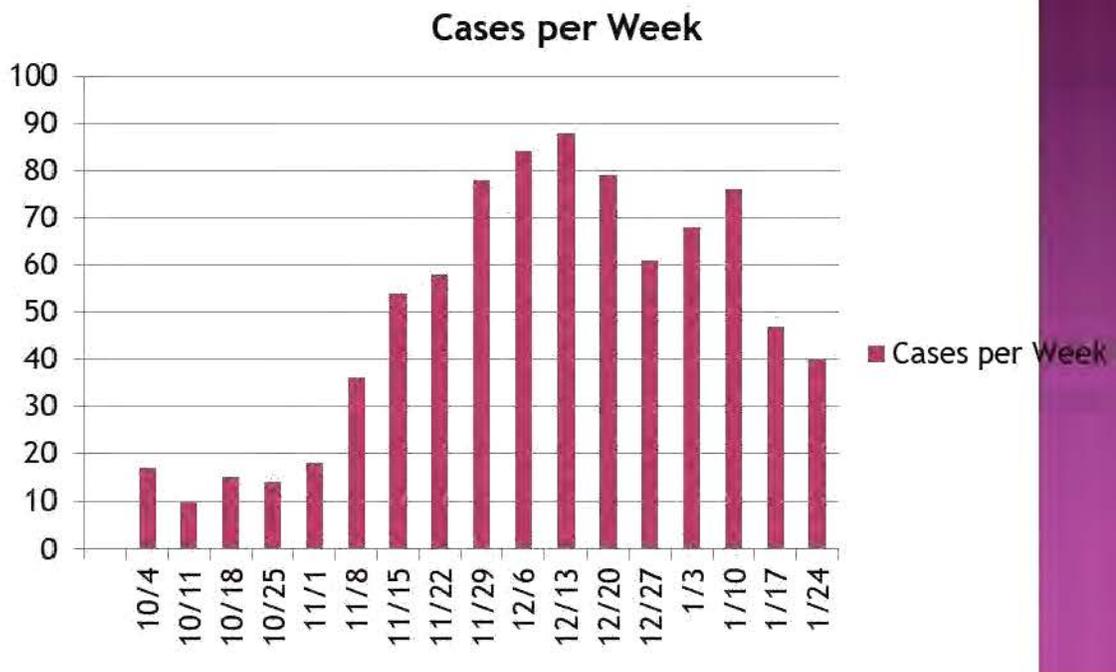
Daily Trends in Number of COVID-19 Cases in Oregon Reported to CDC



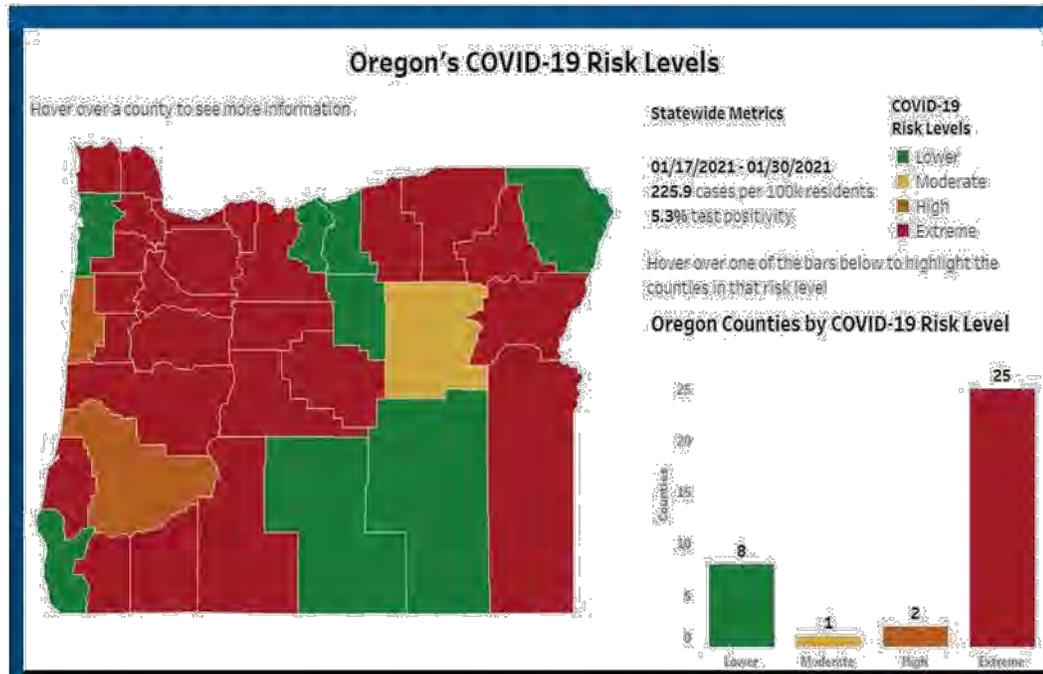
## COUNTY DATA: TOTAL CASES, RECOVERED AND DEATHS TO DATE

◉	<b>Wasco</b>	
◉	Total	<b>1168</b>
◉	Recovered	<b>893</b>
◉	Deaths	<b>24</b>
◉	<b>Sherman</b>	
◉	Total	<b>52</b>
◉	Recovered	<b>31</b>
◉	<b>Gilliam</b>	
◉	Total	<b>53</b>
◉	Recovered	<b>36</b>
◉	Deaths	<b>1</b>

## WASCO CASES NOV/DEC/JAN



## COUNTY RISK LEVELS



Dr. McDonnell explained that although the State reports county statistics weekly, they evaluate and adjust risk levels every 2 weeks. Wasco County remains in the extreme risk category, although our numbers are falling. Sherman and Gilliam Counties are in the lower risk level. The slide below outlines Wasco County's two week counts and positivity levels for the last 3 cycles.

## WASCO COUNTY 2 WEEK METRICS

date	count	% positivity
1/3-1/16	143	5.1%
1/10-1/23	125	4.6%
1/17-1/30	<b>88 !</b>	3.7%

Dr. McDonnell stated that we continue to test an adequate number of people so it is very encouraging to see the test positivity rate falling – we are not missing people; we are actually seeing percentages drop.

Dr. McDonnell went on to say that 88 is an important number in regard to the school metrics displayed on the next slide. Schools in small/medium sized counties with two-week counts between 60 and 90 are eligible to begin to transition elementary schools to on-site and hybrid education. We are moving in the right direction.

## SCHOOL METRICS

METRICS & MODELS	ON-SITE	ON-SITE AND HYBRID	ELEMENTARY ON-SITE AND HYBRID TRANSITION	DISTANCE LEARNING
County Case Rate per 100,000 People Over 14 days	<50.0	50.0 to <200.0	200.0 to ≤350.0	>350.0
County Case Count over 14 days for small & medium counties	<30	30 to <60	60 to ≤90	>90
County Test Positivity* Advised for to medium and large counties*	<5.0%	5.0% to <10.0%	≤10.0%	>10.0%
Advisory Instructional Model	Prioritize On-Site or Hybrid (as needed to maintain small cohorts) instructional models.	Prioritize careful phasing in of On-Site or Hybrid for elementary schools (starting with younger students and adding additional grades over time).  Middle school and high school primarily Comprehensive Distance Learning with Limited In-Person Instruction. Over time, if elementary schools can demonstrate the ability to limit transmission in the school environment*, transition to On-Site or Hybrid.	Prioritize careful phasing in of On-Site or Hybrid for elementary schools (starting with younger students and adding additional grades over time).	Prioritize Comprehensive Distance Learning with Limited In-Person Instruction.
1. If statewide testing volume decreases by more than 10% in the week prior compared to the previous week due to external factors (such as due to a natural disaster or acute decrease in testing supplies), then OHA and ODE will advise temporarily suspending the use of percent positivity in local reopening considerations. 2. Small counties with a population of less than 35,000 are advised to meet case counts in the metrics framework and not test positivity rates. 3. As a measure to monitor limited introduction or spread, local public health should look for an average outbreak size of 7-10 cases.		When trends are increasing, pause expansion of additional in-person learning and maintain access to in-person learning for those who have it. Schools are not advised to reduce in-person learning or revert to Comprehensive Distance Learning based on metrics if the school can demonstrate the ability to limit transmission in the school environment.		

Dr. McDonnell stated that Oregon is moving up in the rankings for vaccine distribution. We had a slow start but are gaining momentum. We still have a long way to go to reach the 80%-90% goal.

## VACCINE NEWS FROM OHA

### Oregon moves up in national rankings for COVID-19 vaccine distribution

- 19<sup>th</sup> in nation for percentage of vaccine administered (50%)
- 20<sup>th</sup> in nation for percentage of population given at least one dose (4.6%)

Dr. McDonnell reported that in Wasco, Sherman and Gilliam Counties, Phase 1a in the sequencing of who gets vaccinated has been completed. The next slide outlines the sequencing for Phase 1b. She cautioned that just because the date arrives for a group to be vaccinated does not mean that the previous group has been completed or that there is

enough vaccine available to complete the next group. She asked for everyone's patience as they continue their efforts to distribute the vaccine as efficiently as possible. All groups will have the opportunity to be vaccinated and they will get it done as quickly as possible. They learn on Thursdays what their shipment of vaccine will be for the following week.

Dr. McDonnell said that some have been upset that more vaccine is being sent to the Portland metro area. She explained that those additional doses were going to healthcare workers; Portland has a high concentration of healthcare workers and needed the additional vaccine to complete Phase 1a. She said that whenever there is a scarcity of a resource, distribution will likely never feel equitable.

**PHASE 1B GROUPS**

Who's getting vaccinated in Oregon next

**Group 1**

- Childcare providers, early learning and K-12 educators and staff
- Eligible week of January 25, 2021

**Group 2**

- People 80 and older
- Eligible February 8, 2021

**Group 3**

- People 75 and older
- Eligible February 15, 2021

**Group 4**

- People 70 and older
- Eligible February 22, 2021

**Group 5**

- People 65 and older
- Eligible March 1, 2021

Subsequent groups will be determined in coordination with the Vaccine Advisory Committee and shared on OHA's COVID-19 vaccine web page. These are examples of groups of people who may included:

- Critical workers in high-risk settings — workers who are in industries essential to the functioning of society and substantially higher risk of exposure
- People of all ages with underlying conditions that put them at moderately higher risk
- People in prisons, jails, detention centers, and similar facilities, and staff who work in such settings
- General population

Educators: **105,000\*** approximately  
People over 65: **795,000\*** approximately

**Health Authority**

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Groups 1-5 of Phase 1B.

In Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Hood River Counties the vaccination process is going well as illustrated in the following slides. As more people are vaccinated, the differences in the per-capita numbers will begin to reflect the uptake in each county – an indication of where people are choosing to not take the vaccine.

## WASCO VAX STATUS

### Wasco

- 2518 vaccinated
- 92/1000 people
- Phase 1A completed (first round)
- Phase 1B group 1 ongoing, anticipate completion 2/6/2021

## REGIONAL VAX STATUS

- ◉ Sherman
  - 163 vaccinated
  - 91/1000 people
  - Phase 1A completed
  - Phase 1B Group 1 completed
- ◉ Gilliam
  - 150 vaccinated
  - 75/1000
  - Phase 1A completed
  - Phase 1B Group 1 completed
- ◉ Hood River
  - 2413 vaccinated
  - 94/1000 people

NCPHD continues with plans to move through the groups and phases.

## UPCOMING PLANS

- ◉ Continue clinics at Readiness Center
  - Staffed by NCPHD, MRC, MCMC, DHS, Wasco Co Staff and more
- ◉ Currently Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
  - Appointment Only
- ◉ Preparing for remainder of Phase 1B
- ◉ Working with Senior Center, Age Plus, and MCMC
- ◉ Mix of email sign ups AND phone calls

Dr. McDonnell said that they have had great success distributing vaccines with the help and support of community partners. As they continue to move through the Phase 1b groups, they are working on how they will contact and safely transport the senior population to vaccine clinics. Some people do not use email, so outreach and scheduling will be done both by phone and electronically. OHA is working on some scheduling structures that they will share and may help when vaccinations open up more broadly.

## UPCOMING PLANS

- ⦿ Continue clinics at Readiness Center
  - Staffed by NCPHD, MRC, MCMC, DHS, Wasco Co Staff and more
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There are other resources for more information regarding the vaccination program in the State of Oregon.

## MORE INFORMATION

- ⦿ [covidvaccine.oregon.gov](https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov)
- ⦿ [ncphd.org/covid-vaccines](https://ncphd.org/covid-vaccines)
- ⦿ [es.ncphd.org/covid-vaccines](https://es.ncphd.org/covid-vaccines)

Dr. McDonell reported that there have been two testing events held in The Dalles. Upcoming events are scheduled in Arlington and Condon; an event is being planned for Maupin. These events help decrease the burden on Public Health and local clinics which has been very helpful as NCPHD works to distribute vaccine.

## OHA FREE TESTING EVENTS

- ⦿ 2 events in The Dalles
  - 76 people 1/21( 1 +)
  - 87 people 1/28 (0+)
- ⦿ Arlington
- ⦿ Condon
- ⦿ Planning for Maupin

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Dr. McDonnell recognized that we are all exhausted and we may need to take a breather; at the same time we need to keep going to reach the end of this pandemic. Keep your masks on, keep your distance, wash your hands and get your vaccine.

North Central Public Health District Interim Executive Director Shellie Campbell thanked everyone for their support. She said that community partners are helping them get information out to those who are eligible to be vaccinated. She added that they are very grateful to all the volunteers who help at the vaccination events.

Chair Hege asked if someone can go to the NCPHD website and sign up to be on a list; he asked how important it is to do that. Dr. McDonnell replied that it is exceptionally helpful for people to sign up. She said people can go on and find their age group and enter their email; as they become eligible, they will get an email prompting them to sign up for a vaccination appointment. People can also help friends and family get signed up. Online sign-ups help to relieve the calling burden for staff.

Arthur Smith observed that Hood River County included Public Works and Public Utilities employees in their Phase 1a group. He asked if there are plans to do something similar here. Dr. McDonnell replied that NCPHD is trying to follow the State guidance which does not include that group in Phase 1a. She said that there are times when they have extra vaccine that they do not want to waste and can then use it for others.

Sheriff Magill asked how the new order regarding adults in custody will affect roll out of vaccines. Dr. McDonnell responded that they just got the directive and have not had a chance to get that worked out. She added that NCPHD has a good relationship with the staff at NORCOR and should be able to make those arrangements.

Commissioner Kramer thanked NCPHD for their work and dedication. He stated that he believes Public Works employees are essential personnel – without roads and infrastructure, many other essential workers cannot do their jobs. He said he would like to see some special consideration for them; perhaps we can talk to the State about moving them up on the priority list.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked where the Public Works folks are in the hierarchy. Dr. McDonnell explained that the Oregon Vaccine Advisory Committee does the work of recommending vaccine priorities. She noted that “essential workers” is a fairly broad category subject to interpretation which makes it very challenging to implement. The Public Works group has not been called out specifically; the Committee has more work to do.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked if we are still seeing workplace outbreaks in our numbers. Dr. McDonnell answered that it continues to be a combination of aggregate care, workplace outbreaks and community spread.

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Vice-Chair Schwartz commented that it is a positive that we have had enough vaccine for healthcare workers and educators in our region. She said that with over 900 people in the over 80 group, it will take time. She asked that even if we make the state metrics, is it still up to the local school districts to determine their strategy for in-person and distance learning. Dr. McDonell replied affirmatively.

Vice-Chair Schwartz thanked the members of the public for joining today's meeting. She commented that is good to see the numbers falling and urged everyone to keep up the good work.

Chair Hege commented that he has heard that a fair amount of people have not taken the vaccine because they feel others need it more. He asked if that impacts the number of doses a particular county receives, saying that there seems to be a lot of frustration if vaccines are being directed to other counties when someone in a particular county does not take it in order for someone else in their county to receive it. Dr. McDonell explained that you cannot direct where your "untaken" vaccine goes if you do not take it. However, once vaccine is sent to a county, it is not taken back. She said she understands the sentiment but the system is not set up that way. If we vary from that, it becomes especially challenging. Everyone is important and we have to do this in an orderly fashion; it is not a perfect system.

Chair Hege said that he is in the 1b group but could not get the vaccine in good conscience because there are others who need it more. Dr. McDonell said that is probably happening across the state. She advised we should not be thinking in terms of us and them . . . it is just us. It is all of us and there is not enough vaccine for everyone to be vaccinated at once.

Debi Ferrer commented that another way to think of it is that if you get vaccinated now, you remove one more carrier of the virus for everyone else.

Chair Hege asked about the turnaround time for testing. Dr. McDonell reported that at the large testing events, they were getting results out 48-72 hours later. MCMC can usually get tests back in 24-48 hours. There is still same-day testing going on as well.

Chair Hege asked if the recent COVID-deaths at Columbia Basin were part of an outbreak. Dr. McDonell replied that even one case in a long-term care facility is considered an outbreak. Columbia Basin has created a separate COVID wing to isolate those testing positive. They have dedicated staff that enter and exit the building at a separate entrance. All the residents have been vaccinated and hopefully will experience less severe cases if they get it.

Nichole Biechler noted that on the first few slides for Wasco County cases, it seemed that about 250 individuals were unaccounted for. She asked if that would this be considered under current "active" or "positive" cases. Dr. McDonell explained that the recovered

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number is 30 days from the test; it takes time for someone to be considered recovered even if they are still not an active case.

Ms. Biechler asked what metrics are being used to ensure that we are in fact reaching all those eligible in each phase. Dr. McDonnell said that the first ones were easily identified but as it becomes more difficult to identify members of a group, they work with community partners to identify and reach out to those populations. Once you are eligible, you will always be eligible . . . you will not miss a window of opportunity.

William White asked if we know how many Wasco Co. residents are in the over age 80, 75, and 70 categories. Dr. McDonnell replied that rough numbers from 2019 data are as follows:

Over 85	742
80-84	540
75-79	864
70-74	1200
65-69	800

She said that we have a better system in place now, so it should not take that long to get the vaccines out.

Chair Hege thanked Public Health for the presentation and the amazing work they are doing.

**Discussion Item – Budget Committee Appointment**

Chair Hege stated that we have an opening on our Budget Committee and are fortunate to have 4 well-qualified, excellent candidates. He said he is not partial to any; we just need to decide who we want to choose.

Commissioner Kramer stated that he wants to take a moment to recognize the contributions of John Carter to the Wasco County Budget Committee. He served faithfully for 9 years. He wants to send the letter of appreciation included in the Board Packet.

Chair Hege concurred. He said that he does not think we have enough time right now to make this selection and is tabling it until later in the meeting.

Chair Hege opened the floor to public comment.

Kate Wilson said she would like to hear the Commissioners' positions on the storming of the capitol and the Oregon republican parties' comments that it was a false flag.

Chair Hege said that he does not support any violent actions. He said that he cannot speak for a political party, but he does not support it.

Vice-Chair Schwartz agreed with Chair Hege – violence should never be condoned. We saw it happening in Washington D.C. and more locally in Salem. It could happen here and the County was aware of that and steps were taken to ensure a peaceful election process.

Commissioner Kramer said he has nothing to add. He said Commissioners hold non-partisan positions and he has 27,000 people he represents. He said he wants one Wasco County so we can move forward together for the prosperity, health and safety of everyone.

**Consent Agenda – 1.20.2021 Regular Session Minutes**

**{{Vice-Chair Schwartz moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Kramer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.}}**

**Agenda Item – Bench Dedication**

Keith Mobley said that many of us knew Bill Hulse and want to do something in memory of his service to the community. He said they hope to place benches at the Discovery Center, in Dufur and at the Wasco County Courthouse. The Discovery Center has already ordered one that they found at a reasonable price – it will be in front of a window with engraving on the back. He said that if the Board will allow one in the Courthouse, they would want the engraving on the front. It would be nice if the people using the bench could learn more about Bill Hulse; toward that end, they would like a QR code added to the bench and they hope Wasco County's IT department can help with that. He said that the sequence would be to wait for the Discovery bench to go up and then get the Courthouse bench ordered and placed before ordering the one for Dufur, which will be an outside bench.

Chair Hege said that many people knew Bill Hulse; he was his boss at the Port of The Dalles. Chair Hege stated that Mr. Hulse was amazing and did a lot for the county. He said he would be proud to have something in his memory at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Kramer said he was appointed in Judge Hulse's position at the Port and there is where he met Chair Hege. He said that Bill Hulse's second wife, Rosie, was his godmother – family ties run deep in the southern part of the county. He said he has no problem approving the placement and leaving the logistics up to Mr. Klebes.

Vice-Chair Schwartz said that she did not have the pleasure of knowing Mr. Hulse but has heard of him. She asked where the bench would be placed.

Administrative Services Director Matthew Klebes said that if we can get it engraved on the front, there are a couple of spots on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and also on the ground floor.

Vice-Chair Schwartz said she will defer to her colleagues.

Chair Hege said that Bill Hulse was a gentleman and provided service in every capacity in which he served. He said he likes the idea of a QR code and hopes that our IT department

can help with that. Mr. Klebes stated that he has had preliminary discussion with IS and QR codes are relatively easy to create; there will just need to be some security measures in place.

**\*\*\*The Board was in consensus to have a Bill Hulse memorial bench placed in the Courthouse and have the County Information Systems Department assist with the creation of a QR code.\*\*\***

Mr. Mobley thanked the Board and added that Mr. Hulse's autobiography is entitled Read it and Sleep.

#### Agenda Item – Hazard Mitigation Grants

Wasco County Emergency Manager Sheridan McClellan stated that Wasco County experienced several fires in 2020 and the Governor declared an emergency which opens up federal funds to address the consequences of the fires. He said that there will be a lot of districts and communities that will be working to mitigate the damage but are not eligible to directly apply for mitigation funds; they have to ask us to apply on their behalf. He said that the hope is that the Board of Commissioners will grant permission to send letters of intent. The State and FEMA will review those letters for program eligibility; if they give us the green light, we can then apply for the funding. If the grant(s) is awarded, the County would become the fiscal agent.

Chair Hege asked Mr. Stone to weigh in. Mr. Stone stated that these are federal grants with a lot of strings attached for which the County will be responsible. For that reason, he is always cautious in his approach as the County has been burned in the past. There is also a workload associated with grant management; Mr. McClellan believes he can handle the work. He went on to say that it is a benefit to the community but Mr. McClellan will need to keep in mind that there is a formal bid process and that in itself is a lot of work. It is valuable to our districts and so he supports it but cautions that we need to understand what we are taking on.

Chair Hege observed that those are good points. He noted that this is a first step and not all the applications may move forward. Mr. McClellan concurred saying that right now, we are just submitting for eligibility; he believes all three are eligible. He said that most of the work will be done by the entities with his oversight.

Vice-Chair Schwartz said that she is passionate about this work – it is our opportunity to mitigate the fallout from emergency situations. These incidents will continue to happen and she commends the Wamic Fire District for being proactive in their mitigation efforts. She said she is disappointed that we are not seeing more applications. She recognizes that it is a lot of work and some of the entities may not have the capacity to do the work. However, we need to promote prevention and mitigation; she said she fully supports the applications. She asked Mr. Stone to provide an example of how the County has been burned in the past

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and how we can prevent that in the future.

Mr. Stone replied that the Discovery Center is a good example. The Feds pulled out and the County was 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> in line of responsibility for having to pay for it. There was default after default and the County was left holding the bag. The Pine Hollow boat ramp is another example – we did not sign up to maintain that but we still had to pay for it.

Vice-Chair Schwartz stated that she thought he might be referencing FEMA in particular. Mr. Stone replied that it follows a similar pathway – they are all federal projects.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked about the 25% match. Mr. McClellan said that some of the match can be in labor and volunteer hours.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked what the risk is to the County. Mr. Stone responded that he has not yet seen the contracts, but they all have EEOC, Affirmative Action, contracting rules, etc. that the County will be responsible for ensuring. A lot of agencies don't have that capacity and we may be in that boat as we have a lot of things going on, noting that Mr. McClellan is currently coordinating for the pandemic. It is not just signing the contract; there are specific requirements that have to be met and if it is done incorrectly, it will be Wasco County that will pay back the funds to FEMA.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked if the quote from Hage Electric is just informational. Mr. McClellan replied that it is. He went on to say that he believes he can support the sub-applicants and provide the necessary oversight. He said if he has to do the paperwork himself, he may not have the bandwidth for that.

Mr. Warren, representing the sub-applicants, stated that there are 3 locations in Wamic/Pine Hollow that did a lot to support fire suppression efforts. The water district supplied water for helicopters and to the fire fighters in addition to all of the residents of Pine Hollow. The Fire Department Building does not have a generator and is a point of service for local fires – the generator is needed. The same is true for the Community Center which would be used as a shelter for those evacuated. The projects are essential for the safety of our community in case of a wildfire.

Vice-Chair Schwartz thanked Mr. Warren for his volunteer work and commended his group for putting forward the applications for their community.

Commissioner Kramer agreed that grants are a lot of work and take commitment. He said that he is not sure Mr. McClellan has the time and suggested that we put together a team to monitor and oversee these grants. They are three worthy projects and we should move forward to get the ball rolling but we need to get a team in place to support them.

Chair Hege suggested that MCEDD may be able to provide some assistance.

Mr. Warren stated that he would appreciate any help. He said that just entering the process was a real eye-opener for him and he hopes to get some help from other members of the boards.

**{{(Vice-Chair Schwartz moved to approve the hazard mitigation pre-application/letters of intent for Barlow Water District, Wamic Community Center and Wamic Fire and EMS. Commissioner Kramer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.)}}**

**Agenda Item – Emergency Management 2020 Review**

Mr. McClellan reviewed the report included in the Board Packet.

Commissioner Kramer asked for the Bill number for OAC283 so that it can be tracked. Mr. McClellan said he would get that information.

Commissioner Kramer stated that he has taken the Incident Command Systems training several times. He asked where part-time elected official would be used in emergency response. Mr. McClellan replied that they would be in the policy and advisory group helping guide policy, allocation of funds, prioritization, identifying operational authority and delegation of authority.

Commissioner Kramer said that this is a much larger conversation. He said that he appreciates the work and sees where we can make improvements, but he does not see that resources have been identified to support this work. He said he is in favor of having that larger conversation. Mr. McClellan said he will be available for that conversation.

Vice-Chair Schwartz commended Mr. McClellan for his excellent report. She said that looking at the bigger picture, we are going to continue to face emergencies. She stated that it is her belief that the pandemic is not going to be an isolated event; we have seen other viruses and have been lucky that they were not as transmissible. The next virus could be more deadly. She went on to say that we need to recognize that we are not practicing prevention, so we can expect another virus; with climate change, we will see more natural disasters. She agreed that this is a bigger conversation and we need to have that. She asked how Mr. McClellan suggests we move forward.

Mr. McClellan suggested that the Board hold a special session dedicated to this. He reported that we have the start of a MAC group and can start there or the Board can designate a liaison to work directly with Emergency Management. Another path would be to establish the damage assessment team which would not be costly and would not need Board involvement. In addition, he stated that funding will need to be identified.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked what training he recommends for all staff. Mr. McClellan replied that ICS 700/800 is for elected officials. It would be worthwhile for all staff to take ICS

100/200. Vice-Chair Schwartz commented that it will require more discussion – it makes sense, but we will need to work out the details.

Chair Hege agreed that this is great information. He said that even though we have been talking about work sessions, we have not been able to hold them – this would be a great topic for a work session. He stated that in the meantime, Mr. Stone can work with Mr. McClellan on a preliminary foundation. We should not lose sight of the fact that we are in an emergency situation.

#### **Agenda Item – COVID Supplies: Use and Distribution**

The Dalles Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lisa Farqharson reviewed the presentation included in the Board Packet. She explained that she has worked closely with Mr. McClellan on this project. It is amazing to walk into the warehouse and see all that we have. She stated that they were very lucky to have the cherry warehouse and someone to drive the forklift. She said that they took orders from businesses. Because Business Oregon was so impressed with our distribution system, in the second round they sent more than we ordered. We have not run out of any particular item; some of what we received is wipes, thermometers, and non-contact hand sanitizer stands with sanitizer – those are required for food establishments. The businesses have been very grateful – products are difficult for them to obtain and very expensive. There is a disbursement event scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> and there will be another in March. They hope to have nothing left after the March event so the cherry growers can prepare the warehouse for cherry harvest. She said Business Oregon, Mr. McClellan and Chamber staff have been very supportive.

Vice-Chair Schwartz commented that this is very helpful especially as our risk level reaches the point where more businesses can open.

The Board expressed their appreciation for all the work the Chamber has done to help local businesses. Chair Hege observed that while there is a lot of throttling of businesses, most are open in some fashion. He encouraged people to get out and support them.

Ms. Farqharson said that they started a new community gift card program; Google paid startup costs for up to 100 businesses. \$25,000 in cards has been sold thus far and the program will continue throughout the year. You can buy online or over the phone to have a card mailed to you or you can stop by the Chamber office to purchase a card.

#### **Agenda Item – Executive Session**

At 11:10 a.m., Chair Hege recessed the regular session and opened executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, ORS 192.660(2)(g) To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce and ORS 192.660(2)(e) Real Property Transactions and explained the process for holding the session.

The Regular Session reconvened at 12:53 p.m.

**Discussion Item Continued – Budget Committee Appointment**

**\*\*\*The Board was in consensus to send a letter of appreciation to John Carter for his years of service on the Wasco County Budget Committee.\*\*\***

Commissioner Kramer explained that Mr. Renard had planned to be here but is in surgery. He stated that he has spoken with Mr. Renard and learned that his reason for stepping up was at the urging of the Board Chair.

**{{Commissioner Kramer moved to approve Order 21-007 appointing Jeff Renard to the Wasco County Budget Committee. The motion died for lack of a second.}}**

The Board asked applicant William White to tell them a little about themselves. Mr. White reviewed the information in his application. He said that he is originally from Washington State and has lived in Oregon since 1993. He has headed a non-profit for affordable housing in the Portland metro area where he developed and submitted budgets. Then he was head of Portland's Housing Bureau where he created budgets in the \$20-\$25 million dollar range. Then he was asked to go to D.C. to work on senate staff for housing and international affairs; as part of that work, he reviewed budgets. He added that he began his professional life starting private sector companies – the last one was in construction which is what led him to work on affordable housing issues.

Vice-Chair Schwartz stated that there is no question that she would like to tap into Mr. White's experience in the affordable housing arena.

Commissioner Kramer said what we have done now is begin an interview process and he would like to see the other applicants have that same opportunity.

**\*\*\*The Board was in consensus to invite all Budget Committee applicants to the March 3, 2021 Board session before making a decision on the appointment.\*\*\***

**Public Comment**

Kate Wilson said that she had heard a reference to Bill 623. She asked if the Board is aware of Perkins Grants for college students. She asked if the bill would interfere with that program. Commissioner Kramer replied that the Bill has nothing to do with funding; it is about collaboration – trying to align Workforce and Worksource.

Chair Hege adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Summary of Actions

**MOTIONS**

- **To approve the Consent Agenda: 1.20.2021 Regular Session Minutes.**
- **To approve the hazard mitigation pre-application/letters of intent for Barlow Water District, Wamic Community Center and Wamic Fire and EMS.**

**CONSENSUS**

- **To have a Bill Hulse memorial bench placed in the Courthouse and have the County Information Systems Department assist with the creation of a QR code.**
- **To send a letter of appreciation to John Carter for his years of service on the Wasco County Budget Committee.**
- **To invite all Budget Committee applicants to the March 3, 2021 Board session before making a decision on the appointment.**

Wasco County  
Board of Commissioners



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Scott C. Hege, Commission Chair



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Kathleen B. Schwartz, Vice-Chair



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## DISCUSSION LIST

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[COVID UPDATES](#) – NCPHD

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[BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT](#) – Kathy Clark

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## DISCUSSION ITEM

WASCO COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATES

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[NO DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THIS ITEM – RETURN TO AGENDA](#)

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## DISCUSSION ITEM

### Budget Committee Appointment

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[STAFF MEMO](#)

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[LETTER OF APPRECIATION](#)

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[FRANK KAY APPLICATION](#)

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## MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT: Wasco County Budget Committee Appointment**

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TO: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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FROM: KATHY CLARK

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DATE: JANUARY 26, 2021

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

John Carter was first appointed to the Wasco County Budget Committee in January of 2012 and has served as a committee member through 9 budget cycles. Wasco County is grateful for his years of service as he steps off of the committee.

We have received four applications to fill vacancy created by Mr. Carter's departure. The Wasco County Budget Committee also serves as the Budget Committee for the Wasco County Library Service District and the Wasco County 4H & Extension Service District. Once an appointment has been made to the Wasco County Budget Committee, meetings for the Library Service District and the 4H & Extension Service District will be scheduled in order to make that same appointment to their Budget Committees.



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*Pioneering pathways to prosperity.*

John Carter



February 3, 2021

Dear John,

As you know, a Budget Committee plays a key role in the success of County operations. As representatives of the public, along with the Board of Commissioners, the Budget Committee weighs in to ensure that the people's funds are used responsibly and that the County remains fiscally sound. Your significant contribution to that effort over the last 9 years has not gone unnoticed.

As you step down from your position on the Wasco County Budget Committee as well as the Wasco County Library Service District Budget Committee and the Wasco County 4H & Extension Service District Budget Committee, we want to wish you well and express our deep appreciation for your many years of service to your community.

Sincerely,  
Wasco County Board of Commissioners

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Scott C. Hege, Chair

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Kathleen B. Schwartz, Vice-Chair

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VOLUNTEER POSITIONS  
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### APPLICATION

Provide personal qualifications for this specific volunteer position.

Supplementary information may be attached. Do not provide confidential information.

Name: Frank J. Kay, III

Address: [REDACTED] Maupin, OR 97037

Phone (home) [REDACTED] Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: [REDACTED]

Signature: Frank J. Kay, III

Date: Jan 12, 2021 Number of years as a Wasco County resident: 28 years

Your objectives/goals? Desired contributions and accomplishments? To work with others to develop an effective budget to enable our County to maximize quality services to our citizens.

The cost of providing Wasco County services far outweigh the ability to fund them. Are you willing to make the difficult funding decisions and communicate the results to the public?

Comments: Yes

Education (school, college, training, apprenticeships, degrees, etc.)

Brown University (BA English) Date(s): [redacted]

Univ of Puget Sound (Masters - Date(s): [redacted]

Public Admin) Date(s):

Date(s):

Experience (work, volunteering, leadership roles, achievements etc.)

President/CEO  
YMCA Executive (Retired) Date(s): [redacted]

Rotary International (Wash, Ore, Date(s): [redacted]

& California) Date(s): [redacted]

United Way Loaned Executive Date(s): [redacted]

General Comments/Additional Relevant Information

City of Maupin Budget Committee Chair [redacted]

Maupin City Council [redacted]

Mayor of Maupin [redacted]

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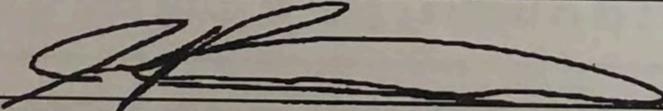
Provide personal qualifications for this specific volunteer position.  
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Name: **Jeff Renard**

Address: [Redacted] **The Dalles**

Phone (home) [Redacted] Phone (work) [Redacted]

E-mail address: **jrenard84@gmail.com**

Signature: 

Date: **12/29/2020** Number of years as a Wasco County resident: **49**

Your objectives/goals? Desired contributions and accomplishments? To help promote a positive growth and management of our resources, to further develop our County as an economic hub while still having our small town appeal and affordable living for existing as well as future residents.

**WASCO COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

The cost of providing Wasco County services far outweigh the ability to fund them. Are you willing to make the difficult funding decisions and communicate the results to the public?

Comments: Yes, I anticipate some difficult decesions with these process's  
and will do my best to make the best decision with the appropriate guidance  
and recommendations to the staff as well as the public.

Education (school, college, training, apprenticeships, degrees, etc.)

**TDHS Graduate** Date(s): 

Misc. Subject specific college courses based on employment Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Quickbooks/ Leadership/ Management/ Welding/ Drafting Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Experience (work, volunteering, leadership roles, achievements etc.)

**Automotive Business Managment** Date(s): **22 years**

**Aviation General Management** Date(s): **5 years**

Traffic and Safety Committee Chamber Rep for MCCED Date(s): **1990's & 2010ish**

**Oregon Realtor** Date(s): **2015-current**

General Comments/Additional Relevant Information

As a home owner with small acreage settled in to our farming community, as well as owning  
commercial property in Wasco county I feel I have a good grasp on the needs of our diverse  
County and feel that I can help guide us thru some of the challenges that face our county finances.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years as a Wasco County resident: \_\_\_\_\_

Your objectives/goals? Desired contributions and accomplishments? \_\_\_\_\_

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The cost of providing Wasco County services far outweigh the ability to fund them. Are you willing to make the difficult funding decisions and communicate the results to the public?

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Education (school, college, training, apprenticeships, degrees, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) [REDACTED]  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): [REDACTED]  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPLICATION

Provide personal qualifications for this specific volunteer position.

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Name: William L. White

Address: 2225 Dundas Way, Mosier, OR 97040

Phone (home) [REDACTED] Phone (work) [REDACTED]

E-mail address [REDACTED]

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: Jan. 13, 2021 Number of years as a Wasco County resident: 12

Your objectives/goals? Desired contributions and accomplishments? I have always enjoyed working on community and government issues, and would welcome the chance to apply my experience to my home county.

The cost of providing Wasco County services far outweigh the ability to fund them. Are you willing to make the difficult funding decisions and communicate the results to the public?

Comments: Yes, I am willing to do so. I have had similar responsibilities in the past as director of a city bureau reporting to city council.

Education (school, college, training, apprenticeships, degrees, etc.)

Yale University B.A. Date(s) [REDACTED]

Kennedy School of Govt. - Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Execs in Local Govt. Date [REDACTED]

\_\_\_\_\_ Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Experience (work, volunteering, leadership roles, achievements etc.)

Senior Advisor, US Senate Date(s): 2009-2014

Director, Portland Housing Bureau Date(s): 2003-2009

Exec, Dir., Housing Development Center Date(s): 1993 - 2003

Owner, Hale & White Gen. Contractors Date(s): 1984 - 1993

General Comments/Additional Relevant Information

I was a political science major in college, served in the Peace Corps after graduation, have worked in both local and federal government, started and ran two private sector companies, and am currently a board member of a nonprofit providing shelter to Gorge residents.

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IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASCO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE WASCO COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE

**ORDER #21-007**

NOW ON THIS DAY, the above-entitled matter having come on regularly for consideration, said day being one duly set in term for the transaction of public business and a majority of the Board of Commissioners being present; and

IT APPEARING TO THE BOARD: John Carter's appointment to the Wasco County Budget Committee expired on December 31, 2020; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: That John Carter has declined reappointment to the Wasco County Budget Committee creating a vacancy on said Committee; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: That \_\_\_\_\_ is willing and is qualified to be appointed to the Wasco County Budget Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That \_\_\_\_\_ be and is hereby appointed to the Wasco County Budget Committee; said term to expire on December 31, 2021.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2021.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Wasco County Board of Commissioners

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kristen Campbell, County Counsel

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Scott C. Hege, Chair

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Kathleen B. Schwartz, Vice-Chair

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Steven D. Kramer, County Commissioner



## MOTION

**SUBJECT: Budget Committee Appointment**

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I move to approve Order 21-007 appointing \_\_\_\_\_ to the Wasco County Budget Committee.



## CONSENT AGENDA

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[MINUTES: 1.20.2021 REGULAR SESSION](#)

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WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 20, 2021

This meeting was held on Zoom

<https://wascocounty-org.zoom.us/j/3957734524>

or call in to [1-253-215-8782](tel:1-253-215-8782) Meeting ID: 3957734524#

PRESENT: Scott Hege, Chair  
Kathy Schwartz, Vice-Chair  
Steve Kramer, County Commissioner

STAFF: Kathy Clark, Executive Assistant  
Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer

Chair Hege opened the session at 9:00 a.m.

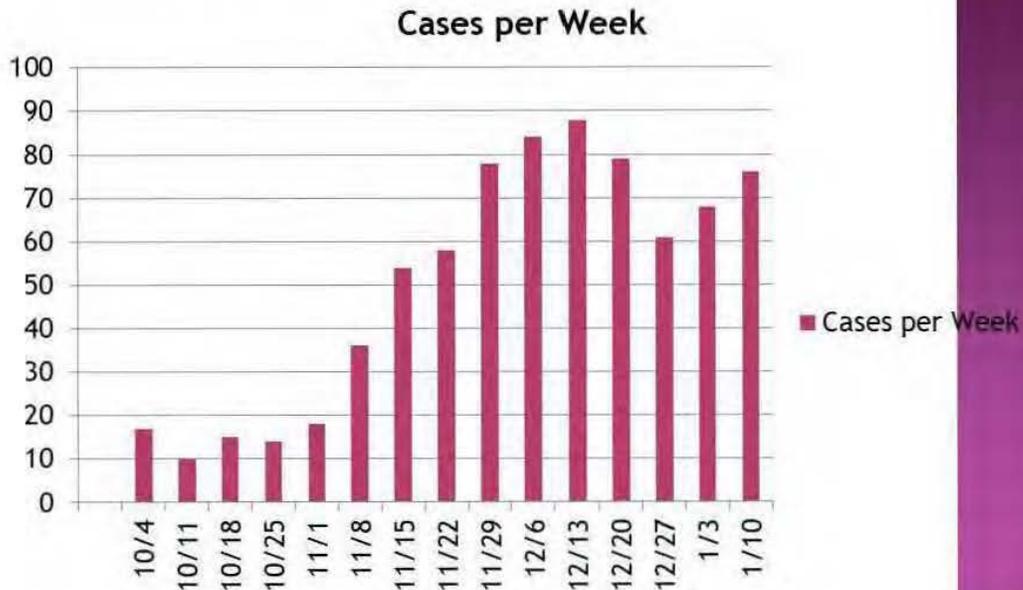
Discussion Item – NCPHD COVID-19 Update

North Central Public Health District Health Officer Dr. Mimi McDonell reviewed the current COVID statistics for the region and state, noting that we are at higher levels than what we would like. However, the post-holiday peak is not as high as was the post-Thanksgiving peak; that is encouraging.

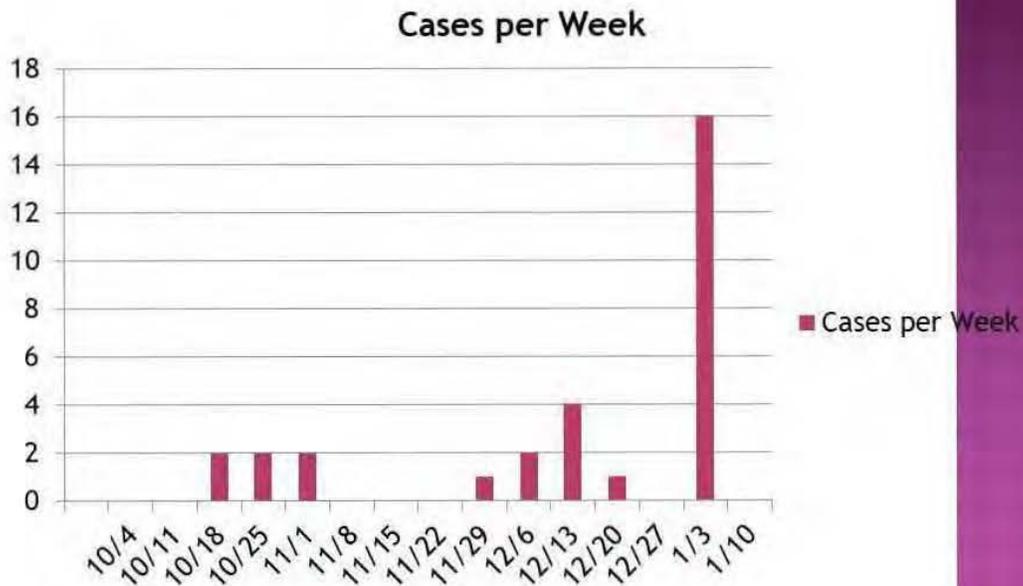
COUNTY DATA: TOTAL CASES,  
RECOVERED AND DEATHS TO DATE

Wasco		
Total		1085
Recovered		657
Deaths		23
Sherman		
Total		47
Recovered		26
Gilliam		
Total		51
Recovered		24
Deaths		1

## WASCO CASES NOV/DEC/JAN

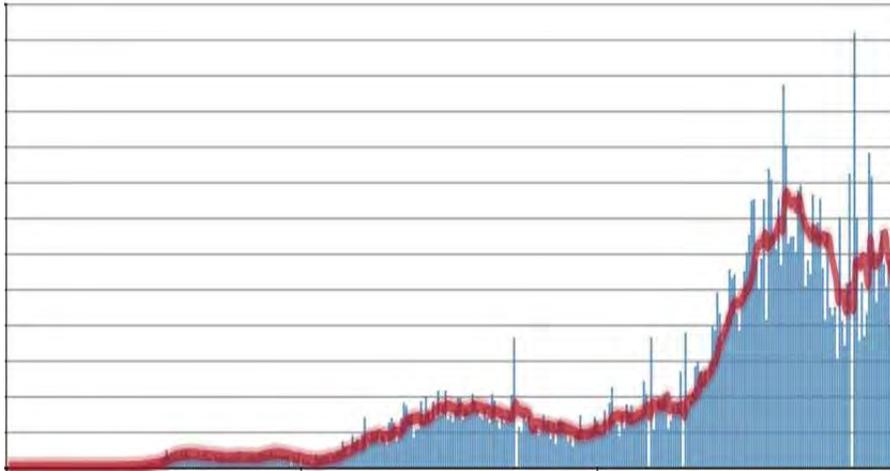


## SHERMAN CASES NOV/DEC/JAN



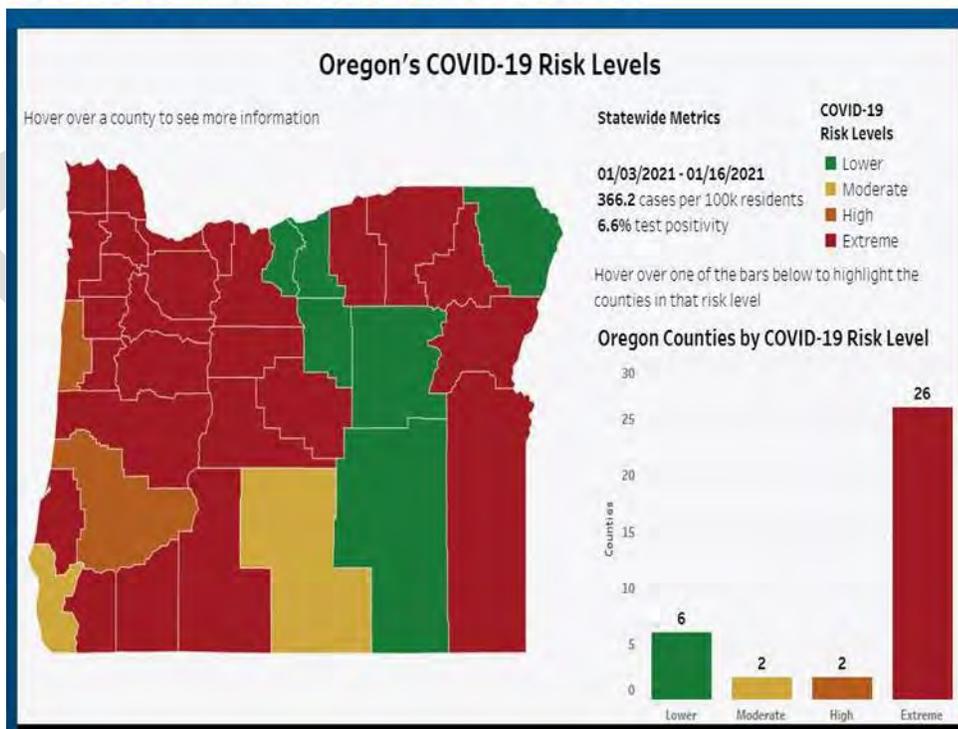
Cases 134,468  
 Deaths 1,808

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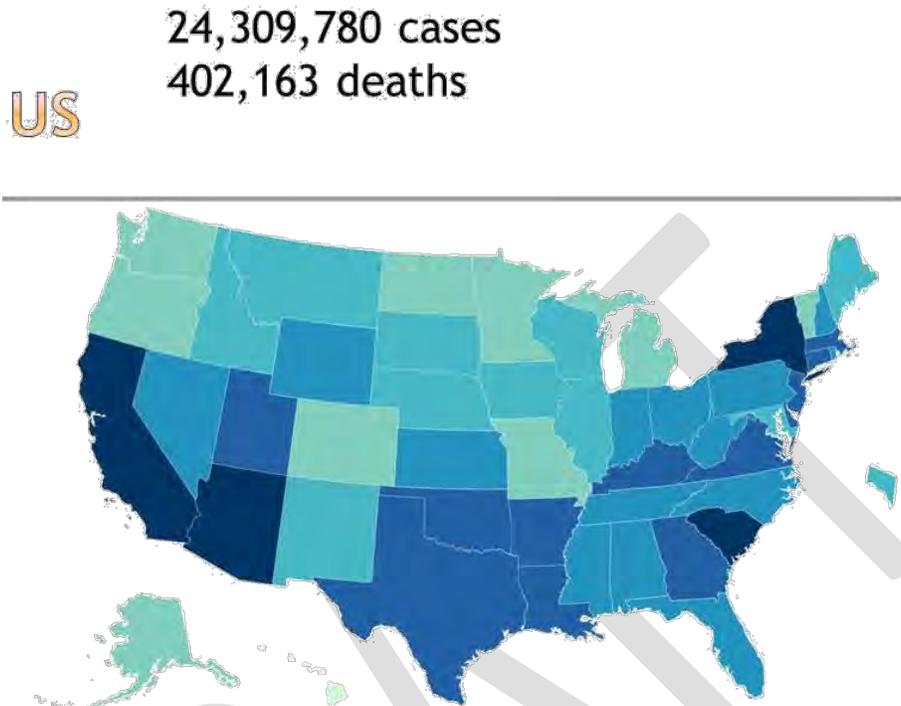
Dr. McDonnell reported that the State of Oregon is assigning risk levels to counties based on their number of case per 100,000 in a two-week period. The new period has just begun; the following graphic illustrates the assigned risk levels throughout the state; Wasco County remains in the extreme risk category.

## COUNTY RISK LEVELS



Dr. McDonnell explained that the darker the state on the map below, the higher rate of COVID for the last 2 weeks; Oregon is one of the states with low rates compared to the

nation as a whole. Oregonians should be proud of the work they are doing to keep our numbers low.



Dr. McDonnell reported that yesterday OHA and ODE released new guidance for in-person education; you can find it on their websites. The metrics are still advisory and schools in our region are either already open for hybrid or in-person education or are working on plans to do so.

## K-12 EDUCATION

- New guidance released yesterday- Jan 19
- Risk levels still advisory
- Revised Metrics
- Sherman and Gilliam schools continuing with in-person education
- Dufur, South Wasco and SMA also hybrid or in- person
- NWCS D 21 working on in-person plans

Dr. McDonnell reported that last week was a bit of a roller coaster in terms of what had been expected in vaccine supplies. Due to some miscommunication, the volume of supply

anticipated from the federal government was not available. There has, however, been an increase in what has been pushed out from the state to Public Health Districts. She noted that in Wasco County we are still working on getting Phase 1a people vaccinated. Some in our local long-term care facilities have received their second dose of vaccine. She said it is a bit more challenging to reach those who are receiving in-home care and their care providers; they continue to work with partners to identify and reach out to that population.

## VACCINE NEWS FROM OHA

- COVID-19 Vaccine Priority
- Phase 1a
  - Long term Care residents and staff
  - EMS/First Responders
  - Health Care Providers
  - Congregate Living Facility residents and staff
  - Persons receiving in home care

When a county has completed Phase 1a, they can move into Phase 1b which is outlined below. Dr. McDonell explained that their capacity to administer vaccinations is not unlimited; she asked that people be patient as we move through the various groups. They will continue to reach out and provide information on how to access vaccination services.

## PHASE 1B GROUPS

### Group 1

- Childcare providers, early learning and K-12 educators and staff  
**Eligible January 25, 2021**

### Group 2

- People 80 and older  
**Eligible February 8, 2021**

### Group 3

- People 75 and older  
**Eligibility date to be determined**

### Group 4

- People 70 and older  
**Eligibility date to be determined**

### Group 5

- People 65 and older  
**Eligibility date to be determined**

Chair Hege asked how that information will be distributed. Dr. McDonell said it will come out on their websites, Facebook, radio and public service announcements as well as

messaging through forums such as the Board of Commissioner meetings. They also push the information out through community partners in both English and Spanish.

Dr. McDonnell reviewed the current status of vaccine delivery in the region as outlined below. She explained that the time it takes to enter the information into the system creates a bit of a lag in reporting – up to 24 hours. They hope to vaccinate 300 people in Wasco County this Saturday – it is still by appointment and targeting people in Phase 1a.

## REGIONALLY VAX STATUS

### Wasco

- 1273 vaccinated
- 47/1000 people
- Finish Phase 1a anticipated by 1/30/2021

### Sherman

- 110 vaccinated
- 62/1000 people
- Phase 1a complete

### Gilliam

- 56 vaccinated
- 28/1000
- Finish Phase 1a 1/22/2021

Dr. McDonnell reviewed the plans for continuing through the vaccination program. She said we are fortunate to have great partners. MCMC and One Community Health are not only vaccinating their own staff but other clinical staff as well. Many other community partners are stepping up to assist with the effort. Pharmacies have done a tremendous job in vaccinating staff and residents of long-term care facilities. She anticipates the partnership will continue in some fashion and she looks forward to the day when people will be able to go to their primary care provider or local pharmacy to get their vaccination.

## PLANS

- Regional collaboration
  - MCMC & OCH -vaccinating own staff, other clinical staff
  - MCMC allocating vaccine to public health
  - MCF&R, Sherman, Gilliam County Clinics- vaccinated first responders
- Utilize all resources
  - Medical Reserve Corps
  - Wasco County Van and driver!
  - Readiness Center
  - Pharmacies
- Keep focus on equity
- Open communication
- Provide accessible, factual information

Dr. McDonnell announced some free testing events that will be held throughout the region as outlined below. This testing is for anyone who wants to be tested. The test results are not immediate but they are sensitive tests and results can be accessed online in a day or two. The organizers ask that you pre-register.

## OHA FREE TESTING EVENTS

- Wasco County in The Dalles and planning for Maupin
- Arlington
- Condon
- The Dalles first event Thursday January 21
  - 10:00 am -2:00pm
  - Held at NWC Aquatic Center parking lot
  - Register at <http://www.doineedacovid19test.com>

Dr. McDonnell empathized with the frustration people feel regarding what seems to be the slow progress of vaccinations. She explained that not only are they limited by the supply of vaccine but they also continue to do all the work of testing, case investigation, contract tracing and managing all other aspects of public health.

NCPHD Interim Executive Director Shellie Campbell stated that they have been working with the Senior Center, among others, to collect and provide information to seniors in an

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effort to support them in getting signed up for vaccination.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked if there is a sense of how well the vaccine is being received by those to whom it is offered. She reported having spoken to a first responder and being surprised by how few in that group had accepted the vaccine. Dr. McDonell replied that it varies by group/work place/circle of friends. In the long term care facilities approximately 95% of the residents accepted vaccines but the caregivers had an acceptance rate of only 60-70%. She said it is hard to know but for the most part in the medical community, there has been a higher rate of acceptance. She stated that a lot depends on where people get their information; she hopes the percentage will rise once people see the benefits. It is disappointing and frustrating when misinformation is spread. She encouraged people to seek information from trusted sites.

Vice-Chair Schwartz commented that separating the groups included in Phase 1b seems to be an onerous task. She said she hopes we will combine those groups at some point. She asked if there is any information on when vaccines will be distributed to primary care physicians. Dr. McDonell replied that she is looking forward that time but does not know when it will be. At this point, the vaccines are still going to hospitals, public health, etc. Primary care physicians are not currently part of the plan. Ms. Campbell added that they would like to see the pharmacies be able to help as well.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked what the objective is of the free testing events. Dr. McDonell speculated that it might be two-fold: 1) since 40-50% of those who contract COVID are asymptomatic, we are probably not testing everyone who should be tested; 2) as we become busier with vaccinations, testing is on the decline. In addition, the testing is being done in rural areas where it may be harder to get vaccines. It is a state and federal effort.

Commissioner Kramer thanked NCPHD for all their work. He stated that we all need to be flexible and patient. Things change every day and we need to be able to do this in an orderly fashion.

Chair Hege commented that when the PSA's go out the title "Mass Vaccination Event" can be misleading. If people do not take the time to read the entire announcement, they may try to show up to the event even though it is only for a certain group and by appointment only. He asked when those events might be for the general public. Dr. McDonell said that is difficult to say but very generally speaking it could be in April or May – that is a very rough estimate. Chair Hege observed that if you look at the numbers of vaccines we get each week and do the math, it seems like it will take years.

Chair Hege asked where the vaccination data in the presentation is coming from. He asked if the numbers per thousand are related to the take rate or the number of vaccinations available. Dr. McDonell replied that that the data is available on the state site. Those numbers are related to the numbers of vaccines available; perhaps later the take rate will have an impact on that number. Wasco County's number per thousand is lower than our

neighboring counties because our population is so much larger.

Chair Hege reported that on the weekly state calls he has heard a lot of frustration that rural counties have not been getting enough vaccine. Dr. McDonell responded that it has not been a clear roll-out and not always mathematically intuitive.

Debi Ferrer asked if Dr. McDonell knows why the Governor omitted people who suffer from chronic diseases from the priorities list in the recent change to the vaccination priority schedule. Dr. McDonell responded that educators were on the list to allow the return to in-person education and they have a greater potential for exposure. It also may have something to do with federal guidance.

Kate Wilson said that at Senator Findlay's town hall he said that there is no evidence that opening businesses increase risk. Dr. McDonell replied that some business openings may not have much impact; however there are businesses that we know increase the risk such as restaurants – we know that it drives numbers up in the community. There is a lot of nuance to this and it can be frustrating.

Brad Cross observed that in Hood River they are including public workers and asked if that is also true in Wasco County. Dr. McDonell stated that it is being considered. Chair Hege noted that it is not a decision made by the County but by Public Health. Dr. McDonell concurred saying that they try to follow state guidelines but are also trying to be equitable.

Kathy Clark asked if there are plans on how they will manage the work load once they have to include second dose vaccinations along with continuing to administer first doses. Dr. McDonell stated that currently OHA has confirmed that for every first dose, they have a second dose held. As far as administration, they have been able to hire new people for vaccination crews. She said they are cognizant of that need and the Readiness Center is very helpful. They are trying to make appointments for the second dose when they administer the first dose.

Chair Hege asked if there is another vaccine coming that is a single dose. Dr. McDonell replied affirmatively saying that it is a Johnson and Johnson product. Chair Hege noted that the second dose is important for immunity but it is more impactful.

Lynn Burditt reported that Eagle Creek has been closed again due to the landslides. Many of the recreational venues are seeing increased visitors but the businesses are not benefitting; they are working on that issue. They are reaching out to counties and cities for public information officer contacts. Throughout the country and particularly in Washington and Oregon, we are seeing significantly higher levels of public recreation. She concluded by saying that the Ports are talking about the 2021 cruise ship season.

#### Discussion Item – Revised NORC Agreement

Youth Think Coordinator Debby Jones explained that after the previous Agreement had

been signed they discovered that one of the experts they planned to contract with was already affiliated with NORC. Since it would be less expensive to engage those services through NORC, the Letter of Agreement has been modified to include those services. This does not have a negative impact on the project budget as these services were already included in the budget. .

**{{Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the Restated NORC Letter of Agreement. Vice-Chair Schwartz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.}}**

#### Discussion Item – Emergency Declaration Extension

Mr. Stone explained that this further extends the Emergency Declaration passed last year at the beginning of the pandemic. It extends the emergency authority and supports grant applications related to the COVID-19 pandemic through mid-April.

**{{Vice-Chair Schwartz moved to approve Order 21-003 extending Order and Resolution 20-003 Declaring a local state of emergency and declaring emergency measures through April 21, 2021. Commissioner Kramer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.}}**

#### Discussion Item – Workforce Act

Commissioner Kramer explained that the flyer in the packet is a summary of where Workforce and Worksource is today. He stated that he is the Co-Chair of a 10-county consortium which has agreed that all 9 investment boards throughout the state would like more communication. Senator Findlay is co-sponsoring a Senate bill and they are talking to others for support. He said that it is a good, bipartisan bill which is trying to keep federal dollars in our state. The request is to add the Wasco County logo to a joint letter of support to the cosponsors.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked if the bill is available to read prior to the Board making a decision. Commissioner Kramer replied that it is available in OLIS. He noted that the Port of The Dalles is supporting it and the two cosponsors are bipartisan and usually do not agree on issues.

**\*\*\*The Board was in general consensus to add the Wasco County logo to support the proposed legislation once they have had the opportunity to review it.\*\*\***

#### Discussion Item – Finance Report

Finance Director Mike Middleton reviewed the report included in the Board Packet.

#### Agenda Item – Road Vacation Petition

Public Works Director Arthur Smith stated that we have received a petition to vacate portions of a road in Tygh Valley. This same group came in early 2019 for a different vacation which went to a public hearing as not all adjacent landowners were in agreement. Agreements were negotiated with that landowner and they were able to successfully

vacate. They are coming back now to clear up some roads that are truly not buildable. He said that today he is just asking for direction to prepare a report as required by statute.

**{{(Vice-Chair Schwartz moved to approve Order 21-006 Directing the Public Works Director to prepare is report on the proposed vacation of Church Avenue Between 3rd Street and 5th Street, and 4th Street Between Church Avenue And Havens Avenue, Located In Tygh Valley, Oregon, Section 10, Township 4 South, Range 13 East, Willamette Meridian. Commissioner Kramer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.)}}**

#### Agenda Item – Records Request Policy Revisions

County Counsel Kristen Campbell explained that these revisions just bring the policy in line with current practices which follow statutes updated a couple of years ago.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked if the forms are on line. Ms. Clark replied that they are. Vice-Chair Schwartz asked if they are available in Spanish. Ms. Clark said that they are not but she would see to it that the get translated.

**{{(Vice-Chair Schwartz moved to approve the 2021 Revised Records Request Policy to supersede all previously adopted Records Request Policies. Commissioner Kramer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.)}}**

#### Consent Agenda – 1.6.2021 Regular Session Minutes

**{{(Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice-Chair Schwartz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.)}}**

#### Agenda Item – Camping on Public Property Policy

Chief Deputy Scott Williams explained that they receive complaints from citizens regarding people living in RVs and camps on county roadways. These sites have no facilities and the campers create trash dumps that have an impact on waterways and roads; they also sometimes generate noise nuisance as some are using loud generators that run 24 hours a day. It is not so much of an issue if they are blocking a roadway as there is recourse for that; otherwise they can be cited for noise and trash. The City of The Dalles has adopted an ordinance to move them out of the City which has pushed them out into the County. The County currently does not have legal recourse; this policy helps us to solve this growing problem.

County Counsel Kristen Campbell said we have been aware of this for years. Around Christmas of last year we had an RV parked in a busy right of way and it posed an immediate hazard. The campers refused to move. The policy mirrors ORS 203.0718, a statute aimed at addressing the issue without criminalizing homelessness. We want to maintain health, welfare and safety. The policy humanely addresses the issue. We have great social service agencies that have been responsive with good support. Ultimately, when the sheriff is in the position where there is a hazard and refusal to move, they need

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tools to manage that. The District Attorney has also been involved in the discussions around this policy. This is a major issue that is also being addressed in the legislature. Our policy can evolve to reflect any legislative changes.

Chief Deputy Williams added that this will not be used as a first step. For instance, during the Christmas incident deputies went out and worked with them a dozen times. We offered services and they refused. We try to do all we can to resolve the situation. This policy is for the rare instance that they refuse all other avenues of assistance. He went on to point out that we have to consider that towing and removal is expensive; the Sheriff's office cannot absorb all those costs if this becomes a chronic problem. It is \$2,500 to tow an RV plus the additional costs of cleanup and storage. Any personal property of value has to be retained for 30 days and we will not be able to recover costs from the homeless person. The City has set aside \$25,000 in their budget for this. We will also need to consider the costs.

Vice-Chair Schwartz acknowledged that Chief Deputy Williams took her on a ride-a-long and they talked about this problem and the Sheriff's philosophy. She said she was impressed by how much the Department goes out of their way to help and the overall understanding of the issue and the compassion demonstrated for the people who are houseless. She said she would like to talk a little more about the incident that brought this to a head. She asked where people go when their RV is towed; what are their options?

Chief Deputy Williams replied that some other counties, such as Umatilla, have designated spots. There is HUD and other programs that can pay for RV parks, trailer parks, etc. There are some places in the county that have funds available. It is not a great solution and that is where we lean on other agencies to help with housing or legal camp spots. Ultimately, it would not be such an issue if they were not creating all the trash and contaminating waterways.

Vice-Chair Schwartz said she does not think we have a program that pays for an RV park. There are short term vouchers for hotels. She said she would like to do a little more research to see what resources are available. There is a piece in the policy talking about unsanitary conditions. She asked if that was the case in this instance.

Chief Deputy Williams replied that it was a piece of what was happening – trash and toilet paper. Most of our roadways are near waterways and they get contaminated. There are no facilities. This is complaint driven – usually when one camper shows up, others follow and that compounds the problem.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked how we define “public health hazard.” She said she would like more clarification on that and the costs before approving this policy. She said she believes there is some work going on at AOC around a legislative concept that we might want to explore and consider – a houselessness and public space concept. It is related to being mindful about not criminalizing houseless people and looking at our own liability to be very careful. This is a complicated issue. She said that what concerns her most is that we do not

have anywhere for folks to go. What we have right now are COVID-related funds which will go away. We need a community solution. She stated that she thinks it needs a little more work and she needs to do a little more research.

Chief Deputy District Attorney Kara Davis provided the statutory definition for Public Health Hazard: Per ORS § 203.079, property that is in an insanitary condition, meaning is contaminated, may be hazardous (e.g. syringes, soiled, body fluids, vermin infestation), could affect the safety and/or health of workers, or adversely affect other stored property. Property that is clearly abandoned and items that have no apparent utility.

Commissioner Kramer suggested that Workforce funds might be utilized for training and getting people to work.

**{{{Commissioner Kramer moved to approve the Wasco County Policy regarding Camping on County Owned or other Public Property. Chair Hege seconded the motion.**

DISCUSSION

Mr. Stone asked about the volume of the problem. Chief Deputy Williams said it is hit or miss; they have had problems at the fair grounds and the armory lot. It is becoming more of a problem and it is complaint-driven. West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street has 4 or 5. Our policy is preemptive. Three Mile has 3 or 4. Generally people move on, but after Mill Creek where we went over and over again and they would not move on even after we offered solutions, we began to work more earnestly on a policy.

Chair Hege asked what solutions had been offered. Chief Deputy Williams responded that we don't have a lot of places for them to go. We told them they could not camp here and brought Center for Living in to help. At one point they were stealing electricity from the Discovery Center.

Chair Hege asked if the heart of the issue is safety and asked if passing this policy will reduce our liability. Ms. Campbell replied that the policy gives us a tool to ensure we are in compliance with ORS in cases where the person will not cooperate. Chief Deputy Williams said there is a compliance issue and a safety issue.

Vice-Chair Schwartz said she does not see in the anything in the policy that refers to citizen complaints. She asked what the criteria for removal is.

Chief Deputy Williams said that citizen complaints are not part of the policy but that is generally how the circumstances come to their attention as people tend to locate where deputies do not ordinarily patrol.

Vice-Chair Schwartz said that she is concerned about the trespassing notice which threatens arrest. She asked if it isn't illegal to arrest someone for houselessness.

Ms. Davis said that she does not think the notice is criminalizing homelessness and is neutral. The “may” is a key work and it will apply to those who are homeless and those who are not.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked if it wouldn't be problematic if our Sheriff's Department actually arrests someone because they refuse to leave.

Ms. Davis replied that it would depend on the refusal. If the Sheriff offered options and they refused, it would not be problematic. You can see this play out poorly or well. It is usually whether they do something illegal or unconstitutional that makes the problem worse.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked if there is other property where they can move. Chief Deputy Williams replied that the City is not an option and people are being removed from state highways. They are left with County property because we have no remedy. There is not an easy answer.

Commissioner Kramer stated that this is a tool for our local agencies and our team to work with our communities. The system is broken across the nation and we are all working towards a solution. He said he believes this is just one tool that will help our local team.

Chair Hege agreed saying that he understands the concerns and we certainly need to work on those. He said we also need to proceed to give the tools to staff and the Sheriff to work. He said he expects the policy will change over time.

Vice-Chair Schwartz stated that she does not necessarily agree. She said she does not think it will give them clear enough guidance. It concerns her that we really don't have an answer as to what to do if they refuse to leave and we have no place for them to go. She said she also doesn't think there is a good enough definition of “hazard.” She said she is working with Community Action and hopes the final outcome will be a place for people in this situation to go. She said she will report more as that work progresses.

Chair Hege called for a vote.

**Chair Hege voted “Aye;” Commissioner Kramer voted “Aye;” Vice-Chair Schwartz abstained. Motion passed.}}**

#### Agenda Item – RRED Zone Applications

Administrative Services Director and Enterprise Zone Manager Matthew Klebes reminded the Board that they had seen these applications and had discussion at the last Board session. He reviewed the memo included in the Board Packet and outlined three possible

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scenarios for RRED Zone extended abatement agreements with Avangrid.

- A. Apply existing Enterprise Zone Policy at 50%/75% for the 4th and 5th year.
- B. Agree to the applicant's proposal of a fixed \$200,000 community service each year for the Bakeoven Solar application and a 25%/50% for the Aurora Solar application.
- C. Agree to a 25%/50% community service fee calculation for both applications.

He said he wants to provide the incentive for success and also establish property value and remain consistent. He went on to say that the applicant had done some calculations and determined that a \$200,000 annual payment would be equivalent to a projected 20% tax. Therefore, he would modify his recommendation for the first project, Bakeoven, to be 20% for both years 4 and 5 and leave the second project, Aurora, at 25% for year 4 and 50% for year 5. He said staff is looking for a decision on an option to move forward with the applicant.

Brian Walsh, representing the applicant, said that he hoped his memo (included in the Board Packet) provides the requested information regarding unanticipated project costs. He said that COVID is also impacting labor issues as people are reluctant to travel where they cannot go home at night. If they do bring in labor outside of reasonable travel distances, housing costs increase as they cannot share rooms. In addition, Trump tariffs on steel have increased materials costs.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked for further explanation of the union labor costs. Mr. Walsh explained that they are often required to use union labor; that is true across the industry and the region. If union halls are empty or we cannot get them to the site, then negotiations occur.

Chair Hege said that his hope would be that they use local contractors. There are some moderately-sized non-union contractors that may bid on the work. Mr. Walsh reported that Crestline has been onsite and they would like to use local labor. There will be multiple subcontractors and they try to use local labor whenever possible.

Vice-Chair Schwartz asked if the company pays for housing for the workers that come from out of town. Mr. Walsh replied that they get a per diem for gas, meals and lodging based on their location and local costs.

Commissioner Kramer said he would defer to Chair Hege's greater experience in this area. He asked if today's information addresses the concerns expressed at the last meeting. Chair Hege stated that it does. He said this is the same issue they are having with the Pilot program at the state level. They are already working to adjust that program.

Commissioner Kramer said that given the fact that these agreements will max out this zone, he believes our objective is to be consistent. He said that he is willing to accept Mr. Klebes modified proposal for option B. He said he would like to see a project get started so we can

have some green energy in the county.

Chair Hege commented that he generally agrees. He said he is more inclined to push the second project up a little from what is proposed but either way, the primary issue is getting the project to move forward. We may get a little less than we might otherwise have gotten, but we need to get the project to move forward. There are not a lot of options for the districts in the southern part of the county and this will be a significant boost to their tax base.

Commissioner Kramer asked if Chair Hege has a number in mind for the second project. Chair Hege replied that 20% is fine for the first project and then 30% & 60% for the second project. He said he is open to other numbers; he wants the project, employment and tax base.

Some discussion ensued clarifying the proposed structure for years 4 and 5 of both projects.

**{{Commissioner Kramer moved to approve both agreements modifying payments for the Bakeoven Project to be 20% of projected taxes for years 4 and 5 and modifying payments for the Aurora Project to be 30% of projected taxes in year 4 and 60% of projected taxes in year 5. Vice-Chair Schwartz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.}}**

<b>Agenda Item – EDC 2021 Project List and Appointments</b>
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PROJECTS LIST

MCEDD Senior Projects Manager Carrie Pipinich reviewed the 2021`Prioritized Project List memo included in the Board Packet. She explained that they work on this every fall and it offers the opportunity to have great conversations across communities. This year the meetings were held via Zoom which presented some challenges to the unincorporated communities that have connectivity issues. The EDC worked to reach them by other means.

Ms. Pipinich explained that some of the criteria they considered when prioritizing projects were potential impacts to economic development, available infrastructure to support the project, readiness to proceed and advantageous timing. The list is updated annually so projects can be added as they become more ready; it also allows them to balance projects across the geography of the county. A big addition this year are the new restrictions imposed on the urban growth boundary.

Chair Hege said he was at some of the meetings; the EDC did a good job of vetting and had valid reasons to support some of the projects not making the list this year. Ms. Pipinich pointed out that the priority list does not impact the technical assistance list; they still work to get those projects ready so they can be added to the priority list in the future.

**\*\*\*The Board was in consensus to approve the Economic Development Commission's**

**Prioritized 2021 Wasco County Community Enhancement Projects List.\*\*\***

APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Pipinich reviewed the memo included in the Board Packet.

Chair Hege asked if The Dalles City Council makes the recommendation for the City's representative on the EDC. Ms. Pipinich replied that she does not think it goes before the Council; she works with the City Manager for that recommendation.

**{{Commissioner Kramer moved to approve Orders 21-004 and 21-005 appointing Rich Mays and Lisa Farquharson to the Wasco County Economic Development Commission. Vice-Chair Schwartz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.}}**

**Agenda Item – CGCC Construction Projects Update**

Columbia Gorge Community College President Dr. Marta Cronin reviewed the presentation included in the Board Packet. She explained that they are no longer using Treaty Oaks as the project name for the skills center. She pointed out that progress for the next few months will be occurring on the inside of the buildings and offered to provide a tour of the project for the Commissioners. She added that there is a live construction camera that can be accessed on YouTube. She reported that the aviation maintenance building project will be moving out to the airport. She thanked the Board for their support of the project as the project could not have happened without that support.

Chair Hege asked if they have identified support funding for the programmatic portion of the skills center project. CGCC Director of Capital Projects and Community Relations Dan Spatz replied that they have been talking with Sherman and Gilliam Counties and will be presenting to both in the near future asking them for financial support for fabrication and construction programming. They are also looking for grant funding and just received an FAA request for proposals. Dr. Cronin added that Mr. Spatz was able to get a plane for the aviation maintenance program. Mr. Spatz explained that it is a Cessna 132; it is not air worthy right now.

Vice-Chair Schwartz commented that this was one of her first decisions as Commissioner and she had struggled with the decision to dedicate so much funding to one project. She said after this presentation, she is so glad that she supported the project.

**Agenda Item – Executive Session**

At 11:44 a.m. Chair Hege opened an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e), (g) & (h) – Real Property Transactions, Trade Negotiations and Legal Consultation.

The Regular Session reconvened at 12.52 p.m.

**Commission Call**

Vice-Chair Schwartz said that she attended the Gorge Economic Forum and suggested that it might be helpful to have our regional economist come talk to us about issues and projections. She said it would not be a lengthy presentation but it might be good for the public to hear. Some of the local issues that present barriers to workforce development are housing, skills, transportation and lack of child care. She said that they also heard from the restaurant lobby. On another note, she reported that the Secretary of Agriculture is not remanding the Gorge Management Plan back to the Columbia River Gorge Commission.

Chair Hege added that the MCEDD website should have a recording of the Economic Forum and agreed that it would be good to have the economist present to the Board.

Commissioner Kramer observed that those barriers are why it is important to support the legislation that would keep funding in our state rather than letting it go back to the federal government. He said that the consortium has been actively working on this for 6 years and we need this funding to get programs established and out to those in need.

Kate Wilson commented that in regard to the homeless, losing a job or other catastrophic event causes homelessness – it is not always mental illness or laziness. We are going to see the problem grow in the wake of the COVID pandemic. Chair Hege agreed – part of it is jobs and part of it is the economy.

Mr. Klebes reported that a tree came down at the museum and damaged the surgeon's quarters. They have cleared the debris and begun work on repairs. There will be some additional removal of damaged trees.

Chair Hege adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

## Summary of Actions

### MOTIONS

- **To approve the Restated NORC Letter of Agreement.**
- **to approve Order 21-003 extending Order and Resolution 20-003 Declaring a local state of emergency and declaring emergency measures through April 21, 2021.**
- **To approve Order 21-006 Directing the Public Works Director to prepare is report on the proposed vacation of Church Avenue Between 3rd Street and 5th Street, and 4th Street Between Church Avenue And Havens Avenue, Located In Tygh Valley, Oregon, Section 10, Township 4 South, Range 13 East, Willamette Meridian.**
- **To approve the 2021 Revised Records Request Policy to supersede all previously adopted Records Request Policies.**
- **To approve the Consent Agenda: 1.6.2021 Regular Session Minutes.**

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- **To approve Orders 21-004 and 21-005 appointing Rich Mays and Lisa Farquharson to the Wasco County Economic Development Commission.**

**CONSENSUS**

- **To add the Wasco County logo to support the proposed legislation once they have had the opportunity to review it.**
- **To approve the Economic Development Commission's Prioritized 2021 Wasco County Community Enhancement Projects List.**

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Scott C. Hege, Commission Chair

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Kathleen B. Schwartz, Vice-Chair

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Steven D. Kramer, County Commissioner



## AGENDA ITEM

### Bench Dedication

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January 26, 2021

To: Board of Commissioners  
Wasco County Courthouse

From: Keith Mobley, for Volunteers Bill Dick, Dan Durow, Nancy Gibson,  
Sandy Macnab, Scott McKay, and myself

We believe William L. (Bill) Hulse, while never seeking recognition during his long life of service, should be honored by having memorial benches placed in his home town of Dufur, in the Discovery Center he helped create, and in the courthouse where he served as County Judge.

Toward that end, we asked for contributions and have received over \$2,700.00, more than enough to pay the costs of acquiring three benches, having them inscribed with appropriate words, and installed.

I have had preliminary conversations with Tyler Stone and Matthew Klebes, and both having offered encouragement, we now make this request of you.

We respectfully ask that you authorize the placement of a memorial bench honoring former County Judge William L. Hulse at a location within the Wasco County Courthouse acceptable to you, and where it will be prominent and inviting to those who seek rest and an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of that building.

A feature of the bench could include a QR code that would provide quick access to a web site that reveals more about Bill and includes his autobiography, *Read It and Sleep*. If that idea has appeal, then I would appreciate some help from your IT experts in making it happen.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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### **Volunteers Plan Memorial Benches for Bill Hulse**

Remembering Bill Hulse is the goal of a group of volunteers in Wasco County. In addition to serving as Judge of the Wasco County Court during the Rajneesh years, William L. (Bill) Hulse played a major role in national wheat marketing organizations. He was also a leader in the creation of what is now called the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center.

Three memorial benches are proposed. One would be in Dufur near the Historical Society Museum, another at the Wasco County Courthouse, and the third at the Discovery Center. Each would have a plaque honoring Bill Hulse and featuring a link to a web site that will describe his life of service.

Accessible via the web link will be his illustrated autobiography, named with his usual modesty and humor, "Read It And Sleep."

The volunteer committee includes Dan Durow, Bill Dick, Scott McKay, Nancy Gibson, Sandy Macnab and Keith Mobley.

Contributions are invited to an account established by the Dufur Historical and Cultural Society, a qualified 501(c)(3) entity, at First Interstate Bank, The Dalles.

Checks should be made payable to Dufur Historical Society, and mailed to P.O. Box 462, Dufur, OR 97021.

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## MOTION

**SUBJECT:** Courthouse Bench Placement

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I move to approve the placement in the Wasco County Courthouse of a bench in memory of former County Judge William Hulse.



## AGENDA ITEM

### Hazard Mitigation Grants

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[WAMIC COMMUNITY CENTER LETTER OF INTENT](#)

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[WAMIC FIRE AND EMS LETTER OF INTENT](#)

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# HMA Grant Programs

## **Pre-Disaster:**

- pre-disaster mitigation (PDM)\*;
- flood mitigation assistance (FMA); and
- building resilient infrastructure and communities (BRIC)

## **Post-Disaster:**

- hazard mitigation grant program (HMGP);
- hazard mitigation grant program post fire (HMGP-PF)

# Post-disaster Overview

- State (the SHMO) is considered the “applicant” and local entities, state agencies, special districts, etc. are considered “subapplicants”
- Private nonprofits (PNPs) **are** eligible to apply
- Tribes may be the “applicant” or “subapplicant” (varies for each disaster)
- State (the SHMO) creates and sends out the NOFO once the 30-day estimate is received for HMGP
- State (the SHMO) creates and sends out the NOFO within 2-3 weeks of the first FMAG declaration for HMGP-PF (timeline may vary depending on number of FMAGs, etc.)
- Once subapplications are submitted to FEMA, the pre-award process takes 10-18 months for award
- Period of Performance is typically a three year timeframe from declaration date to project completion (subject to change)
- Uses a different platform than pre-disaster applications (HMGP subapplications are a Word document and SHMO data enters information into NEMIS)
- Benefit-cost-analysis (BCA) is typically the biggest challenge for subapplicants
- **75/25 cost share (75% comes from federal and 25% comes from local)**

# Who is eligible to apply for HMA funding?

Table 1: Eligible Subapplicants

Entity	HMGP	PDM	FMA
State agencies	✓	✓	✓
Federally-recognized tribes	✓	✓	✓
Local governments/communities <sup>(1)</sup>	✓	✓	✓
Private nonprofit organizations (PNPs)	✓		

<sup>(1)</sup> Local governments/community may include non-federally recognized tribes, or consistent with definition of local government at 44 CFR 201.2, may include any Indian tribe or authorized tribal organization, or Alaska Native village or organization that is not federally recognized per 25 U.S.C. 479a et seq.

**Priority of Funds**  
Those entities within the HMGP grant declared disaster area will take priority during the application process, however all entities interested in funding are encouraged to apply.

## Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Requirement

If your entity is listed above, note that:

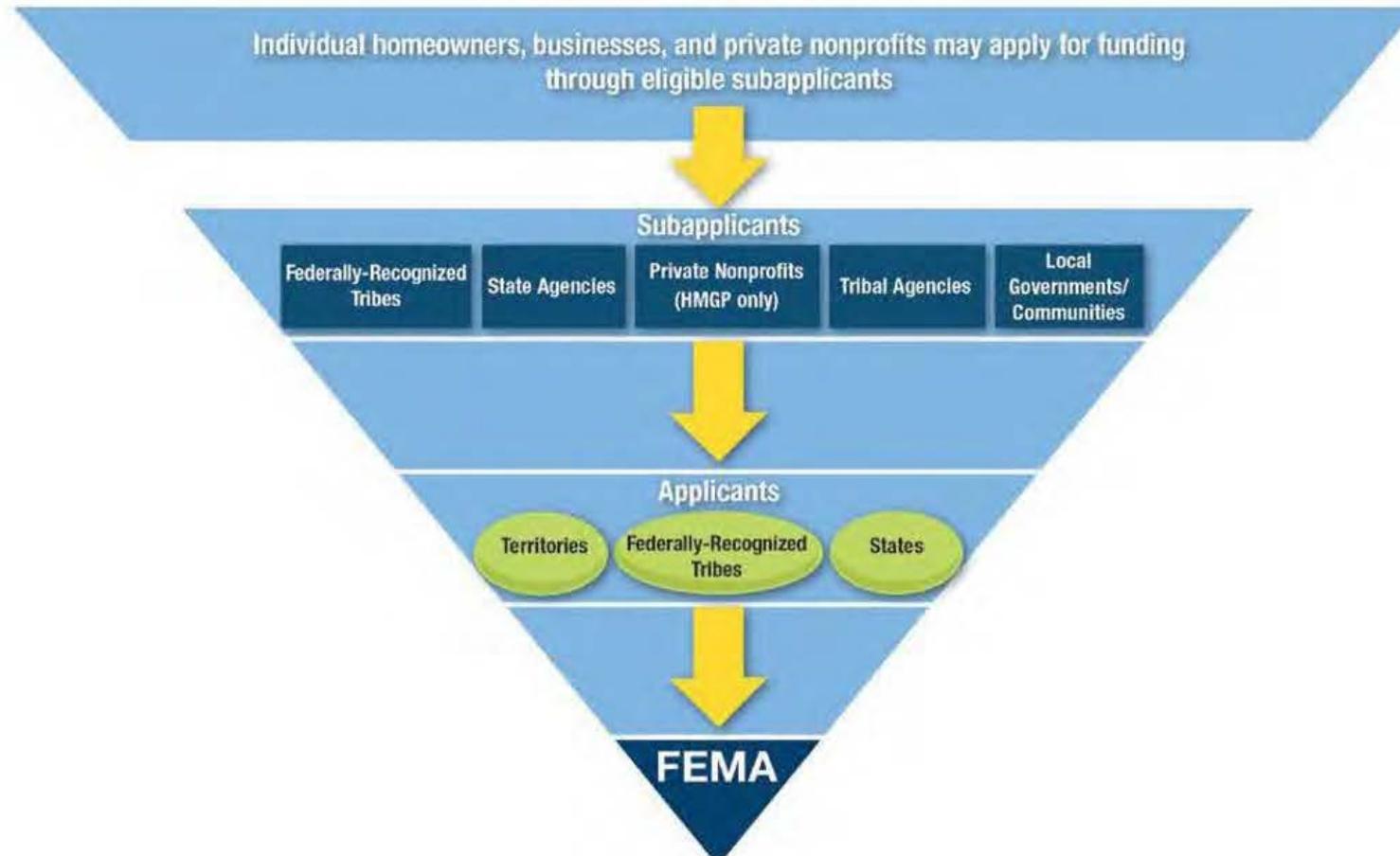
Applying for HMGP funding, applicable entities must have a FEMA-approved State or Tribal (Standard or Enhanced) Mitigation Plan at the time of the Presidential major disaster declaration and **at the time HMGP funding is obligated** to the Recipient or subrecipient. ***If your entity is interested in applying for HMGP funding, however it does not have a current FEMA-approved NHMP, please contact the SHMO to discuss possible options.***

# Private nonprofits (PNPs)

The definition of PNP is in 44 CFR 206.221, If they meet that definition, then they will have to submit proof of their nonprofit status. The work that they are proposing has to conform with the State Plan and they do not need to have a FEMA-approved NHMP themselves. We would like to see more grant requests for mitigation to elderly and disabled care facilities. There is so much that we can do! Generators, defensible space, seismic retrofits, and even flood mitigation projects could be good projects for nonprofit organizations.

# HMGP Process Overview

**Figure 1: Application Process**



# State Process (HMGP example)

- **Disaster is federally declared**
- **45-60 days after disaster declaration, SHMO receives 30-day estimate from FEMA**
- **1-7 days from receiving 30-day estimate, SHMO drafts and distributes statewide guidance/pre-application period begins**
- **Potential subapplicants submit pre-applications to SHMO for eligibility review (number of days varies)**
- State receives the 6-month lock-in
- Depending on the pre-application timeline for said disaster, and if IHMT review board will be needed, subapplicants moving forward will be notified accordingly and presented with an actual subapplication to fill out, timeline to do so, etc. by the SHMO (notification timeline varies)
- Entities to work through subapplication and submit it to the SHMO along with supporting documents by the no later than date
- State receives the 12-month lock-in
- SHMO reviews subapplication and support materials, asks subapplicants follow-on questions if needed, submit all information for subgrant to FEMA, data enter into NEMIS
- Pre-award period begins once subapplication and supporting documents are submitted to FEMA
- 10-18 months, eligible projects are awarded (email sent by FEMA Region X to SHMO including an award letter)
- SHMO notifies subrecipient and provides award letter, asks for those who will attend the kick-off meeting, the fiscal and programmatic contact (for the agreement), drafts agreement, sends agreement to DOJ for legal sufficiency review, sends to subrecipient for review/signature
- SHMO and Accountant host kick-off meeting
- Once agreement is signed by both entities, project begins
- Entities begin submitting request for reimbursements (RfRs) and quarterly reports
- Monitoring visit(s) occurs
- Once project is complete, state accountant works to closeout subgrant fiscally, SHMO coordinates for a closeout meeting, and SHMO works closeout packet for FEMA

# Current Open Post-Disaster Rounds



**HMGP-PF-FM-5327-OR**  
*Tied to the 16 FMAGs*

**HMGP-DR-4562-OR**  
*Tied to the 15  
September 2020  
Disaster Declaration*

	HMGP-DR-4519-OR	HMGP-PF-FM-5327-OR	HMGP-DR-4562-OR
Directly Affected Areas	Umatilla, Union, Wallowa Counties and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	Clackamas, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, and Yamhill Counties in addition to Warm Springs Indian Reservation	Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, and Yamhill Counties in addition to any Tribal lands that were directly affected
Incident Type	Oregon Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, And Mudslides	Wildfires (x16 FMAGs)	Oregon Wildfires And Straight-line Winds
Declaration Date	April 3, 2020	August 13, 2020 (first FMAG declaration)	September 15, 2020
SHMO sent out initial statewide guidance	May 22, 2020	September 25, 2020	October 24, 2020
<b>Pre-application due to SHMO (no later than date)</b>	<del>July 20, 2020</del> August 21, 2020	<del>January 15, 2021</del> <b>April 15, 2021</b>	<del>April 1, 2021</del> <b>July 1, 2021</b>
<b>Subapplication due to SHMO (no later than date)</b>	<del>November 20, 2020</del> <del>March 3, 2021</del> <b>June 2, 2021</b>	<del>February 19, 2021</del> <b>May 28, 2021</b>	<del>August 25, 2021</del> <b>November 29, 2021</b>
Subapplication due to FEMA from SHMO	<del>December 20, 2020</del> April 3, 2021 <b>July 2, 2021</b>	<del>March 30, 2021</del> <b>June 28, 2021</b>	<del>September 15, 2021</del> <b>December 14, 2021</b>
Period of Performance	<del>April 3, 2024</del> <b>July 2, 2024</b>	<del>March 30, 2024</del> <b>June 28, 2024</b>	<del>September 15, 2024</del> <b>December 14, 2024</b>
Federal Funds	\$3,059,657.00 (per 6-month lock-in)	\$10,074,896.00	\$60,045,205.00 (per 30-day estimate)
Federal Funds Still Available as of 12/29/2020	-	\$7,095,453.50	\$43,299,847.65

**Incident Period:** August 12, 2020 +

**Incident Type:** Wildfires (x16 FMAGs)

**Pre-application deadline to State:** Ongoing starting 9/25/2020 and no later than 1/15/2021

**Subapplication deadline to State:** Will vary based upon subapplicant and no later than 2/19/2021

**Application deadline to FEMA from State:** 3/31/2021

**Priority Areas:** Clackamas, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, and Yamhill Counties in addition to Warm Springs Indian Reservation

**Submitted Pre-applications Funding Breakdown**

Category	Federal Requested (75%)	Federal Amount Available (75%)	Difference/ Remaining Federal Funds (75%)	Local Share (25%)	Projected Total/ Overall Amount (75% + 25%)
Projects	\$56,250.00	\$8,865,908.00	\$8,809,658.00	\$18,750.00	\$75,000.00
Plans	\$89,437.50	\$705,243.00	\$615,805.50	\$29,812.50	\$119,250.00
5 Percent Initiative	\$33,750.00	\$503,745.00	\$469,995.00	\$11,250.00	\$45,000.00
AA	\$1,018,125.00	\$2,518,724.00	\$1,500,599.00	\$339,375.00	\$1,357,500.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,197,562.50</b>	<b>\$10,074,896.00</b>	<b>\$8,877,333.50</b>	<b>\$399,187.50</b>	<b>\$1,596,750.00</b>

**Federal Funds**

Total Funds Available	\$10,074,896.00
Total Requested	\$1,197,562.50
<b>Remaining</b>	<b>\$8,877,333.50</b>

**Management Costs**

State MC Ceiling:	1,343,319.00
State MC Requested:	1,197,562.50
Local MC Ceiling:	671,660.00
Local MC Requested:	

**Pre-application Summary**

Category	Total Submitted Pre-applications	Ineligible Pre-applications	Eligible but not selected	Total Eligible Proposals Moving Forward with a Subapplication
Projects	1	0	0	
Plans	2	0	0	
5 Percent Initiative	1	0	0	
AA	6	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



# HMPG-PF-FM-5327

## Breakdown of Overall Amount Available

	Date Declared	Period of Performance	Federal Share (75%)			HMGP Federal Available (75% of full amount) a + b + c (aka HM Ceiling)	Local Share (25%) (25% of full amount)	Total Amount (100%) Needs to Equal IOT receive full SMC amount (Federal (75%) + local match (25%))	AA Funds Available (up to 25% of the HM Ceiling) NOT in addition to the 100% amount	Local Management Funds (5% of total Fed/Local amount; also requires a subrecipient match)	*State Management Funds (10% of total Fed/Local amount; does not require a match)
			Project Funds Available a +	Planning Funds Available (7%) b +	5% Initiative Funds Available (5% initiative) c						
<b>HMGP-PF-FM-5327</b> <b>Wildfires (FMAGs x 16)</b> <i>Location(s): Clackamas, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, and Yamhill Counties in addition to Warm Springs Indian Reservation</i> <i>Incident Period: 8/12/2020 +</i> <i>Letter of Intent deadline to State: 9/25/2020</i> <i>Subapplication deadline to State: 2/19/2021</i> <i>Application deadline to FEMA from State: 3/31/2021</i>	2020/08/13	TBD once SF424 is approved by FEMA	\$8,865,908.48	\$705,242.72	\$503,744.80	\$10,074,896.00	\$3,358,298.67	\$13,433,194.67	\$2,518,724.00	\$671,659.73	\$1,343,319.47



# HMGP-DR-4562-OR Timeline

- Declared: **September 15, 2020**
- 30-day estimate received: **October 24, 2020**
- SHMO statewide guidance sent: **October 25, 2020**
- The pre-application period starts on **September 15, 2020** for the first \$30,000,000.00 and will go thru **April 1, 2021** for all remaining funds
- For those entities that need more time to work through assessments and to identify mitigation projects, etc. the remaining funds (\$30,045,205.00) will be held and those pre-applications received by **April 1, 2021** that have yet to be identified as moving forward in the subapplication process will go before the IHMT review board for review, prioritization, and feedback prior to selection (anticipated to be held between 5-20 April 2021)
- Final notifications going to subapplicants moving forward in the subapplication process will be sent by: **April 25, 2021**
- Subapplications will be due to the SHMO: **no later than 11:59 pm PST on August 25, 2021**
- The SHMO will submit the application containing all subapplications to FEMA Region X: **no later than September 15, 2021\***

# HMGP-DR-4562

## Breakdown of Overall Amount Available per the 30-day estimate

	Date Declared	Period of Performance	Federal Share (75%)			HMGP Federal Available (75% of full amount) a + b + c (aka HM Ceiling)	Local Share (25%) (25% of full amount)	Total Amount (100%) Needs to Equal IOT receive full SMC amount (Federal (75%) + local match (25%))	AA Funds Available (up to 25% of the HM Ceiling) NOT in addition to the 100% amount	Local Management Funds (5% of total Fed/Local amount; also requires a subrecipient match)	*State Management Funds (10% of total Fed/Local amount; does not require a match)
			Project Funds Available a +	Planning Funds Available (7%) b +	5% Initiative Funds Available (5% initiative) c						
<b>HMGP-4562 (30-day estimate)</b> <b>Wildfires and Straight-line Winds events</b> <b>Location(s):</b> Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, and Yamhill Counties in addition to any Tribal lands that were directly affected <b>Incident Period:</b> 9/7/2020 and continuing <b>Letter of Intent deadline to State:</b> 4/1/2021 <b>Subapplication deadline to State:</b> 8/25/2021 <b>Application deadline to FEMA from State:</b> 9/15/2021	2020/09/15	2023/09/15	\$52,839,780.40	\$4,203,164.35	\$3,002,260.25	\$60,045,205.00	\$20,015,068.33	\$80,060,273.33	\$15,011,301.25	\$4,003,013.67	\$8,006,027.33

# HGMP Categories

HMGP grants have **4** different categories that can be applied for (*only one of the four per pre-application and subapplication*):

- 1) Projects:** There are a variety of eligible projects.
- 2) Plans:** Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans (NHMP) and Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) are the two most common uses for planning funds. Emergency Operations Plans are ineligible.
- 3) 5% Initiative:** For mitigation activities that are difficult to evaluate using FEMA-approved cost-effectiveness methodologies.
- 4) Advance Assistance:** Used to develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop complete HMGP applications in a timely manner (up to 25% of the HMGP ceiling).

# Types of Eligible Fire-related Projects

- **Defensible space measures** – The creation of perimeters around residential and nonresidential buildings and structures through the removal or reduction of flammable vegetation
- **Ignition-resistant construction** – The application of non-combustible building envelope assemblies, the use of ignition-resistant materials, and the use of proper retrofit techniques in new and existing structures (must also include defensible space in order to be eligible for this type of project)
- **Hazardous fuels reduction** – Vegetation management to reduce hazardous fuels, vegetation thinning, and the reduction of flammable materials to protect life and property beyond defensible space perimeters but proximate to at-risk structures



# Ineligible Fire-related Projects

- Projects that do not protect homes, neighborhoods, structures, or infrastructure
- Projects on federally owned land and land adjacent to Federal lands when the proposed project falls under the primary or specific authority of another Federal agency
- **Projects for hazardous fuels reduction in excess of 2 miles from structures**
- Projects to address ecological or agricultural issues related to land and forest management (e.g., insects, diseases, infestations, damage from extreme weather events affecting the forest-wide health)
- Irrigation of vegetation to avoid disease or drought-related infestation
- Projects to protect the environment or watersheds
- Projects for prescribed burning or clear-cutting activities
- Projects for maintenance activities, deferred or future, without an increase in the level of protection
- **Projects for the purchase of fire-related equipment (e.g., vehicles, fire trucks) or communications equipment**
- Projects for the creation and maintenance of fire breaks, access roads, and staging areas
- Purchase of equipment to accomplish eligible work (e.g., chainsaws, chippers)
- Projects for vegetation irrigation systems installed on the ground and designed to moisten the surface
- **Development or enhancement of fire-suppression capability through the purchase of equipment or resources (e.g., water supply or sources, dry hydrants, cisterns not related to water hydration systems, dip ponds)**
- Activities intended solely to remedy a code violation without an increase in the level of protection
- **Activities on Federal land**

# 5 Percent Initiative

- **To be eligible for the 5 Percent Initiative, activities must:**
  - Be difficult to evaluate against traditional program cost-effectiveness criteria
  - Comply with all applicable HMGP eligibility criteria as well as with Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances
  - Be consistent with the goals and objectives of the State or Tribal (Standard or Enhanced) Mitigation Plans and local mitigation plans
  - Be submitted for review with a narrative that indicates that there is a reasonable expectation that future damage or loss of life or injury will be reduced or prevented by the activity
- **Activities that might be funded under the 5 Percent Initiative include:**
  - The use, evaluation, and application of new, unproven mitigation techniques, technologies, methods, procedures, or products
  - **Equipment and systems for the purpose of warning citizens of impending hazards**
  - **Purchase of generators or related equipment, such as generator hook-ups**
  - **Hazard identification or mapping and related equipment for the implementation of mitigation activities**
  - Acquisition of GIS software, hardware, and data whose primary aim is mitigation
  - Public awareness or education campaigns about mitigation
  - Evaluation of model building codes in support of future adoption and/or implementation

# 5 Percent Initiative Continued...

**Installing Warning Signs:** Installing warning equipment and systems, including electronic signs and signals, for warning citizens about wildfire hazards and hazard identification-related equipment is an eligible activity under the 5 Percent Initiative in the HMGP. The general intent of these signs is to provide warning of fire risk and/or evacuation orders for people in the area.

# HMA Links

**FEMA Advance Assistance:** <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/32755>

**FEMA Grant Forms:** <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/forms/sf-424-family.html#sortby=1>

**FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Post Fire:** <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program-post-fire>

**FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance:** <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/103279>

**FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Publications:** <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance-publications>

**FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program:** <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>

**FEMA HMA Application Development Guidance:** <https://www.fema.gov/application-development-1>

**FEMA HMA Cost Share Guidance:** [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/fema\\_hma\\_cost-share-guide.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/fema_hma_cost-share-guide.pdf)

**FEMA Management Costs:** <https://www.fema.gov/drra-1215-faq>

**FEMA Nature Based Solutions:** [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/fema\\_riskmap\\_nature-based-solutions-guide\\_2020.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/fema_riskmap_nature-based-solutions-guide_2020.pdf)

**FEMA HMA 2019 Year in Review:** [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/fema\\_hma-year-in-review-support-document\\_June2020.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-09/fema_hma-year-in-review-support-document_June2020.pdf)

Questions?

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### Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (select one)

**Pre-Disaster:** Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

**Pre-Disaster:** Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

**Post-Disaster:** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):

**Post-Disaster:** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Post Fire (PF): [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Sub Applicant:** Barlow Water District

**Date:** 1/21/2021

**Point of Contact Name and Job Title:** Larry Warren Chairman of the Board

**Phone:** 503-816-7366

**E-mail:** [Chairmanbwid@gmail.com](mailto:Chairmanbwid@gmail.com)

**Street Address:** 11 S County Rd

**City:** Tygh Valley      **State:** Oregon **Zip:** 97063

**To which FEMA-Approved Hazard Mitigation Plan is your jurisdiction covered by?**

**Plan Title:** HMGP4562

**Expiration Date:** 6/28/2021

#### **Pre-Disaster**

- Capability- and Capacity-Building (BRIC)
  - Project Scoping (previously Advance Assistance) (BRIC)
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#### **Post-Disaster**

- Advance Assistance (AA)
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- Project
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#### **Property Address**

**Street Address:** 11 S County Road

City: Tygh Valley State: Oregon Zip: 97063

**What type of property is it? (select one)**

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Yes  No  Unsure

Proposal Title: Barlow Water District Emergency Generator project

Estimated Overall/Total Cost: \$60500

Estimated Local Management Cost (is up to 5% of the amount listed above): \$3025

**Brief Proposal Description:** Barlow Water District has been identified as a critical utility due to it is the only water provider for the Pine Hollow Community. A generator at the location of the water tower would be life essential due to fires or other emergencies if we were not able to run our in ground well pumps. Barlow Water District would install a generator that would power the wells needed to keep the water flowing to the community. Thereby, potentially providing over 488 full time residents and as many as several 1000 part time residents and visitors with potable drinking water. The costs for the generator and installation will be approximately \$60500 of which 25% can be covered by the Barlow Water District. Existing Generator is powered by diesel fuel and was donated approx 20 years ago and is about 40 years old, unreliable at best. Last year during the White River fires, Federal government crews depended on our water to service the Helicopter port that was setup to fight the fires. Our community totally depends on our system for their potable water.

Hage Electric & Construction Services, Inc.  
Phone: 541.296.1962

3701 Klindt Drive  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

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**Project:** Barlow Water District Generator

**Date:** 01/8/2021

To: Barlow Water District  
11 Pine Hollow Access Rd.  
Wamic, OR 97063

Contact: Larry Warren Email: lawarren1953@yahoo.com

Phone: 503.816.7366

Estimator: Kyle Ruder Email: [kylerruder@HageElectric.com](mailto:kylerruder@HageElectric.com)

Direct: 541.296.1962 ext 501

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### Project Information:

**Description:** Barlow Water Tower Backup Generator

**Location:** Wamic, Oregon

### Document Basis for Proposal:

**Specifications / Sections:** N/A

**Drawing Sheets:** N/A

**Source:** N/A

**Addendum(s) Acknowledged:** N/A

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### Proposal:

Hage Electric is pleased to provide you with this job proposal to provide the following scope of work for the above listed project:

1. Electrical Permits
  - a. All fees for applications and inspections
2. Disconnect existing generator.
3. Install new 125-KVA, 3 phase generator.
4. Install new conduit and feeder from generator to existing transfer switches.
5. Provide new 500 gallon propane tank.
6. Provide propane tank pad.
7. Provide propane pipe and connections for new generator.

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### Inclusions:

- Materials and installation complete as listed in the above Proposal section.
- 500-gallon propane tank and connections to generator.
- Propane tank pad

### Exclusions:

- Job specific Bid Bond
- Painting
- Removal of existing generator

### Special Notes & Requirements:

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Hage Electric & Construction  
Services, Inc.

541.296.1962

OR Lic# 33-45C  
WA Lic# HAGEECS020Q3  
CCB # 125353

- N/A

**Project Costs:**

Hage Electric & Construction Services proposes to furnish material and labor in accordance with the above listed specifications, for the sum of:

<b>Material:</b>	<b>\$46,000.00</b>
<b>Labor:</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>
<b>Total: Sixty Thousand Five Hundred and NO/100</b>	<b>\$60,500.00</b>

**Terms & Conditions:**

- **Pricing is valid 30 days from the date of this proposal shown in the Project section.**
  - Pricing is subject to change after 30 days.
- **Terms are 50% down & balance due upon completion, 5% adder for credit card.**
- **Projects with a duration of greater than 30 days will Progress Bill.**
- All material guaranteed to be as specified herein.
- All work to be completed in a craftsman-like manner according to standard practice.
- Any alteration or deviation from noted specifications, involving additional costs, will be executed only upon written order and acceptance by Hage Electric.
- Extra charges may result from alteration or deviation from noted specifications.
- This proposal is contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control.
- Hage Electric & Construction Services is licensed, bonded and insured
- Specific project bonds are not carried unless included within owner specification and this document.
- This proposal may be withdrawn if not accepted within 30 days from the date of this proposal shown in the Project section.

**Acceptance of Proposal:**

**The conditions herein are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. Hage Electric & Construction Services is authorized to do the work as specified. Payments for work performed will be made as outlined above.**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PM: \_\_\_\_\_

PO#: \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes       No       Unsure

Proposal Title: Generator for Wamic Community Center

Cost \$88175

Estimated Local Management Cost (is up to 5% of the amount listed above) \$4321.50

**Brief Proposal Description:** Wamic Community center has been identified as a shelter area due to its central location, easy access to the State Highway and space utilization in case local populations have to be evacuated. A generator at the location would be life essential, especially for access and functional needs of citizens during Public Safety Power Shutoff events and fires.

Wamic Community center would install a generator that would power the main building of the facilities including the kitchen, main hall, the attached classroom and gym. Thereby potentially providing over 200 residents with a shelter that has the ability to give food and other services.

The costs for the generator and installation will be approximately \$86250 of which 25% can be covered by Wamic Fire and EMS.

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The Dalles, Oregon 97058

**Project:** Wamic Community Center Generator

**Date:** 01/8/2021

To: Wamic Community Center  
Wamic, OR 97063

Contact: Larry Warren Email: lawarren1953@yahoo.com

Phone: 503.816.7366

Estimator: Kyle Ruder Email: [kylerruder@HageElectric.com](mailto:kylerruder@HageElectric.com)

Direct: 541.296.1962 ext 501

### Project Information:

**Description:** Wamic Community Center Backup Generator

**Location:** Wamic, Oregon

### Document Basis for Proposal:

**Specifications / Sections:** N/A

**Drawing Sheets:** N/A

**Source:** N/A

**Addendum(s) Acknowledged:** N/A

### Proposal:

Hage Electric is pleased to provide you with this job proposal to provide the following scope of work for the above listed project:

1. Electrical Permits
  - a. All fees for applications and inspections
2. Install new 80 KVA backup generator.
3. Install new 400-AMP transfer switch.
4. Install conduit and feeders from generator to new transfer switch.
5. Install conduit and feeders from new transfer switch to existing panels.
6. Install conduit and feeders from existing meter base to new transfer switch.
7. Provide concrete pad for generator.
8. Provide propane piping to feed generator.
9. Provide excavation backfill and compaction.

### Inclusions:

- Materials and installation complete as listed in the above Proposal section.
- Excavation, trenching and backfill and compaction.
- Generator pad.
- Gas piping and connection to propane tank

### Exclusions:

- Job specific Bid Bond
- Painting

### Special Notes & Requirements:

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- N/A

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**Project Costs:**

Hage Electric & Construction Services proposes to furnish material and labor in accordance with the above listed specifications, for the sum of:

<b>Material:</b>	<b>\$60,450.00</b>
<b>Labor:</b>	<b>\$25,800.00</b>
<b>Total: Eighty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and NO/100</b>	<b>\$86,250.00</b>

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  - This proposal is contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control.
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**Acceptance of Proposal:**

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Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ PM: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Hazard Mitigation Assistance Pre-Application Form/Letter of Intent

Submitting this form ensures that your grant proposal is reviewed by the State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) and is considered for inclusion in Oregon's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) library of eligible mitigation grant proposals, which is referenced when funding opportunities arise. It is an important first step in the grant application process.

***To encourage and assist with mitigation proposal development in advance of grant announcements, the Oregon SHMO now accepts submission of pre-application forms anytime, regardless of current grant availability.***

**Instructions:** Complete the form and submit it to [shmo@mil.state.or.us](mailto:shmo@mil.state.or.us). The SHMO will review it and contact you. If you have questions or need assistance, please e-mail the SHMO at [shmo@mil.state.or.us](mailto:shmo@mil.state.or.us).

### Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (select one)

**Pre-Disaster:** Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

**Pre-Disaster:** Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)

**Post-Disaster:** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):

**Post-Disaster:** Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Post Fire (PF): [Click here to enter text](#)

Sub-Applicant: Wamic Fire and EMS

Date: 01/21/2021

Point of Contact Name and Job Title: Larry Warren Member Board of Directors

Phone: 503-816-7366

E-mail: [lawarren1953@yahoo.com](mailto:lawarren1953@yahoo.com)

Street Address: 11 S County Rd

City: Tygh Valley      State: Oregon Zip: 97063

To which FEMA-Approved Hazard Mitigation Plan is your jurisdiction covered by?

Plan Title: HGMP4562

Expiration Date: 6/28/2021

#### **Pre-Disaster**

- Capability- and Capacity-Building (BRIC)
  - Project Scoping (previously Advance Assistance) (BRIC)
  - Building Codes Activity (BRIC)
  - Partnership (BRIC)
  - Mitigation Planning or Planning-Related (BRIC)
  - Other Activity (BRIC)
- Mitigation Project (BRIC)
- Technical Assistance (BRIC)
- Project Scoping (previously Advance Assistance) (FMA)
- Community Flood Mitigation Projects (FMA)
- Technical Assistance (FMA)
- Flood Hazard Mitigation Planning (FMA)
- Individual Flood Mitigation Project (FMA)

#### **Post-Disaster**

- Advance Assistance (AA)
- Plan
- Project
- 5 Percent Initiative

#### **Property Address**

Street Address: 11 S County Rd

City: Tygh Valley      State: Oregon Zip: 97063

As of 9/11/2020

**What type of property is it? (select one)**

Publicly Owned       Privately Owned       Unsure

**Does the property have NFIP flood insurance? (select one)**

Yes       No       Unsure

**Is the property within a FEMA mapped Special Flood Hazard Area? (select one)**

Yes       No       Unsure

**Is the property a Repetitive Loss (RL) or Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) property? (select one)**

Yes       No       Unsure

**Proposal Title:** Generator for Wamic Fire and EMS Building

**Cost** \$88175

**Estimated Local Management Cost (is up to 5% of the amount listed above)** \$4408.75

**Brief Proposal Description:** Wamic Fire and EMS has been identified as a volunteer Fire and rescue department serving ASA8 in North Central Oregon, easy access to the State Highway and space utilization in case local populations have to be evacuated. A generator at the location would be life essential, especially for emergency management and functional need citizens during Public Safety Power Shutoff events and fires. Wamic Fire and EMS would install a generator that would power the main building of the facilities. This facility house our fire fighting equipment and ambulances. Thereby potentially providing over 500 full time and upwards of 1000 part time residents with emergency services that has the ability to provide fire, medical support and other services. The costs for the generator and installation will be approximately \$88175 of which 25% can be covered by Wamic Fire and EMS.

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### Project Information:

**Description:** Wamic Fire Dept. Backup Generator

**Location:** Wamic, Oregon

### Document Basis for Proposal:

**Specifications / Sections:** N/A

**Drawing Sheets:** N/A

**Source:** N/A

**Addendum(s) Acknowledged:** N/A

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  8. Provide concrete pad for propane tank.
  9. Provide concrete pad for generator.
  10. Provide propane piping to feed generator.
  11. Provide excavation backfill and compaction.
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### Inclusions:

- Materials and installation complete as listed in the above Proposal section.
- 1000-gallon propane tank and connections to generator.
- Excavation, trenching and backfill and compaction.
- Generator pad.
- Propane tank pad.

### Exclusions:

- Job specific Bid Bond
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- Sheetrock patching
- Painting

**Special Notes & Requirements:**

- N/A

**Project Costs:**

Hage Electric & Construction Services proposes to furnish material and labor in accordance with the above listed specifications, for the sum of:

<b>Material:</b>	<b>\$62,375.00</b>
<b>Labor:</b>	<b>\$25,800.00</b>
<b>Total: Eighty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five and NO/100</b>	<b>\$88,175.00</b>

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## MOTION

**SUBJECT:** Hazard Mitigation Grants

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I move to approve the hazard mitigation pre-application/letters of intent for Barlow Water District, Wamic Community Center and Wamic Fire and EMS.



## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **Emergency Management 2020 Review**

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[STAFF REPORT](#)

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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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### Emergency Management 2020 Annual Report

The year 2020 was an unprecedented year for Wasco County and the State of Oregon. This past year Wasco County was impacted by five major wildfires, of which 4 required evacuations, and a worldwide pandemic.

With the COVID-19 virus impacting Washington State in February and impacting Oregon in March, North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) with the consultation from Wasco County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management determined that this virus would affect every facet of the county. These factors concluded a Unified Command approach with Wasco County would be needed in order to better manage the response for the pandemic. This would also ensure the right resources would be allocated and distributed to the whole county. The primary Unified Command consisted of NCPHD, Wasco County and Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue; later joined by Sherman and Gilliam Counties. Overall Unified Command was operational for over a 10 month period. As soon as the Unified Command was formed several issues showed up.

One of the first concerns that arose was the lack of knowledge of the National Incident Command System (ICS) from the majority of the members involved in the Unified Command Structure. Additionally, a lack of knowledge with the National Response Framework from senior leadership and elected officials was also identified. One of the reasons why Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue was placed as an Incident Commander in Unified Command was due to the knowledge of ICS and to be able to assist/guide NCPHD and Wasco Co. with the procedures/processes of ICS. In addition Wasco Co. Sheriff's Office Emergency Manager was placed in the Planning Section Chief role for the purpose of facilitating the meetings, assisting with training personnel on ICS and ensuring Incident Action Plans were completed and followed.

#### Recommendation

1. Recommend all Wasco County employees receive at minimum ICS 100/200 training. There are a number of county personnel who could bring specific skillsets to a response and it would be beneficial for the staff to have a basic understanding of ICS.

2. Highly recommended all supervisors and elected officials receive at minimum ICS 700/800 training. ICS 700/800 gives a more in-depth overview on the ICS command structure, emergency operations center interaction with incident command centers, emergency support functions, joint information centers and Multi-Agency Coordination Group (MAC). These higher level trainings will help supervisors and elected officials understand where they fit in the big picture.

By standing up the Unified Command an advisory/policy MAC needed to be created. This MAC group's main purpose was to provide a financial control system, policy guidance, maintaining a common operating picture by coordinating incident-related information with stakeholders and coordinating interagency and intergovernmental issues regarding policies, priorities, and strategies. Unfortunately, as with the Unified Command, this advisory group had to be built from scratch and also needed the members to have a basic understanding of ICS and their role in the response.

#### Recommendation

1. Standing up a Multi-Agency Coordination Group or Multi-Agency Advisory Committee - In order to prevent slowing down complex responses, it is recommended to create the MAC Group prior to an incident with representation from each sector in the county. Counties already should have such committee's that already interact with each other such as Chambers of Commerce, Fire Districts, and School Districts that the MAC Group can pull members from. This Committee or Group could meet several times a year thereby strengthen the communications and partnership. If required the MAC Group Organization Chart (Enclosure 1) can be used to build these committees.
2. "Just in time training" for Agency representatives and elected officials (when time is of the essence), it is recommended the members review at minimum ICS-402: ICS Overview for Executives/Senior Officials, if there is more time IS 700 (Intro to the national Incident Management System) and IS 800 (National Response Framework, An Intro) would be highly beneficial.

As with any response to an incident, having the ability to bring equipment, resources and supplies quickly in order to combat the incident is paramount. Unfortunately financial policy and support was one of the biggest hurdles Wasco County had to overcome. This required the input and guidance from the MAC Group. Due to the scale of the pandemic, impacting every part of the county from church gatherings to retail stores, Unified Command included two separate agencies and one county. The financial/fiscal policy ended up being more complex due to the uniqueness of the situation. In order for the Unified Command to respond as it needed to, it required funding.

#### Recommendation

1. A successful response requires three (3) main components; trained personnel, open communication, and logistical support. It is recommended Wasco County allocates a certain amount of money to be used specifically for county emergencies, especially for the aforementioned components. This fund should be added to every year with a designated Administrator in charge of the fund. In addition specific guidance should be given as to how the fund can be used with the first priority being life and safety. The responding agencies ability to repay should not be a consideration on the immediate disbursement of allocated funding as it directly relates to the importance of life and safety for Wasco County citizens.

Due to the uniqueness of the pandemic and the impact to NCPHD a Unified Command response was necessary. However with this expansion, NCPHD faced challenges as it related to the overall operational/physical space, impacting the recommended "social distancing" requirements. It was fortunate that Annex C was available for the response. However this space will not always be available for responses in the future. Another concern was the lack of an Incident Management Assist Team, or volunteers the EOC Manager could call upon to help staff Unified Command.

#### Recommendation

1. Expand the EOC space to include parts of Annex C (East Section), where NCPHD has been operating and move NCPHD to Annex A. A larger EOC will allow more agency representatives, volunteers and possibly an incident management team to be brought in, thereby giving the county more control on providing incident support. Support can be identified as; Joint Information Center, Community Liaisons, PIO's, MAC representatives and other essential functions of ICS.
2. Standing up an Incident Management Team consisting of Wasco County employees and other community partners. This type of organizational structure will be advantageous to Wasco County and other facets required of the incident. This team will be able to assist the EOC Manager in staffing the EOC or Unified Command if the incident requires it, keep community partners, stakeholders and the public updated on the response and directly support the response with logistical needs.

During the year 2020, Wasco County experienced severe fire conditions with 8 major fires, of which four fires, Fir Mountain Fire, Mosier Creek Fire, Seven Mile Hill Fire and White River Fire required citizen evacuation.

Fir Mountain Fire started on August 1<sup>st</sup>, eight miles east of Hood River along the Fir Mountain road. It burned approximately 313 acres before being contained on 10 Aug 2020. The fire was human caused and started on private timberland and progressed in Wasco County causing a Level 3 Evacuation Notice for all residences on Godberson Road.

Mosier Creek Fire started on August 12<sup>th</sup> on the east side of Wilson Road and grew to 800 acres overnight and maxed out at 985 acres. 150 homes were evacuated and an additional 500 homes were placed on level 2 evacuation notice. The Shilo Inn with the cooperation of hotel management, was designated as the shelter location for this event. An Emergency Conflagration was declared bringing in additional fire resources consisting of 9 agencies, 700+ fire fighters, Law enforcement and support members, with aerial resources consisting four Air Tankers, two Fire Bosses and three Type 1 helicopters.

The Seven Mile Hill Fire began on the evening of August 19<sup>th</sup> burning approximately 100 acres before it was contained. Due to the fires location and environmental conditions threatened Murphy's Edition requiring the evacuation of over 500 households. The fire was prevented from spreading due to the firefighting resources already on scene fighting the Mosier Creek Fire.

The White River Fire started about 13 miles southeast of Government Camp on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Maximum spread of the fire ended up being 17,383 acres. A Conflagration was declared on August 28<sup>th</sup> bringing in a total 1,229 over firefighting and support personnel. Approximately 300 households were evacuated, 180 were at level 2 and 1511 households were at level 1 evacuation notice.

Lessons learned and recommendation from the responses to the fires:  
Fir Mountain fire

- a. Better initial coordination/communication to neighboring fire districts and agencies by the Incident Command; when there is a fire on county border the neighboring fire district and County EM should be immediately notified by 911 Dispatch (in this case Hood River 911 Dispatch).

#### Mosier Creek Fire

- a. Due to limited resources closed roads and barricades were unable to be manned 24/7 by local LE It is highly recommended either ODF or Fire Marshall bring Flaggers to maintain closed roads or barricades.
- b. The complexity and movement of the fire and the incoming management team caused initial miscommunication and confusion on the actual borders of the evacuation zones. Maps created by the States Incident Management Team did not accurately reflect the actual level 3 and level 2 evacuation areas. A simple fix would be to either have the EM or designee embedded with the responding incident management team as soon as possible or request a liaison from the team to be embedded with the EOC.
- c. In order to ensure seamless integration of local resources and ensuring stakeholder notification during Fire events, it is highly recommended to hold a pre-season campaign/education with all city/county leaders and agency leads responsible for fire districts and public safety, public health and commerce on responsibilities and duties during a catastrophe.
- d. There was no coordination by the responding agency (Oregon Fire Marshall) with local agencies, when the damage assessment was performed. It is highly recommended to make the expectation known to the incoming Incident Management Team that a damage assessment shall be made in coordination with local EM. A damage assessment should be done even if there were no structural damages and prior to turnover to local fire agency.
- e. There was some confusion with the local populace on wildfires and urban interface, expectations and preparedness. It is highly recommended that county should do some early messaging on what to expect during a wildfire event. EM will be working with the local Fire Districts and Mid-Columbia Fire Prevention Cooperative on messaging.

#### Seven Mile Hill Fire

- a. This fire started on 7 Mile Hill Rd and with wind conditions threatening a highly populated area on the outskirts of The Dalles, requiring the evacuation of over 500+ people with no notice. EM will be working with local government and Sheriff to identify pre designated evacuation areas and on wildfire/urban interface messaging prior to next fire season.
- b. It is highly recommended to have prebuilt fire breaks in areas close to highly populated areas especially in high wind areas. If it wasn't for on-scene resources for the Mosier Creek Fire, the 7 Mile Hill fire might not have been able to be stopped and could have threatened and impacted Murrays Addition and Chenoweth area.

#### White River Fire

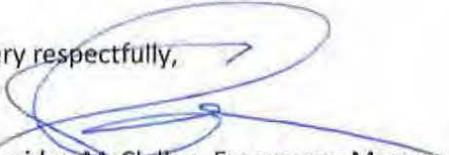
- a. Incorporated lessons learned from the previous 3 fire events. Having EM on site helped with information flow and fine-tuning of the evacuation areas with further responses it is highly recommended to either embed a designee from the county with the Incident Management Team or have a Liaison directly attached to the EOC.
- b. As with the Mosier Creek Fire, a pre-planning meeting (before fire season) with agencies, county leaders, citizen leaders, ODOT, ODF, OSP, railroad is highly recommended. The planning meeting should identify responsibilities, resources, stakeholders, districts, MOU's and identify potential solutions such as pre-designated fire breaks near populations centers.

- c. There was no official damage assessment completed by the Type 1 Incident Management Team and Fire Marshall Team prior to departure, a damage assessment should be done even if there were no structural damages and prior to turnover to local fire agency.

There are six main takeaways from last year's incidents on ensuring that future events have successful responses.

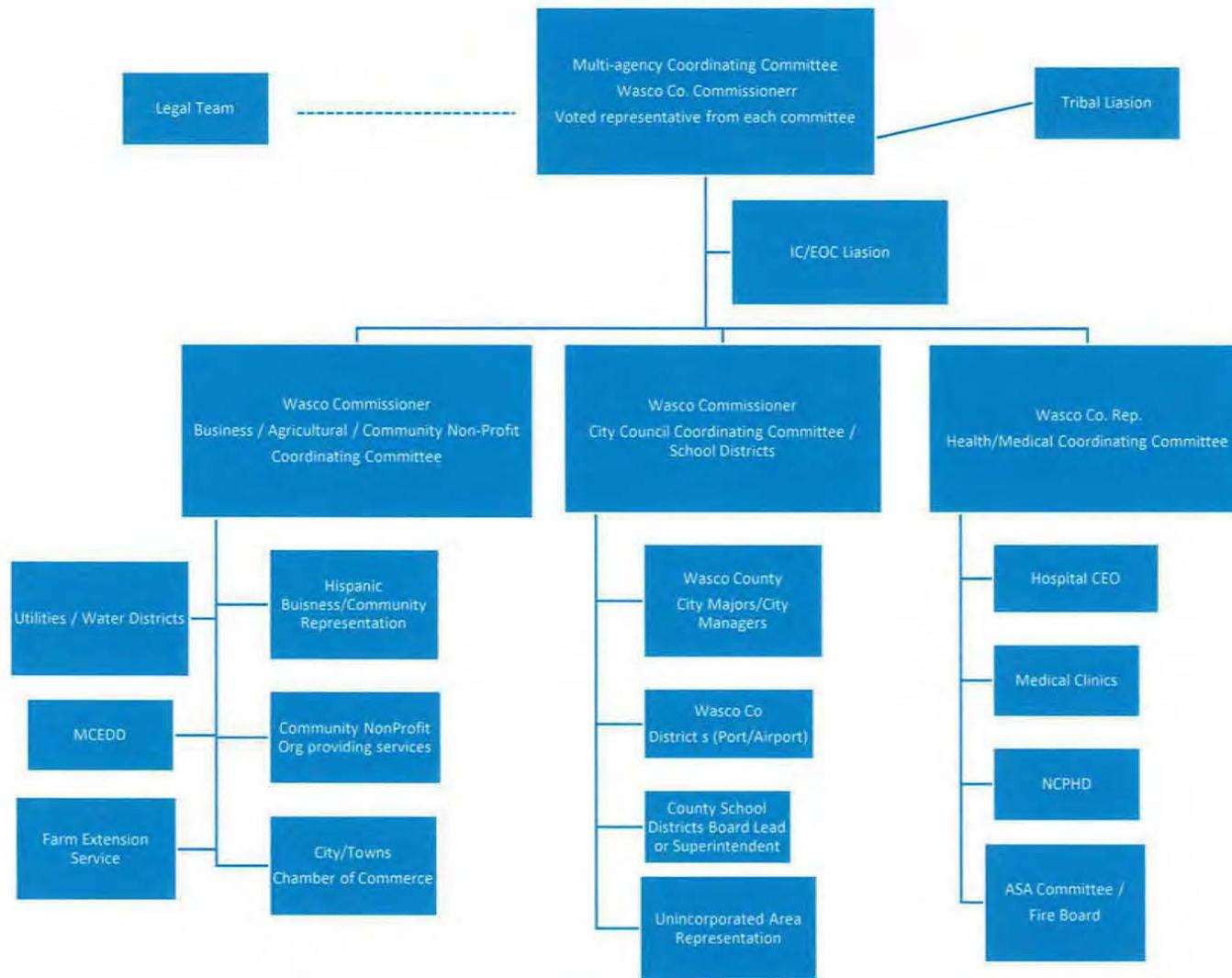
1. Having an incident management assist team and county personnel trained ICS is very beneficial for Wasco County to have a smooth response and ensure affected stakeholders and residents get the resources and help required.
2. Having a County designated Public Affairs Officer that can be brought into the EOC to stand up a Joint Information Center is essential in ensuring the public, stakeholders and public officials are kept informed of the current response situation
3. A county led damage assessment team comprised of EM, Planning Department, Assessors Office, Farm Extension service and local affected Fire or Water District will be essential in ensuring that a preliminary assessment of property damage is sent to the state as per proposed legislation currently in the legislature. Provide the tools needed for damage assessment and incorporate the State's Assessment survey software (Survey 123) thereby guaranteeing a complete report that both the State and FEMA can utilize to assess actual recovery funds needed.
4. Depending on the incident and complexity, incorporating a County Liaison to be attached to the responding Incident Management Team (IMT) or a liaison from the IMT to be attached to the EOC for communication quality and accuracy.
5. Expanding the space of the Emergency Operations Center thereby enabling other agencies to send representative and liaisons to man the EOC and providing needed resources to the response and information to the Multi-agency Coordination or Advisory Group.
6. Allocating emergency funding yearly to be used specifically for county emergencies with clear guidelines on the purpose of the fund with health and safety being a priority. A designated Administrator with the authority to disperse funding to the responding agency. The responding agencies ability to repay should not be a consideration on the immediate disbursement of allocated funding as it directly relates to the importance of life and safety for Wasco County citizens.

Very respectfully,



Sheridan McClellan, Emergency Manager  
Wasco County Emergency Management  
Email: [sheridanm@co.wasco.or.us](mailto:sheridanm@co.wasco.or.us)  
Phone: 541-506-2790

(Enclosure 1) – Multi-Agency Coordination Group / Multi Agency Advisory Committee





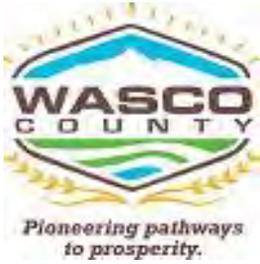
## AGENDA ITEM

**Business Oregon COVID Supplies Use and Distribution**

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### PPE Distribution in Wasco County

**1<sup>st</sup> Round of Supplies: 19 pallets Delivered**

**12/7/2020**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Supplies: 39 pallets Delivered**

**12/23/2020**

**4 Days of Pick Ups at Warehouse**

**20 Volunteers for sorting, packing, and disbursement**

### **FUTURE Dates for Warehouse Pickups**

- February 19
- March 19



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# 1st Round of PPE Distribution

Number of Businesses Served in Wasco County	Number of Pairs of Gloves (Large)	Number of Pairs of Gloves (Medium)	Number of Masks (each)	Number of 1 gallon of antiseptic spray	Number of 1/2 gallon of antiseptic spray	Number of packages Wipes ( Assume 150 per package)
65	14,373	10,610	9,524	179	111	330



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# 2nd Round of PPE Distribution

Number of Businesses Served in Wasco County	Number of Masks	Number of Gloves (Med)	Number of Gloves (Lg)	Alcohol Wipes Packages	Soft Pack Disinfecting Wipes Packages	Aerosol Disinfectant Cans	Pumptop 2-Liter Gel Sanitizer	1 Gallon Sanitizer	Hand Sanitizer Stands	Thermometer
204	250,000	439,700	457,900	4,853	4,768	1533	733	518	269	334



## AGENDA ITEM

### Executive Session

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[PURSUANT TO ORS 192.660\(2\)\(G\) TRADE NEGOTIATIONS/\(2\)\(H\)  
CONSULTING WITH COUNSEL/\(2\)\(E\) REAL PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS](#)

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[NO DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THIS ITEM – RETURN TO  
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