

REVISED AGENDA
COOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Owen Building Large Conference Room, 201 N. Adams, Coquille
or Virtually at <https://meet.goto.com/938858525>
February 20, 2024

1. **8:30 AM- EXECUTIVE SESSION under the authority of ORS 192.660, - in the small conference room. The public is excluded from this portion of the meeting**
 - A. (2)(e) Real Property Transactions
 - B. (2)(h) Consultation with Counsel
 - C. (2)(f) Considering Records or Information Exempt by Law from Public Inspection
 - D. (2)(d) Discussion with Persons Designated to Carry On Labor Negotiations

2. **9:30 AM PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING, BEGINNING WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

3. **DEPARTMENT HEADS**
 - A. Semi-Annual Report from the Visitor & Convention Bureau- BOC
 - B. Request Approval to Purchase New Dump Trailer- Parks
 - C. Request Approval of Resolution to Transfer Expenditure Appropriations- Parks
 - D. Request Approval of Revised Inventory & Fixed Asset Policy- Finance
 - E. Request Review of Investment Policy- Finance
 - F. Request Approval of Resolution to Transfer Expenditure Appropriations within Charleston TLT Fund- Finance
 - G. Request Approval to Pay Fuel Bill- Sheriff
 - H. Request Approval of Order Adopting Official Road Name "Penny Wells Drive"- Planning
 - I. Request Approval of Order Adopting Official Road Name "Fawn Lane"- Planning
 - J. Request Approval of Promotion for Jessica Sewell- Community Development
 - K. Request Approval of Contract for Salary/Compensation Study- HR
 - L. Request Approval of Side Agreement with AFSCME- HR
 - M. Request Approval of Order Referring Measure for a Local Option Tax Levy to Voters in May- Counsel
 - N. Request Approval to Pay AOC Dues- BOC
 - O. Request Approval of Letter to BLM re: Request for Cooperating Agency Status- BOC

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR- administrative matters not up for discussion**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes**
Worksession- Emergency Declaration/Contracting- January 25, 2024
Worksession- Discussion re: The Harris Building- January 29, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes- February 6, 2024

 - B. **Orders & Resolutions**
Resolution 24-02-020P, In the Matter of Classifying and Placement of Various Employees on the Regular Coos County Payroll Effective Their Hire Date

This agenda does not limit the ability of the Commissioners to consider additional subjects. The Board reserves the right to place a time limit on public testimony on any matter. The meeting place is handicapped accessible; if special accommodation is needed, please contact the office at least 24 prior to the meeting.

Resolution 24-02-021P, In the Matter of Granting Personnel Transfers for Aaron Whittenburg and Bradlee Davis Within the Sheriff's Department Effective February 1, 2024
Resolution 24-02-022P, In the Matter of Granting Salary Merit Step Increases for Various Employees Effective March 1, 2024
Resolution 24-02-023P, In the Matter of Granting Salary Merit Step Increases for Various Employees Effective February 1, 2024
Resolution 24-02-024P, In the Matter of Granting Salary Merit Step Increases for Various Employees Effective February 1, 2024

C. Post-Action Notifications Pursuant to County Rule 10.043 (5)

Contract with Comfort Flow Heating- CHW- HVAC maintenance
Contract Renewal with Bay Cities Building Co- CHW- social media services
MOU with Group Connections Project- CHW- family assistance in building social connections
Contract with Gageit Construction- Road- guardrail repair

5. LATE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Request Authorization to Submit SEL801 for May Primary re: BOEM Offshore Wind Energy Project- BOC
- B. Request Authorization to Submit SEL801 for May Primary re: Election Reforms- BOC
- C. Request Authorization to Submit SEL801 for May Primary re: Changing to Appointed Clerk- BOC
- D. Request Authorization to Submit SEL801 for May Primary re: School Choice Funding- BOC

6. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS- limited to 3 minutes per person

BOC only: Consent Agenda _____
Regular Agenda _____

AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Agenda Item Title: Executive Session Requested

Department: Counsel

Requested Agenda Date: 02/20/2024

Contact Person: Colton Totland

Phone/Ext.: 7690

Background and description of need or problem: Need executive session for:

- **ORS 192.660(2)(d)** – To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.
- **ORS 192.660(2)(e)** – Conducting deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions
- **ORS 192.660(2)(f)** – Considering information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection.
- **ORS 192.660(2)(h)** – Consulting with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Funding Source: N/A

Requested Action: Go into Executive Session during Board meeting as stated above.

Date: 02/16/2024

Signature of Dept. Head: Colton Totland

Departments Affected:

COUNSEL: CT

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AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Agenda Item Title: Offshore Wind Energy Advisory Vote for May 21, 2024 Primary

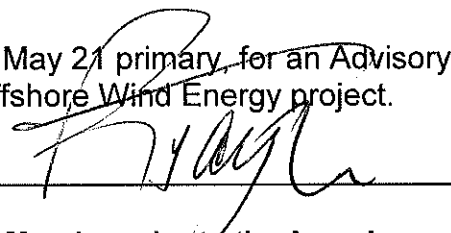
Department: BOC **Requested Agenda Date:** 1/20/2024

Contact Person: Rod Taylor **Phone/Ext.:** 7539

Background and description of need or problem: We need to verify public opinion on the BOEM "Wind Energy Areas." The May primary is a perfect opportunity to do so. SEL801 attached.

Funding Source: N/A

Requested Action: Authorize submission of SEL801 for the May 21 primary for an Advisory Vote on the question of public opinion regarding the BOEM Offshore Wind Energy project.

Date: _____ **Signature of Dept. Head:** 

For all matters, forward the document to Counsel **no later than the Monday prior to the Agenda deadline.** Counsel will forward to Treasurer.

If this is a Contract or Grant:

- Is the contract or grant an original?
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County Counsel _____

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Notice of Measure Election

County

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250.175, 254.103, 254.465

Notice

Date of Notice

February 13, 2024

Name of County or Counties

Coos County

Date of Election

May 21, 2024

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Advisory vote on offshore floating wind farm off Coos County

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Should Coos County oppose installation of a 61,000 acre floating wind farm off our coast in 2,000 foot deep water?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

This is an advisory vote to determine public opinion. A 'YES' vote means you want Coos County to oppose the Offshore Wind Energy project.

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is seeking to lease out over 61,000 acres of prime fishing grounds for tuna and other species 30-50 miles off Coos County for a floating wind farm. Each platform will support a 1,000-ft tall turbine, held to the ocean floor 2,000-3,000 feet below with multiple giant chains and screws in the Cascadia fault zone, with power transmitted back to shore via massive high-voltage undersea cables. The farm would be installed and owned by foreign and domestic investors. Due to "Feed-in-Tariff" policy, rate payers (you) would be charged for making investors whole in case of major failure or damage, costing billions of dollars. Coos County Commissioners held public meetings where all in attendance were opposed, and issued a Proclamation in opposition. This full-county advisory vote will inform the Commissioners of the broader will of the people.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

→ any measure referred by the county governing body; or
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached?

Yes

No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.

Name

Rod Taylor

Title

Board of Commissioners Chair

Mailing Address

225 N Adams St., Coquille, OR 97423

Contact Phone

541-396-7539

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Date Signed

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Consent Agenda _____
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AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Agenda Item Title: Election Reforms Advisory Vote for May 21, 2024 Primary

Department: BOC

Requested Agenda Date: 1/20/2024

Contact Person: Rod Taylor


Phone/Ext.: 7539

Background and description of need or problem: A plurality of Coos County voters believe elections operations are in need of reform. The May primary is a perfect opportunity to determine how much public will exists to undertake this issue. SEL801 attached.

Funding Source: N/A

Requested Action: Authorize submission of SEL801 for the May 21 primary, for an Advisory Vote on the question of election reforms to increase accountability.

Date: 1/15/2024

Signature of Dept. Head: _____  _____

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February 14, 2024

Name of County or Counties

Coos County

Date of Election

May 21, 2024

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Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Do Coos County voters want election reforms to increase accountability?

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Should voting be in person, on one day, with ID, on paper ballots, hand counted, with provisions for absentee & disabled?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

This is an advisory vote to determine public opinion. A 'YES' vote means you want Coos County to explore how to introduce election reforms. Specific reform measures that would be pursued with a majority "Yes" vote would be: small precinct in-person voting on one single day, with all voters prior registered and showing state-valid identification at the polling place, voting on paper ballots, and vote totals calculated by hand. Absentee and disabled or elderly vote options would be provided for legitimate, verified needs. State law currently dictates that elections are to be conducted by mail. A statewide ballot measure would likely be needed to change this. This advisory question is to gather sentiment from Coos County voters to help the Commissioners decide if this is a project worth pursuing.

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Explanatory Statement Attached?

Yes

No

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AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Agenda Item Title: Appointed County Clerk Advisory Vote for May 21, 2024 Primary

Department: BOC

Requested Agenda Date: 1/20/2024

Contact Person: Rod Taylor

Phone/Ext.: 7539

Background and description of need or problem: A plurality of Coos County voters believe the County Clerk needs greater accountability to the people, and that changing the position to one appointed by the Commissioners will accomplish that. SEL801 attached.

Funding Source: N/A

Requested Action: Authorize submission of SEL801 for the May 21 primary, for an Advisory Vote on the question of changing to an appointed Clerk for increased accountability.

Date: 1/15/2024

Signature of Dept. Head: _____



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February 15, 2024

Name of County or Counties

Coos County

Date of Election

May 21, 2024

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Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Advisory Vote on Method of Determining County Clerk

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

To centralize accountability, should the County Clerk be appointed by the Commissioners, rather than by popular vote?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

This is an advisory vote to determine public opinion. A 'YES' vote means you want Coos County to work on restructuring as needed to establish County Clerk as a position appointed by the Coos County Board of Commissioners.

State law ORS 204.005 stipulates that the County Clerk is an elected position. This may be changed with a change to a Home Rule Charter, which must take place with a separate ballot action. The main reason for this measure would be to change the command structure so that the Clerk will be more responsive to the county's needs instead of what the Secretary of State dictates.

This advisory question is to gather sentiment from county voters to help the Commissioners decide if this is a project worth pursuing.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

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No

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AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Agenda Item Title: School Choice Advisory Vote for May 21, 2024 Primary

Department: BOC

Requested Agenda Date: 1/20/2024

Contact Person: Rod Taylor

Phone/Ext.: 7539

Background and description of need or problem: Many parents want school choice in public education funding. The May primary is a perfect opportunity to learn the peoples' will on this question. SEL801 attached.

Funding Source: N/A

Requested Action: Authorize submission of SEL801 for the May 21 primary, for an Advisory Vote on the question of public opinion regarding school choice funding.

Date: 1/16/2024

Signature of Dept. Head: _____ 

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February 16, 2024

Name of County or Counties

Coos County

Date of Election

May 21, 2024

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Advisory Vote on Educational Choice for Children

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Should Coos County take an active role to implement "Money Follows the Child" school choice in Oregon?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

This is an advisory vote to determine public opinion. A 'YES' vote means you want Coos County Commissioners to actively pursue a change in state law to establish "Money Follows the Child" school choice in Oregon. School funding from property taxes in Oregon currently goes to public schools, based on the number of students enrolled. Nationally, some jurisdictions have implemented funding laws such that when parents choose to send their children to a school other than state-run public schools, the funding for that student follows the student in the form of a voucher. Such a change would require a change in state law. Passage of this Advisory Vote does not mean the law will change, but it will activate the Board of Commissioners to advocate for, and pursue school choice initiatives.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

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