



Memorandum Date: April 4, 2023

Order Date: April 11, 2023

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: County Administration

PRESENTED BY: Steve Adams

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: ORDER: In the matter of recommending a Lane County Commissioner to the Board of Directors of the Association of Oregon Counties for the position reserved for member counties with populations of 250,000 or more.

I. MOTION

Move to adopt Order 23-04-11-XX, designating Commissioner (BLANK) as the recommended Director from Lane County for the Association of Oregon Counties, filling one of the seats designated for counties with a population of 250,000 or more.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board is being asked to appoint a Lane County Commissioner to the Board of Directors for the Association of Oregon Counties. There are a variety of ways in which an Oregon County Commissioner may be seated as a Director for the Association of Oregon Counties. This action will fill one of the seats reserved for Commissioners who serve a county with a population of greater than 250,000 people, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association of Oregon Counties (Article VII-Board of Directors, Membership). This seat provides Lane County with an additional vote at both the Association's Legislative Committee and its' full Board of Directors.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

Commissioner Joe Berney was appointed to a two year term via Board Order 20-01-07-22.

B. Policy Issues

It is the Board's practice to identify and act on a comprehensive suite of Board appointments at the first or second meeting of the calendar year, each of which is affiliated with memberships which are outlined within the Lane Manual. This recommended appointment is separate and involves a procedure which is unique to the membership in the Association of Oregon Counties. Thus, the Board will typically take action on this item prior to the Annual Conference of the Association.

C. Board Goals

Participation as a Director on the Association of Counties Board of Directors is best aligned with Strategic Priority 4, "People and Partnerships". Within this priority there are initiatives to "pursue strategies to enhance fiscal resilience and operational effectiveness" and "embrace internal and external partnerships to leverage and extend county goals". Both of those strategic initiatives may be furthered by participation in this election.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

There are no financial implications for the action addressed within this Board packet or as a result of the vote on the proposed Board Order, although votes of the Association can have fiscal implications for Oregon counties.

E. Health Implications

There are no health implications for the action involved in this Board packet or as a result of the vote on the proposed Board Order, although votes of the Association can have health implications for Oregon counties.

Analysis

The Association of Oregon Counties represents all 36 of Oregon's Counties and provides a variety of services to Lane County. Lane County staff and elected officials regularly engage with the Association on a variety of fronts. Its mission is "Uniting counties to advocate, communicate, and educate."

Lane County, as one of the larger Oregon Counties, pays \$131,464 in total annual (2021) dues to the Association, with funds for dues originating from several different funds.

There are a variety of leadership opportunities which present themselves to individual Commissioners, such as participation within a District, running for Officer positions, being appointed by the Board of Directors as an At Large member, or being appointed to the Board due to representation of a county that has more than 250,000 population.

While most Board of Director's seats expire after a one year term, the seat for Commissioners representing a county of greater than 250,000 population serves for two years.

According to the Association's By-Laws, the President of the Association will recommend a Commissioner from each of the 250,000 plus population counties to the available seats on the Association's Board of Directors, which will subsequently be voted on for official appointment by the other members of the Board of Directors.

F. Alternatives/Options

The Board may:

- Adopt the Order
- Amend the Order
- Do nothing

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners adopt the Order, after discussion regarding their preferred individual to recommend for the two-year Director position.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

The two-year term for this position begins upon seating, and the Association's staff have asked that Lane County provide them with a recommendation for this seat.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

The Lane County Administrator will ensure that the Board's recommendation will be forwarded to the President and Executive Director of the Association of Oregon Counties for subsequent action.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Association of Oregon Counties adopted By-Laws.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 23-04-11-07

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WHEREAS, Lane County is one of 36 county members of the Association of Oregon Counties by virtue of being a member in good standing; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Oregon Counties exists to provide unity, collaboration, advocacy and enhanced communication and education for its members; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Oregon Counties governs itself through a set of adopted By-Laws, including sections which address membership on its Board of Directors, including a seat reserved for County Commissioners who represent a county with population in excess of 250,000 residents and which will enjoy a term of two years; and

WHEREAS, Lane County's population is in excess of 250,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, this seat is appointed by a majority vote of the other members of the Board of Directors, after a recommendation from the President of the Association of Oregon Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Commissioner _____ is hereby recommended to the President of the Association of Oregon Counties as the Lane County Director who will occupy one of the seats reserved for counties with populations in excess of 250,000 residents.

ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2023.

Pat Farr, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners