AGENDA COVER MEMO

Memorandum Date: June 26, 2024

Order Date: July 9, 2024

TO:	Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT:	County Administration
PRESENTED BY:	Jeff Kincaid, Policy Research and Special Projects Analyst
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	ORDER/ In the Matter of Designating Voting Delegate(s) for Lane County for the Purpose of Voting at the 2024 National Association of Counties Annual Business Meeting

I. MOTION

Move to approve the attached Board Order with voting delegate name(s) and number of votes inserted.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

This item is being brought forward to allow the Board to designate voting delegate(s) for the purpose of voting at the 2024 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Business Meeting.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

On June 22, 2021, the Board designated Commissioner Heather Buch (5 votes) and Commissioner Jay Bozievich (1 vote) as voting delegates for Lane County at the 2021 NACo Annual Business meeting.

On July 12, 2022, the Board designated County Administrator Steve Mokrohisky as voting delegate (6 votes) for Lane County at the 2022 NACo Annual Business meeting.

On June 27, 2023, The Board designated County Administrator Steve Mokrohisky as voting delegate (6 votes) for Lane County at the 2023 NACo Annual Business meeting.

B. Policy Issues

There are no significant policy issues for this item.

C. Board Goals

This item is not directly addressed in the 2022-2024 Lane County Strategic Plan.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

There are no significant financial and/or resource considerations for this item.

E. Health Implications

There are no significant health implications for this item.

F. Analysis

Voting delegates decide all business, motions, and the election of officers during the annual business meeting. The number of votes is determined by the amount of dues a county pays. Currently, dues are based on the population of the 2010 census. The NACo Board voted in 2022 to adjust dues in 2025 based on 2020 census populations. In 2025, Lane County will pay $7,659 in dues and will be eligible for 7 votes. All counties are entitled to at least one vote. Members with more than $1,199 in dues are entitled to one additional vote for each additional $1,200 in dues or fraction thereof paid. Counties with dues of $450 to $1,199 receive one vote, counties with dues of $1,200 to $2,399 receive two votes, and so on. The maximum number of votes a county can receive is 51.

Lane County paid $7,034 in dues for 2024 and thus is entitled to 6 votes.

G. Alternatives/Options

The National Association of Counties encourages member counties to authorize only one voting delegate per county. However, vote allocation is at the discretion of each member county and NACo has no rule on how counties decide to allocate their votes. The Board could choose to delegate any number of elected officials, appointed officials, or staff members.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

There is no staff recommendation for this item.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

NACo highly recommends appointing voting delegates prior to 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, July 8, 2024 so that they can participate in training webinars and practice ballots prior to the annual business meeting. The final deadline for appointing voting delegates is Sunday, July 14, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

Voting delegates must register for the 2024 Annual Conference, pay 2024 NACo membership dues in full, and be designated by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, July 8, 2024 in order to be eligible to vote. Voting will take place on Monday, July 15, 2024 at NACo's 2024 annual business meeting.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Board Order

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 24-07-09-08	In the Matter of Designating Voting Delegate(s) for Lane County for the Purpose of Voting at the 2024 National Association of Counties Annual Business Meeting

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has directed that Lane County become a member of certain associations in order to network, advocate, and learn; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is the national voice for county governments and has a robust governance structure; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 National Association of Counties Annual Business Meeting will be held July 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Lane County is entitled to six (6) votes based on membership dues of $7,034 paid for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties' electoral procedures require member counties to designate voting delegates in order to vote to decide on all business, motions and the election of officers during the annual business meeting.

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

1. _____ is(are) designated as the voting delegate(s) for Lane County for the purposes of participating in the 2024 National Association of Counties Annual Business Meeting.

2. _____ is(are) expected to register for the 2024 National Association of Counties Annual Business Meeting and identify as a voting delegate for Lane County.

3. _____ is allowed to cast ____ votes on behalf of Lane County.

4. _____ is allowed to cast ____ votes on behalf of Lane County.

5. Voting delegate(s) will ensure votes cast are consistent with adopted Board policies and the strategic plan.

6. If the County Administrator is identified as a voting delegate they may delegate this ability to a staff member. Staff are directed not to vote on officer positions.

ADOPTED this 9th day of July, 2024.

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Laurie Trieger, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners