



BOARD OF COUNTY PRINTING

Notice of Public Meeting
Location: Virtual – Zoom Meeting Platform

MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2022
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1. OPEN MEETING

DOA Staff

- a. Call to Order and Notice of Audio / Video Recording
 - i. Meeting called to order at 1300, quorum established
- b. Roll Call
 - i. David McCumber – Present
 - ii. Jonathan McNiven -- Present
 - iii. Mary Armstrong – Valley County Commissioner, Present
 - iv. James Larson – Cascade County Commissioner, Present (apparent presence on Zoom, no audio confirmation)

2. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION / VOTE

DOA Staff

- a. Nominate and elect chairperson
 - i. Floor opened. Mr. McNiven nominates Mr. McCumber as chairperson. Mr. McCumber nominates Ms. Armstrong as chairperson. Mr. McNiven seconds the motion. Ms. Armstrong accepts. The Board votes, and confirms Ms. Armstrong as the Board of County Printing (BOCP) Chair.
- b. Current rates and proposed increases **Ms. Armstrong, Chair**
 - i. Mr. McCumber moves that board consider a \$1.00 increase. Mr. McNiven seconds the motion. General Discussion. Mr. McCumber discussed inflationary considerations in recent years, that it is a reasonable request to raise rates only a \$1.00, and clarifies that these rates are a cap. Chair Armstrong calls to vote. Motion passes.
 - ii. Chair Armstrong requests that DOA Staff clarifies next steps for proposed rate increase. DOA Staff Members Julia Swingley and Don Harris describe the ARM rule notice and MAPA process.
- c. Dissolution of Board **Ms. Armstrong, Chair**
 - i. Chair requests DOA Staff discussion for clarity on agenda item topic. DOA Staff discusses proposed legislative bill to dissolve the Board of County Printing. The Lieutenant Governor and Department of Administration (DOA) are proposing legislation to eliminate the Board of County Printing as part of red tape review as it relates to boards and commissions. Since this board meets so infrequently the legislation proposes that the board be eliminated, and the duties of the board be reassigned to the DOA. In

particular, the Board previously set rates in ARM 2.67.303, but according to the proposed bill DOA will have all future rulemaking responsibility. (ARM 2.67.303, DOA will comply with the Montana Administrative Procedure Manual (MAPA) which requires notice to interested parties, public notice and opportunity for comment and requires response by DOA).

- ii. Mr. McCumber requests further discussion. (See 3. A.)

3. BOARD QUESTIONS AND INPUT

Chairperson

General discussion. Mr. McCumber states that while dissolution is well-meaning it is ill advised. Mr. McCumber shares concerns that dissolving the board may be constitutionally wrong, that this may reduce transparency in government, and become a conflict of interest. Mr. McCumber ultimately protests the dissolution of the board. Mr. McNiven requests clarity on what function replaces the BOCP. DOA staff clarifies that there is still a process for industry stakeholders to have a role in the rate setting with new proposed legislation, and that the intent is to make it easier to make changes to rate without the difficulty of managing a board and all the related assets. Mr. McCumber responds that he does not support the proposed legislation to set rates for private enterprise, and requests that dissolution be removed from this bill. Mr. McNiven asked for clarity on legal notices, and wants to know if dissolving BOCP could negatively impact other boards. DOA Staff Member Don Harris offers to be available for questions and research as needed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson

- a. No public comment

5. OTHER

Chairperson

- a. Deadlines
 - i. Regarding rate increase; DOA will compile a Rule Notice for rate changes by January-February 2023. Another BOCP meeting is recommended in early March 2023 to discuss any comments from the Rule Notice for rate changes. After this, final notice will be posted and the rules will be adopted.
 - ii. Regarding legislation to dissolve the BOCP; DOA will keep board members informed of the process, and give notice for the opportunity to testify.
- b. Future Meeting Dates
 - i. DOA requests permission to reach out to board once the public notice process comes to a close to determine next meeting

6. ADJOURN

Chairperson

Meeting adjourned 1342.

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