Commissioners' Journal



TILLAMOOK COUNTY **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** NOTICE OF MEETING AGENDAS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETING Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Teleconference and KTIL-FM at 95.9

BOARD MEETING Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners' Meeting Rooms A & B

County Courthouse, Teleconference, and Live Video at tctvonline.com

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The board is committed to community participation and provides opportunity for public attendance during meetings via in-person and teleconference. Teleconference options are <u>listen-only</u>. Due to Oregon COVID-19 recommendations for public gatherings, the maximum capacity of the board meeting room is limited to 12 persons, not including staff and commissioners.

- Community Update Meetings: Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m.
 - o Teleconference: Dial 971-254-3149, Conference ID: 736 023 979#
 - Radio: KTIL-FM at 95.9
- Board Meetings: Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.
 - County Courthouse: Commissioner's Meeting Rooms A & B, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook
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 - Live Video: tctvonline.com

AGENDAS

COMMUNITY UPDATE – 2022-01-11 COMMUNITY UPDATE AUDIO.MP4

CALL TO ORDER: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 8:00 a.m.

1.	00:52	Welcome and Board of Commissioners' Roll Call
2.	01:21	Adventist Health Tillamook
3.	07:41	Coastal Caucus
4.	19:53	Tillamook County Community Health Center
5.	30:14	Rinehart Clinic
6.	31:35	Tillamook Family Counseling Center
7.	33:25	Sheriff's Office/Emergency Management
8.	45:50	Board of Commissioners
9.	56:05 57:30 58:30 59:06 1:03:58	Cities Manzanita Garibaldi Bay City Tillamook South County

ADJOURN - 9:06 a.m.

MEETING - 2022-01-12 BOCC MEETING AUDIO.MP4

CALL TO ORDER: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 9:01 a.m.

- 1. 01:42 Welcome & Request to Sign Guest List
- 2. 01:47 Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. 02:11 Public Comment: <u>Public Comment Received Via Email Entered into the Public Meeting</u> Record.
- 4. Non-Agenda Items
 02:21 One Unscheduled Agenda Item/Commissioner Yamamoto

PRESENTATIONS

5. 04:00 <u>Salmon SuperHwy Video Presentation and Update</u>/Sarah Zwissler, Salmon SuperHwy Coordinator

LEGISLATIVE - ADMINISTRATIVE

24:50 **UNSCHEDULED**: Discussion Concerning the County COVID-19 Response Policy Update/Erin Frost, Director, Human Resources

The Board extended the COVID-19 Response policy.

- 6. 34:36 <u>Discussion and Consideration of a 1st Amendment to Oregon State Marine Board</u>

 <u>Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement No. 250-2123TILLAMOOKCOUNTY-000 for</u>

 <u>Fiscal Year 2021-2022/Matt Kelly, Undersheriff</u>
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the amendment.
- 7. 38:00 <u>Discussion and Consideration of a Fifth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2021</u>

 <u>Intergovernmental Agreement #166055 for the Financing of Mental Health, Addiction</u>

 <u>Treatment, Recovery & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services</u>/Frank Hanna
 Williams, Executive Director, Tillamook Family Counseling Center

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the amendment.

8. 41:08 <u>Discussion and Consideration of Oregon Health Authority Intergovernmental Agreement</u>
#173148 for the Financing of Community Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery,

& Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services/Frank Hanna-Williams, Executive Director,
Tillamook Family Counseling Center

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the agreement.

9.	48:22	<u>Discussion and Consideration of an Order in the Matter of the Reappointment of Members to the Tillamook County Fair Board</u> /Camy Vonseggern, Manager, Tillamook County Fairgrounds
		A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed Order #22-004.
10.	50:50	Discussion and Consideration of a Third Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2021- 2023 Intergovernmental Agreement #169528 for the Financing of Public Health Services/Marlene Putman, Administrator, Health and Human Services
		A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the amendment.
11.	52:40	Discussion and Consideration of a U.S. Department of Transportation Funds Transfer Agreement with Western Federal Lands Highway Division for the Cape Meares Road Relocation Project/Chris Laity, Director, Public Works
		A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Chair signed the funds transfer agreement.
12.	55:39	<u>Discussion and Consideration of an Order in the Matter of the Appointment of the 4-H & Extension Service District Budget Officer</u> /Shawn Blanchard, Treasurer
		A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board signed Order #22-005, 4-H & Ext #22-001.
13.	56:54	Discussion Concerning County Staff to Work Remotely/Commissioner Mary Faith Bell
		The Board indicated that remote work was to be decided by department heads.
14.	1:02:00	<u>Discussion and Consideration of Amendments to the Board of Commissioners' Meeting</u> <u>Rules and Public Comment Procedures</u> /Joel Stevens, County Counsel
		A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Vice-Chair Skaar. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board approved the amendments.
15.	1:22:43	Board Concerns – Non-Agenda Items: There were none.
16.	1:22:50	Public Comment: <u>Evening Board Meetings</u> /Teah Laviolette
17.	1:24:56	Board Announcements

Chair Yamamoto recessed the meeting at 10:29 a.m. to go into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a).

Chair Yamamoto reconvened the meeting at 11:32 a.m. – 2022-01-12 BOCC MEETING AUDIO PART II.MP4

ADJOURN - 11:32 a.m.

MEETING INFORMATION AND RULES

- Matters for discussion and consideration by the board shall be placed on an agenda prepared by the staff and approved by the board chair. Any commissioner may request items on the agenda.
- Public hearings are formal proceedings publicized through a special public notice issued to media and others. Public
 hearings held by the board are to provide the board an opportunity to hear from the public about a specific topic. Public
 hearings are therefore different regarding audience participation at board meetings.
- Commissioners shall be addressed by their title followed by their last name.
- Commissioners shall obtain approval from the chair before speaking or asking questions of staff, presenters, and public.
 As a courtesy, the chair shall allow an opportunity, by the commissioner who has the floor, to ask immediate follow-up questions.
- Masks, face coverings or face shields must be worn in the courthouse by State order. Masks must be worn while giving comment.
- A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum and be necessary for the transaction of business.
- All board meeting notices are publicized in accordance with public meeting laws.
- All board meetings shall commence with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The chair will utilize the gavel as needed to maintain order, commence and adjourn meetings, and signal approval of
- The board reserves the right to recess to executive session as may be required at any time during these meetings, pursuant to ORS 192.660(1).
- The courthouse is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed for persons with hearing, visual, or manual impairments who wish to participate in the meeting, contact (503) 842-3403 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting so that the appropriate communications assistance can be arranged.

PUBLIC COMMENT

In-Person

- Providing public comment is an opportunity for constituents to be heard and express their views to the board.
- The board allows public comment at in-person board meetings during the public comment periods designated on the agenda. Comments made in person are limited to one per person and per agenda item.
- In-person comment is not available for virtual-only board meetings. Written comments will be accepted.
- The allotted time for public comments is two minutes per person; this time may not be allotted to another speaker. The Chair may, at their sole discretion, further limit or expand the amount of time.
- The public comment opportunity is not a discussion, debate, or dialogue between the speaker and the board, which may or may not respond.
- To provide public comment or testimony, sign in before the meeting begins and indicate your desire to provide public
 comment and which agenda item you would like to comment on. When your name is announced, please come forward
 to the table placed in front of the dais and for the record, first identify yourself, area of residence, and organization
 represented, if any.
- Members of the public do not have the right to disrupt the meeting; the board may prohibit demonstrations such as booing, hissing, or clapping.
- Remarks containing hate speech, profanity, obscenity, name calling or personal attacks, defamation to a person, people,
 or organization, or other remarks the board deems inappropriate will not be allowed. Those in violation will be escorted
 from the meeting room and will not be readmitted for the remainder of the meeting.

Written

- Public comments may be submitted in writing via U.S. mail and email.
- Written correspondence may be mailed to 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon 97141 or emailed to: publiccomments@co.tillamook.or.us.
- Written comments received by 12:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the board meeting will be distributed to the board and posted online. All written comments submitted become part of the permanent public meeting record.

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- 10. Cities
 - a. Manzanita
 - b. Nehalem
 - c. Wheeler
 - d. Rockaway Beach
 - e. Garibaldi
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ADJOURN

OTHER MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Commissioners will hold a Board Briefing on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>January 12</u>, <u>2022</u> at <u>2:00 p.m.</u> to discuss weekly commissioner updates. The meeting will be held at the Courthouse in the Nestucca Room, 201 Laurel Avenue, Tillamook, Oregon. The teleconference number is 1-971-254-3149, Conference ID: 736 023 979#.

The Commissioners will attend a Joint Commissioners Meeting for the Oregon Senate District 16 on <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 14, 2022</u> at **9:30 a.m.** The teleconference information will be posted as soon as available to the Tillamook County website under the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Calendar.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is an observed holiday for the County and the Oregon State Circuit Court. All County offices in the Tillamook County Courthouse and the Tillamook County Library, administrative offices in the Jail and Justice Facility, Public Works Department, Department of Community Development, Surveyor's Office, and the Health and Human Services Department and clinics will be **CLOSED** on **Monday**, **January 17**, **2022**.

The Commissioners will attend a Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Mid-Year Budget Meeting on <u>Thursday, January 20, 2022</u> at 9:30 a.m. The teleconference number is 1-971-254-3149, Conference ID: 736 023 979#.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Mary Faith Bell David Yamamoto Erin Skaar	Present	Absent	Rachel Hagerty Joel Stevens	Present	Absent
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TILLAMOOK COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES

201 Laurel Avenue Tillamook, Oregon 97141 (503) 842-3418 TTY/TDD 1(800) 833-3232

Land of Cheese, Trees and Ocean Breeze

To:

All County Employees

From: Erin Frost, Human Resources Director

Date: 03/14/2020, updated September 30, 2021

RE:

County COVID-19 Response Policy UPDATED September 30, 2021

This policy is being updated and revised based on current circumstances and new legislation.

Tillamook County continues to revise its policies pertaining to COVID-19 according to the latest Oregon Health Authority and OR-OSHA guidance and Governor's directives.

Per the Governor's directive and Oregon Health Authority temporary rule, effective August 13, 2021, masks are required in all indoor spaces. Effective August 27, 2021 masks are required in outdoor settings when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Effective August 1, 2021, the County of Tillamook will reinstate the following policies:

County Sick Leave Extension: The County is temporarily allowing County employees the option to go into a negative balance/borrow against unearned sick benefits up to 80 hours for specific circumstances related to COVID-19. These include: if an employee is sick with COVID-19 related symptoms; are caring for an adult elderly family member due to COVID-19 illness and/or a lack of available care givers due to COVID-19; caring for an immediate family member or other person as eligible Oregon Sick Leave, OFLA or FMLA; have been advised by a medical provider to quarantine due to COVID-19; or are caring for children because of school/childcare closures and/or lack of available care takers due to COVID-19, and subsequently, are not reporting to work, then employees are expected to use all accrued leaves consistent with policy and practice. County Sick leave extension allows employees to take up to an additional 80 hours of sick leave after all other accrued leaves have been exhausted; or elect to use leave without pay. Once County sick leave extension hours have been taken, all future sick and vacation accruals will be applied to the extended sick leave balance until the balance is back to zero. Note: employees must be employed with the County for at least 30 days to become eligible for this leave. The County Sick Leave Extension provision will continue until October 31, 2021.

County Paid Leave for COVID-19 related circumstances: In the event the County elects to close a particular department, work location or County function because of circumstances related to COVID-19 response

measures, and the County does not assign employees to work in other work locations or through telework opportunities, employees will receive their regular straight time compensation on a daily basis for regularly scheduled workdays. This provision is for up to 14 calendar days (up to 80 hours of regular pay) or as extended at the discretion of the County. We have chosen 14 days because it matches the current recommended time for quarantines related to this virus. The County Paid Leave for COVID-19 related circumstance provision will continue until October 31, 2021.

To protect the health of County employees, the Human Resources Department may issue additional emergency rules of guidance on the use of sick leave, teleworking, or other policies that shall be in effect only for the duration of the emergency as determined by the County.

Preventative Actions

The County of Tillamook is following all Oregon Health Authority and OR-OSHA guidance pertaining to health and safety measures for our employees, including continued and specific guidance for the Health Department and Community Corrections and masking guidelines may still apply. The County will take proactive steps to protect the workplace in the event of an infectious disease outbreak. It is the goal of the County during any such time period to strive to operate effectively and ensure that all essential services are continuously provided and that employees are safe within the workplace.

The County is committed to providing authoritative information about the nature and spread of infectious diseases, including symptoms and signs to watch for, as well as required steps to be taken in the event of an illness or outbreak.

Preventing the Spread of Infection in the Workplace

The County will ensure a clean workplace, including the regular cleaning of objects and areas that are frequently used, such as bathrooms, break rooms, conference rooms, door handles and railings.

We ask all employees to cooperate in taking steps to reduce the transmission of infectious disease in the workplace. The best strategy remains the most obvious—frequent hand washing with warm, soapy water; covering your mouth whenever you sneeze or cough; and discarding used tissues in wastebaskets. We have installed alcohol-based hand sanitizers throughout the workplace and in common areas.

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Many times, with the best of intentions, employees report to work even though they feel ill. We provide paid sick time and other benefits to compensate employees who are unable to work due to illness. It is critical that employees contact their Manager and do not report to work while they are ill.

Social Distancing and Face Covering Guidelines for Workplace

For information on preventative measures within the workplace and in general, we have shared links below to applicable agencies that provide real time updates on requirements. Per the Governor's directive and Oregon Health Authority temporary rule, effective August 13, 2021, masks are required in all indoor spaces.

Travel Guidance

For non-vaccinated individuals returning from domestic travel within the U.S. it is recommended but not required that they self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival and limit their interactions to their immediate household

Travelers arriving via international air travel must follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

testing and quarantine guidelines.

Fully vaccinated individuals are not required or recommended to quarantine following domestic travel. Employees should self-monitor for COVID-19 signs and symptoms.

Procedures Upon Return from Travel

Employees who become ill during or upon returning from travel with virus-like symptoms will need to contact the Tillamook County Health Department COVID-19 call line at (503) 842-3940, as well as the HR department, 503.812.7767, for direction as soon as possible.

Employees returning from travel who do not exhibit virus-like symptoms but would like more information on local information and status updates on COVID-19, can call 503.842.3940.

Temporary Telecommuting Arrangements

The County has implemented temporary telecommuting arrangements for employees whose job duties are conducive to working from home but who do not regularly telecommute. However, there are some positions at the County that require the employee to be physically present in the workplace. These employees are defined as essential personnel.

Additional positions may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact your supervisor to make telecommuting requests.

These arrangements are expected to be short term, and the County will continue to monitor guidance from health officials and the need for remote work arrangements. Employees should not assume any specified period of time for telework, and the County may require employees to return to regular, in- office work at any time.

The terms and conditions of this interim policy may be superseded by State and Federal law.

In the event State and/or Federal funds are made available to the County for COVID-19 related responses, including paid leave in excess of accrued leaves, the County retains the full discretion to use allocated funds as determined by the County subject to applicable law.

This policy is presented under extraordinary circumstances as related to the COVID-19 medical emergency and is subject to revision and modification at the sole discretion of the County without further bargaining obligations or grievance.

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention:

https://www.cdc.gov/

Oregon Health Authority:

https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19

Oregon OSHA:

https://osha.oregon.gov/covid19/Pages/default.aspx

Tillamook County Community Health Centers:

https://tillamookchc.org/coronavirus-3/

The Tillamook County Safety Committee lead by County Counsel, Joel Stevens, is an internal resource for employees with questions specific to workplace preventative measures. Joel Stevens can be reached at 503.842.1808.

The County asks that County employees continue to support each other and perform preventative measures to promote a safe and healthy work environment. More information will be forthcoming as events continue to evolve.



Funds Transfer Agreement

January 4, 2022 Tillamook County

Providing Funding of

\$1,807,860.00

Western Federal Lands Highway Division, FHWA Agreement # 69056720K500003 - Amendment 0001

Project Number/Name:

OR TILLAMOOK B780(1), Cape Meares Road Relocation

This letter is to confirm that Tillamook County has committed to provide through either electronic funds' transfer or by check, \$1,807,860 to the Western Federal Lands Highway Division, FHWA for project work and/or a construction contract to relocate a county road accessing Federal Lands that is currently closed because of a landslide. This amendment also extends the expiration date from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

Fund Transfer Summary:

Phase	Form	Amount	Due	Received	FTA Number	Amend #	Comments
CN	Cash	\$1,607,860.00	3/1/2020	9/11/2020	69056720K500003	Base	Match
CN	Cash	\$200,000.00	7/30/2022		69056720K500003	0001	Match & Extend Period of Performance
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Total: \$1,807,860.00

The following is th	e Tillamook County's Finance ı:	The following is Western Federal Lands Highway Division, FHWA Finance Billing Information:		
DUNS#	<u>605-845-540</u>	DUNS#	<u>139-768-597</u>	
Finance Contact	Chris Laity	Finance Contact	Genise L. Dance	
Finance Phone	<u>(503) 842-3419</u>	Finance Phone	<u>(360) 619-7534</u>	
Finance Fax		Finance Fax	<u>(360) 619-7945</u>	
Finance E-mail	claity@co.tillamook.or.us	Finance E-mail	genise.dance@dot.gov	
Project Contact	Chris Laity	Project Contact	<u>Miranda Lange</u>	
Project Phone	<u>(503) 842-3419</u>	Project Phone	<u>(360) 619-7915</u>	
Project Fax		Project Fax	<u>(360) 619-7945</u>	
Project E-mail	claity@co.tillamook.or.us	Project E-mail	miranda.lange@dot.gov	
Street Address	Main Office - Central County Shop			
	503 Marolf Loop Road			
City, State, Zip	Tillamook, OR 97141			

Expiration Date: This Funds Transfer Agreement will expire on 12/31/2023.

The current authorized funding is: \$1,807,860.00 In no case shall Tillamook County or FHWA exceed this amount or extend the end date of the agreement without a mutually agreed upon written modification of this Agreement.

From:

To: Public Comments

Subject: EXTERNAL: Public Comments for January 12, 2022

Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 10:47:02 AM

[NOTICE: This message originated outside of Tillamook County -- DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you are sure the content is safe.]

You continue to remind us that public meeting law doesn't require you to allow us to provide public comments, but you feel that this is important for the democratic process only if it's on your terms. There is a difference between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law. Everything you are proposing is just about more control because more people are actually participating in the democratic process and you don't like what they are saying. Maybe they are speaking up now because their lives are being destroyed and their freedoms continue to be taken away. Every meeting I have ever attended allows for public comment on any topic whether it's a business meeting or not. That is another excuse to further silence people. Also, 2 minutes is not sufficient which I have stated before. Just another way to control and silence people. Asking for people's names and where they live(town) is reasonable. Having to provide their address is going too far.

Sadly, you are acting like state apparatchiks who push the party line and are continuing to demonstrate that you really don't value freedom of speech that makes you uncomfortable. You continually talk about issues of equity and inclusion, but actually are doing the opposite if it's something you don't like. The direction you appear to be moving in is much like what happens in a totalitarian state where dissent is silenced. Impose new controls and then pat yourself on the back.

You continue to state there are other avenues to share our concerns. That you provide an opportunity for your constituents to contact you, however it's been my experience when I leave a message, or send an email, I get no response when I ask for one. I've heard this from many other people. I look at people's actions, not their rhetoric, or good intentions. You need to find a better way to respond to people's concerns in a timely manner. People I know will not attend a Town Hall if they are forced to wear a mask.

Since you have made yourselves the public health authority, than you have an obligation to get answers to questions. You are acting in a vacuum refusing to look at all sides and provide the science(actual scientific studies) for your decisions. You have all these public health experts at your disposal so there is no excuse. Also, the problem now is that you opened up your meetings, but you require a mask. If people refuse to wear one because they've done their homework, you are using the same tactics they use in a totalitarian country=threaten with removal and arrest. Mandates are not laws, and our governors emergency powers are long gone. This is discrimination and you are in fact jeopardizing people's health and well-being by forcing people to wear a mask, or they can't participate in county government.

I will not wear a mask. I've actually looked at the 12 studies that OHA is using. They are not randomized control studies-the gold standard. Cherry picking to fit the governors narrative which again is not how science is done. I have 40 recent studies that show that masks not only don't prevent the spread of a virus-too small, but trap in bacteria that is too large to escape setting people up for getting sick. Bacterial pneumonia, heart attacks, strokes, respiratory issues-asthma, COPD, skin issues and all kinds of other issues are now a problem because of wearing masks. Also, you might look into what carcinogens are in surgical masks, etc-made in China and in these tests for COVID setting people up again for future cancers. Find out what is in these COVID shots you keep pushing and the possible adverse reactions including death. You can't be so naïve regarding the blatant conflicts of interests in all our public health agencies and their link with the drug industry and elected officials who get large campaign donations from them.

In case you aren't aware, we all have bacteria and viruses in our body and wearing a mask forces us to constantly rebreathe them. If you aren't aware, wearing a mask lowers your oxygen and increases your CO2 levels=OSHA knows that, OHA knows that, and the CDC knows that. Dr. Fauci knows that I why he has flip flopped countless times without PROVIDING THE SCIENCE BEHIND IT. In fact, he has NEVER had to provide the science for his public health recommendations during his entire career at the NIH. Get a monitor and test your oxygen and CO2 levels. I'm sure the health department can do that for you. I purchased an oximeter recommended by the doctors in my family that shows oxygen saturation, pulse and a few other things. No discussion regarding these kinds of measures that people can take besides wearing a mask, washing your hands-good hygiene, staying away from people, and getting a dangerous, experimental COVID shot which will be never ending. So is this really about protecting our health, or is it something else? OSHA is violating it's own safety protocols when they aligned with the CDC back in 2020. Why would they do this? These are questions you should be asking. Why are we using an inaccurate PCR test that can't distinguish between COVID and the flu which is making a comeback now? 97% false positives with an amplification over 28.

It's been 2 months and I still haven't gotten any response from Commissioner Bell regarding answers to my questions she promised to get. We are not in a state of emergency. You are basing this again on an inaccurate test, and obviously still have not looked into why it was never suppose to be used for clinical diagnosis, yet you are still quoting cases every week and continuing the fearmongering. No mention of the flu or any of the many respiratory illnesses that circulate every year. I haven't heard any of your health experts talk about the importance of Vitamin D=there are many peer reviewed studies that show those that died had low levels, or other things we can do to strengthen our immune systems. We are being told that we no longer have natural immunity refuting centuries of science without providing the "science" that you say you must follow. The CDC director coming out now saying most people died with COVID not from COVID because they had 4 or more comorbidities and were over 70. Pfizer asking the FDA to withhold their clinical data for 75 years. The drug makers saying now their shots don't prevent transmission or provide immunity. Everyday the narrative is changing=damage control as more people are waking up.

You continue to ignore the damage that has been done because of lockdowns and these mandates. There are many peer reviewed studies on this now. No excuses. Fear is the new virtue signaling. Lives have been destroyed and the trauma that is being waged against our precious elderly and our children is unforgivable. Our governor continues to create a new crisis which you have supported with mandatory COVID shots. My brother-in-law as I mentioned is a well-respected surgeon who was put on administrative leave in the Legacy Healthcare System for refusing to get these. They hired him back as an independent contractor because they are desperate for good surgeons.

Calling in the national guard is ridiculous after firing healthcare professionals who refused to take dangerous COVID shots when they know there are safe and effective therapeutics that are still being suppressed. This has created a new crisis and many people are going to die as a result. Ivermectin in fact has been listed on the NIH website since summer as a viable treatment, but our governor and OHA has forbidden any healthcare providers to prescribe it or pharmacies to fill it. Japan stopped pushing these vaccines and they are using Ivermectin with great success for early treatment so Japanese are not hospitalized. They have said that people need to be given informed consent about what is in these shots and the possible adverse reactions which there are many. They are acting now in the best interests of their citizenry. We are not.

I recommend reading a new book by Dr. McDonald=an LA psychiatrist called The United States of Fear, and also RFK Jr. new book which will provide you with important insight you don't have and why many of us have been speaking out fighting for our God-given rights and how we deal with our health. He talks about the fear that has gripped this country and around the world. He refers to it as mass delusional psychosis=or obedience to the state. Fear has always been used as a means to enslave a population. Elected officials and the general public who refuse to look into anything that goes against what he refers to as the "hive mind". Official government narratives.

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