

# Board of County Commissioners

## Annual State of South Deschutes County Breakfast



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# Legislative Priorities

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- **Housing/Homelessness**
- **Behavioral Health & Public Health Funding**
- **Transportation System Funding**
- **Water Issues**
- **Wildfire Risk Reduction Program**



# Planning for the Future

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## County Commission Expanding to 5

- In November 2024 voters approved a ballot measure to expand the BOCC to a 5-member Board
- The Commissioners are in the early stages of developing a process to form Commissioner Districts

## Newberry Regional Partnership

- The County continues to support the work of Newberry Regional Partnership
- The County awarded a Special Projects Grant to assist in the development of the Strategic Action Plan



# Planning for the Future



## Groundwater Protection

- CDD released an annual groundwater protection report in 2024
- Financial assistance for existing property owners to upgrade their septic systems is available

## FireFree Yard Debris Disposal Events

- Southwest Transfer Station days are May 16, 17, and 19-24
- Knott Landfill days are May 2-11





# Housing and Land Investments



## Foundation For Affordable Housing

- Sale will close shortly on the 3.27 acres Drafter Road for the Foundation for Affordable Housing
- Closed on the conveyance of the 5.02 acres Habitat for Humanity

## La Pine Industrial Property Sales

- Closed on the sale of the 2.95-acres to Pudding River Properties
- Closed on the sale of the .43 acres to BP Holdings, LLC



# Economic Development

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## Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO)

- Annual funding to support communities, EDCO regional office, and venture catalyst program.

## Economic Development Loan program

- Helping create new jobs in Deschutes County.

## La Pine Industrial Lots

- In 2022 the County, in collaboration with SLED and the City, sold numerous lots in La Pine Industrial, which was a banner year for sales in the Industrial Area.

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**For decades, Deschutes County has been a key partner in the work of economic development both through its own operations and through contracting with EDCO for business development services and efforts to enhance and support the local business climate.**

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# Thank you for your time

