



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** July 29, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Appoint Liz Foott to the Audit Committee to represent the public for a term ending on June 30, 2027

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval of an appointment to the Audit Committee for

- Liz Foott, Public Member (term ending 6/30/27).

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Deschutes County Audit Committee provides oversight to the external and internal audit functions of the County. It helps ensure the audit function retains organizational independence from political and administrative pressures. The Audit Committee's organizational documents are codified in the Deschutes County Code Chapter 2.15.

The Audit Committee consists of:

- One representative from the Board of County Commissioners
- Six public members (two positions are optional)
- Two Department Heads (traditionally one of the Department Head positions is held by an elected official)

Audit Committee terms are two years long and are staggered so as to not have all of the committee members turn-over in any given year. Members may be re-appointed to successive terms.

Summer Sears, Public Member since October 2019, resigned from the committee at the end of her term expiring 6/30/25.

The committee held an open recruitment for the position. The position was advertised on the County website and through County social media. There were two applicants and a subcommittee consisting of Patti Adair (Deschutes County Commissions and Audit Committee member), Daryl Parrish (Audit Committee Chair), and Audit staff reviewed the applications. Both applicants were highly qualified and expressed a strong interest in serving the County and promoting transparency and accountability. The subcommittee

selected Liz Foott for the committee.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

None

**ATTENDANCE:**

Elizabeth Pape, County Internal Auditor