

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2018
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present

Chair Don Russell (via telephone)
Commissioner Melissa Lindsay
Darrell Green, Administrator
Roberta Lutchter, Executive Assistant

Excused

Commissioner Jim Doherty

Call to Order: 1:00 p.m. by Chair Russell, who then turned the gavel to Commissioner Lindsay because she was present at the meeting location.

City and Citizen Comments: No comments

Open Agenda: Mr. Green asked to discuss two items - an email from Umatilla Electric Cooperative (UEC) and a draft resolution on next week's agenda.

UEC Email Inquiry

UEC invited the Commissioners to attend one of its meetings and offered the option of three different dates. Commissioner Lindsay said she responded earlier and explained if two or more Commissioners were in attendance, it would constitute a public meeting. After a brief discussion, the Commissioners decided to wait for a response to Commissioner Lindsay's email.

Review Draft Resolution

The Commissioners discussed the draft resolution declaring November 8th as Gary Neal Day in Morrow County. They decided to prepare it for final signature at next week's meeting.

Business Items

Revised County Application for Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Grant Funds

Mr. Green explained that following the October 24th Board meeting, a conference call took place with Sue Farkash, ODVA, Commissioner Lindsay, Finance Director Kate Knop and himself.

Ms. Farkash confirmed the following budget figures were appropriate to list on the application:

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| 1. County funds | \$28,628 |
| 2. Carry-forward of unspent budgeted funds from previous fiscal year | \$28,828 |
| 3. ODVA Funds for 2018-19 | \$77,121 |

Mr. Green detailed the plans for the carry-forward funds proposed by Veterans Services Officer Linda Skendzel:

- \$20,966 to purchase a vehicle to replace the 2008 Corolla
- \$4,700 for Suicide Awareness
- \$3,162 for personnel expenses due to cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase

He went on to say \$20,966 is not enough to purchase the proper vehicle, which is still up for discussion, but \$5,000 would need to be transferred from Material & Services to Capital Outlay to bring it to a more realistic amount.

Chair Russell moved to approve the County Application for ODVA Funds, Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, and authorize Commissioner Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Discussion: Mr. Green explained Commissioner Doherty was unable to leave the meeting he was currently attending but he had reviewed the information and was in agreement with it moving forward. Unanimous approval.

Adjourned: 1:14 p.m.