

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2019
Port of Morrow Riverfront Center
Boardman, Oregon

Present

Vice Chair Melissa Lindsay
Commissioner Don Russell
Darrell J. Green, Administrator
Richard Tovey, County Counsel

Roberta Lutcher, Executive Assistant
Excused
Chair Jim Doherty

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 9:00 a.m.

City & Citizen Comments: No comments

Open Agenda: Vice Chair Lindsay said Chair Doherty was attending the National Association of Counties' Western Interstate Region Conference in Spokane.

Consent Calendar

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the following items in the Consent Calendar:

1. *Accounts Payable, May 16th, \$148,262.83; Retirement Taxes, May 6th, \$19,738.41*
2. *Minutes, April 17th*
3. *Office Space Agreement Renewal with the Department of Human Services – conference room space for Child Welfare visits, and office space in the Public Health Department for Self-Sufficiency Program client visits on the first Monday of each month; effective July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020; no monetary consideration*
4. *Revised Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Irrigon for Sheriff's Services, effective July 1, 2019 for one year, not-to-exceed amount \$85,504.82*

Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Legislative Updates

Commissioner Russell said he will speak before the legislature on May 23rd in opposition to House Bill 2852 on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). He explained the Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA) originally sponsored the legislation but later withdrew its support, however, it was already reflected in the bill itself and couldn't be removed. He said as CREA's Chair, he will clarify they do not support CCA. PGE also asked for that clarification, he said.

Vice Chair Lindsay talked about a proposal to build a facility somewhere in eastern Oregon that would be a non-prison option for people with legal and behavioral health issues. She said she planned to sign the letter of support that will be sent to Representative Greg Smith. Others who planned to sign were Boardman Police Chief Rick Stokoe, Sheriff Ken Matlack and Kimberly Lindsay, Community Counseling Solutions Executive Director.

Business Items

Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization, Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestment Program Grant Agreement

Administrator Darrell Green spoke on behalf of Public Health Director Sheree Smith, who was unable to attend. He explained the funds will partially support two programs - CARE and SPURS (Community Access for Resource Effectiveness & Students Providing Understanding and Respectful Support). This is the last time the County can receive these grant funds, so there was a brief discussion about the need to identify how to fund the two nurse positions that will be impacted.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the EOCCO Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestment Program Agreement, total amount \$49,583; grant period March 15, 2019-March 14, 2020; and authorize Vice Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Irrigon Building Update

Darrell Green

Mr. Green said based on the timeline in the Request for Proposals for Project Management & Owner's Representative Services, the Intent to Award could be announced today. The County intends to award the RFP to Hill International out of Spokane, Washington, he said. The other steps in the timeline include: May 22nd deadline to protest the Award; negotiate the agreement for Owner's Rep Consulting Services with Hill; issue the Notice to Proceed.

Lease Invoice for Sheriff's Office Station 2, Heppner Mill Site

Darrell Green

Mr. Green said during Budget Committee Meetings, Sheriff Ken Matlack and Undersheriff John Bowles mentioned they received an invoice from the Port of Morrow for four years of rent (\$22,000 in total) for the building the Sheriff's Office leases at the former Kinzua Mill site in Heppner. The invoice was for \$5,500 per year for four years beginning December 1, 2015 and ending November 30, 2019. Mr. Green said his research showed the following:

- The original three-year lease agreement was signed in 2011.
- The Port sent a letter dated July 27, 2015 asking the County to acknowledge renewal of the lease with the term to begin December 1, 2014 for an additional three-year period.

That letter was signed by the County on August 5, 2015.

Vice Chair Lindsay asked what the response was from the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Green said some people at the Sheriff's Office were of the understanding they were to pay utilities and \$1 per year and were surprised when they received the invoice in April. He said he did not know where past invoices were mailed but the address will be changed to the County's post office box. A conversation with the Sheriff about long term goals regarding vehicle storage, etc., has not yet taken place, said Mr. Green.

Vice Chair Lindsay said she would like to have that conversation to determine if that site can be used for economic development, which might ultimately be a better use for the citizens of the County. The County has space to move that to another location, she added.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve paying the invoice from the Port of Morrow in the amount of \$22,000. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Vice Chair Lindsay and Commissioner Russell specified the invoice was to be paid from the Sheriff's Office budget. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Russell suggested the Port be involved in economic development discussions regarding the former mill site property. Vice Chair Lindsay said she absolutely would and noted Executive Director Ryan Neal was committed to helping with development of that area.

Negotiating Team – NextEra Energy Road Use Agreement

Matt Scrivner, Public Works Director

Mr. Scrivner requested a negotiating team be formed for the road use agreement with NextEra Energy for the Wheatridge Project. After discussion, the Board concurred it would consist of Mr. Scrivner, Mr. Green, Vice Chair Lindsay and County Counsel.

Purchase Pre-Authorization Request – Courthouse Window Blinds

Matt Scrivner

Tony Clement, General Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Clement reviewed the quotes and discussed the style of blind chosen. He noted the quote from Select Blinds was lowest and offered a three-year warranty.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Purchase Pre-Authorization Request for window blinds at the Courthouse in the amount of \$6,397.78 from Select Blinds and authorize Vice Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Purchase Pre-Authorization Request – 1991 6x6 Dump Truck

Matt Scrivner

Mr. Scrivner requested approval to purchase a 1991 6x6 dump truck from State surplus.

Vice Chair Lindsay moved to approve the Purchase Pre-Authorization Request for a 1991 6x6 five-ton dump truck from Oregon State Surplus in the amount of \$10,000, based on the analysis and that it is in the budget; and authorize Vice Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Intergovernmental Agreement #33067, Weed Control, Gilliam, Wheeler & Morrow Counties

Dave Pranger, Weed Coordinator/Inspector

Mr. Pranger said the agreement allows Gilliam County to continue to spray noxious weeds along a portion of Interstate-84 within Morrow County (from the County line to Tower Road).
Discussion.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve ODOT Intergovernmental Agreement No. 33067, Weed Control, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow County; term shall begin when all required signatures are obtained and shall terminate upon completion of the Project and final payment or December 31, 2021; and authorize Vice Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Award Bid for Engineering Aviation Project Services

Sandi Pointer, Public Works Management Assistant

Ms. Pointer explained the County released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for assistance with several Federal Aviation Administration grant projects. One response was received, which then went through the normal panel review process. Public Works recommended awarding the bid to Century West Engineering, stated Ms. Pointer.

Commissioner Russell moved to award the bid for Engineering Aviation Project Services to Century West Engineering. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Vice Chair Lindsay thanked Ms. Pointer and Public Works for continued efforts to improve the Lexington Airport. It's important for economic development, she said.

Award Bid – Mowing and Brushing Services

Sandi Pointer

Ms. Pointer said the RFQ for Mowing and Brushing Services received only one response from JLC Contracting, Inc., which held the contract from March 2016-2019. She said JLC's response was reviewed by a panel and Public Works recommended awarding the bid to JLC. When asked about working with JLC, Ms. Pointer said they were "great" to work with.

Commissioner Russell moved to award the bid for Mowing and Brushing Services to JLC Contracting, Inc. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Correspondence

- Vice Chair Lindsay discussed a correspondence she received from the Eastern Oregon Jobs Council regarding an amendment to the bylaws. EOJC is proposing to change this line in the bylaws from: "Each County shall have no less than two Workforce Board members." to "Each County shall have one, but no more than two Workforce Board members." She said she opposed the change because it could result in larger counties having more of a voice than smaller counties. Commissioner Russell said he supported Vice Chair Lindsay's recommendation.
- Notice for a class on May 23rd to learn about logging operations, tax implications, road maintenance, etc., from John Panches, OSU/Union County Extension Forester.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Russell said a meeting was held May 9th with representatives from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and congressional delegation staff members to discuss the Department of Defense's unpaid invoice from the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District, and other entities, for expenses from last year's fire on the Bombing Range. Predator control and noxious weeds were also discussed. He said the Navy's Community Planning and Liaison Officer, Kimberly Peacher, was not interested in predator control as it did not impact them. However, in a follow-up phone call to her, she said if the County can document the problem(s) and it doesn't cost them anything, the Navy might be interested in participating. Commissioner Russell also reported on last week's CREA meeting where he informed them the County would no longer make the \$50,000 payment related to the PGE/Carty contract. They were disappointed but not surprised, he said. CREA also voted on whether or not to admit PGE as a member. The vote was 3-3, which meant PGE did not become a member. Commissioner Russell said he participated in the decision to award the Nate Arbogast Memorial Scholarship. Awards were made to multiple Morrow County high school seniors totaling \$20,000.
- Vice Chair Lindsay said she attended a Court Security meeting that included Mr. Green, Judge Christopher Brauer, Roy Blaine and others. Court Security funds will be used to purchase cameras in the Courthouse and parking lot, and a new fingerprint machine is being considered. Vice Chair Lindsay serves on the board of GEODC (Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation) and CAPECO (Community Action Program of East Central Oregon). She reported GEODC will start a project in Morrow County, and she urged CAPECO to hold office hours in north and south County to engage and help people here.

Signing of documents

Adjourned: 10:30 a.m.