

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019
Irrigon Branch of the Oregon Trail Library District, Community Room
Irrigon, Oregon

Present

Chair Jim Doherty
Commissioner Melissa Lindsay
Commissioner Don Russell
Darrell J. Green, Administrator
Kate Knop, Finance Director
Justin Nelson, County Counsel
Roberta Lutcher, Executive Assistant

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 9:02 a.m.

City & Citizen Comments: None

Open Agenda: No items

Consent Calendar

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

- 1. Accounts Payable, July 11th, \$267,186.91; Retirement Taxes, July 2nd, \$20,563.41; Payroll Payables, Fiscal Year End Payroll, July 2nd, \$161,124.58*
- 2. Tenth Amendment to 2017-2019 Oregon Health Authority Intergovernmental Agreement #153133, Community Mental Health, Substance Use Disorders and Problem Gambling Services, and authorize Chair Doherty to sign on behalf of the County*
- 3. 2019-2021 Oregon Department of Human Services Intergovernmental Grant Agreement #157836 for the Financing of Community Developmental Disability Services; effective July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021; and authorize Chair Doherty to sign on behalf of the County*
- 4. 2019-2021 Oregon Health Authority Intergovernmental Agreement #159175 for the Financing of Community Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery & Prevention and Problem Gambling Services; \$1,542,803.84; effective July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020 (end date confirmed by OHA Contract Specialist); and authorize Chair Doherty to sign on behalf of the County*

Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Predator Control on the Bombing Range

At the July 3rd BOC Meeting, the Commissioners reviewed a report from USDA/Morrow County Wildlife Specialist, Chris Lulay directed to the Navy regarding predator control and its history on the Bombing Range. Commissioner Russell discussed the letter he drafted to accompany the report to the Navy.

Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve signing the letter about predator control on the Bombing Range addressed to Captain Matthew L. Army, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Predator Control in Morrow County

Commissioner Lindsay presented a letter from Brian Thompson, livestock producer, asking the County and other livestock producers to contribute toward the cost of hiring a helicopter to fly for coyote predation. She said Mr. Thompson planned to attend but was unable to make today's meeting. The discussion was tabled until July 24th so both Mr. Thompson and representatives from USDA Wildlife Services could be in attendance to discuss the request, and predator control, in greater detail.

Commissioner Reports

- Chair Doherty discussed the recent National Association of Counties' Annual Conference he attended. He said he hoped to be appointed as one of the Vice Chairs of the Arts and Culture Commission. Chair Doherty also reported the article printed last year in the Gazette-Times about his bus trip to the 2018 NACo Annual Conference will be published in the July NACo Newsletter.
- Commissioner Lindsay said the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) Coordinator, Jessy Rose, will wrap up work on mapping that will help show where resources can be directed. Commissioner Lindsay said the Association of Oregon Counties will no longer receive the grant that funds the LPSCC Coordinator positions and she asked Chair Doherty and Commissioner Russell to start thinking about options.
- Commissioner Russell said he was interviewed by George Plaven with the Capital Press about the recent purchase of Lost Valley Farm by Easterday Farms. The article also appeared in the East Oregonian, he said.

Department Reports

Justice Court Quarterly Report

Judge Ann Spicer

Judge Spicer reviewed the Distribution of Fines and Assessments reports for April-June. She also brought up her retirement at the end of the calendar year and said several people have indicated an interest in the Justice of Peace position.

Commissioner Russell said his research indicated the Governor is responsible for midterm appointments but takes recommendations from the local Board of Commissioners into consideration.

Chair Doherty added the Governor's Office is also responsible for publicly noticing the vacancy.

Correspondence

- Letter from the Planning Department to adjoining and affected landowners concerning the request to allow construction and operation of up to a 115 kV temporary

transmission line on a single property within Umatilla Electric Cooperative easement. It was noted this is for a temporary line to the Vadata construction site. Public Works Director Matt Scrivner said he would be making written comment and that the County only permits the portion that crosses the road near the intersection of Wilson Lane and Olson Road. The Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project was brought up by Chair Doherty, who said he contacted Idaho Power's Jeff Maffuccio about concerns from local landowners Mitch Ashbeck and John Luciani.

- Press release regarding the introduction of a "Bipartisan Bill to End Price Gouging on Prescription Drugs" introduced by Senator Jeff Merkley, among others.

Break: 10:02-10:09 a.m.

10:09 a.m. Executive Session – Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(g) – To consider preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is in competition with governing bodies in other states or nations

10:58 a.m. Closed Executive Session – No decisions

Chair Doherty announced the potential for a decision following the next Executive Session.

11:01 a.m. Executive Session – Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) – To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions

12:04 p.m. Closed Executive Session – No decisions

Signing of documents

Adjourned: 12:07 p.m.