

**Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**October 9, 2019**  
**Irrigon Branch of the Oregon Trail Library District, Community Room**  
**Irrigon, Oregon**

**Present**

Commissioner 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:** 9:01 a.m.

**City & Citizen Comments:** Veterans Services Officer, Linda Skendzel, distributed copies of a calendar that listed events of interest to veterans. She also provided a brief report on events held in September and October, to date.

**Open Agenda:** No items

**Consent Calendar**

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

- 1. Accounts Payable, October 10<sup>th</sup>, \$209,630.45*
- 2. Agreement for Engineering Services with Anderson Perry & Associates, Inc.; effective October 23, 2019 and shall expire five years from the execution of this agreement.*

*Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Discussion: Commissioner Lindsay clarified that the motion was the Board reviewed the Agreement for Engineering Services, but did not approve it. Mr. Green said the intent was for the Board to have an opportunity to review the contract and it could be brought back next week for approval. Brief discussion. Commissioner Lindsay then amended her motion to state the Board reviewed and approved the agreement pending no changes to the contract by Anderson Perry. Commissioner Russell seconded the amendment. Unanimous approval of the amendment. Unanimous approval of the original motion.*

**Business Items**

Irrigon Building Update

Darrell Green, Administrator

Mr. Green said the Request for Proposals was released last Friday to the four Design-Build teams who qualified to receive it. The four Design-Build teams have an opportunity to tour the Irrigon site on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Interviews are scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Demolition of the shop on the site will take place next week. A replat of the lot will be required.

### Plans for the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Annual Conference

Brief discussion about the ability to offer hot food products during the County Product Tasting Event. The Commissioners will report back with options.

### **Department Reports**

#### Planning Department Monthly Report

Carla McLane, Planning Director

Ms. McLane reviewed her report. Topics included the October 16<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing to consider renaming Laurel Road; Code Enforcement Task Force recommendations; Energy Development Activities; and the Port of Morrow Interchange Area Management Plan.

#### Justice Court Quarterly Report

The Distribution of Fines and Assessments Report for July-September was reviewed in Judge Ann Spicer's absence.

### **Correspondence**

- National Weather Service webpage showing a photo of staff in the Morrow County Sheriff's Office holding the "Storm Ready" sign indicating the County participates in the National Weather Service's Storm Ready Program.

### **Commissioner Reports**

- Commissioner Russell discussed upcoming meetings. He said he will call-in to Friday's meeting of the Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA) and will attend meetings in Salem related to the Association of Oregon Counties' search for a new Executive Director. Commissioner Russell attended a Department of Revenue work session on the new Corporate Activity Tax. He said the tax is "going to be complex."
- Commissioner Lindsay said the engineer's review of the floodplain at the former Kinzua Mill site in Heppner confirmed that about 80% of the area can be removed from that designation. She said she will contact the Executive Director at the Port of Morrow, Ryan Neal, about potential partnerships. If plans fall into place, she said it could be life changing for south County. Commissioner Lindsay attended the following: a meeting between County schools, Community Counseling Solutions (CCS), School Resource Officers, CARE Team members, and Public Health Department staff; a convention in Portland for school board members and superintendents because the State is looking at what Morrow County is doing as a model; and the CCS Advisory Board meeting.

### **Signing of documents**

**Adjourned:** 10:05 a.m.