

**Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2020**  
**Irrigon Branch of the Oregon Trail Library District, Community Room**  
**Irrigon, Oregon**

**Present**

Chair Melissa Lindsay  
Commissioner Don Russell  
Darrell J. Green, Administrator  
Kate Knop, Finance Director  
Richard Tovey, County Counsel

Karmen Carlson, Human Resources Director  
Roberta Lutcher, Executive Assistant  
**Excused**  
Commissioner Jim Doherty

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

**City & Citizen Comments:** Irrigon City Manager, Aaron Palmquist, said pre-construction for the sewer project will begin on January 20<sup>th</sup> with the project completion date scheduled as July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The project will be beneficial to roads, infrastructure and housing in Irrigon. Mr. Palmquist also said the Portland State University population estimate for Irrigon as of July 2019 was 2,003.

**Open Agenda:** Chair Lindsay requested a discussion about the Compensation Board.

**Consent Calendar:** Chair Lindsay requested to remove the request to reappoint a Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee Member to Business Items.

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

- 1. Accounts Payable, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Six Payroll Payables: December 17<sup>th</sup>, \$165,354.21; December 20<sup>th</sup>, \$3,556.66; December 23<sup>rd</sup>, \$27.74 & \$190,580.80; December 31<sup>st</sup>, \$165,502.16 & \$3,250.*
- 2. Amendment 1 to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) #5773 with the Department of Corrections, extending the termination date from December 31, 2019 to June 30, 2020; and authorize Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County.*
- 3. Sixth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority IGA #159175 for the Financing of Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services; and authorize Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County.*

*Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.*

**Business Items**

Request to Reappoint Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee Member

Chair Lindsay said, to keep with current practice, this vacancy should be advertised. She said she went to the Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee last night and explained to the committee the Board's philosophy to publicly solicit interest when vacancies occur on all boards and committees. The members were in full agreement, she said.

Out-of-State Travel Request – Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Ken Matlack

Sheriff Matlack and Undersheriff John Bowles will be attending the Western States Sheriff's Association Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada in February. Sheriff Matlack noted the trip

was included in the approve budget. Discussion took place on the process for out-of-state travel by County employees.

#### Code Enforcement Follow-Up Discussion

Chair Lindsay explained at last week's BOC meeting, Sheriff Matlack discussed the lack of enforcement capabilities within the County's nuisance ordinance. At that point, Chair Lindsay said it needed to be brought forward as an agenda item this week. She asked if the previous Code Enforcement Task Force should be reconvened or a new group created. After discussion, Commissioner Russell offered to take the lead and work with staff in the Planning Department, contingent on staff availability since staffing levels are down in Planning Department.

#### Compensation Board Discussion

Chair Lindsay said the Compensation Board currently lacks two members so she decided to reach out to a previous member about why she withdrew her reappointment request. After realizing it was a misunderstanding, Lisanne Currin was willing to put her name forward, she explained.

*Chair Lindsay moved to reappoint Lisanne Currin to the Compensation Board; term to be January 9, 2020 through December 31, 2023. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### Irrigon Building Update

Darrell Green, Administrator

Mr. Green said he, County Counsel Justin Nelson, Finance Director Kate Knop and our owner's representative, Hill International, continue to negotiate the contract with Fortis. The main issue is the corporate activity tax, he said. Regarding the replat of the lot, Ferguson Surveying and Engineering will have it finalized soon.

#### **Department Reports**

##### Planning Department Monthly Report

Stephanie Case, Interim Planning Director

Ms. Case reviewed the report of activity in the Planning Department.

##### Veterans Services Quarterly Report

Linda Skendzel, Veterans Services Officer

Ms. Skendzel reviewed her report.

#### **Correspondence**

- Press Release: Greg Walden Announces \$1.6 million grant for Port of Morrow
- League of Oregon Cities Announcement: Cities Reminded to Report Public Building Projects

#### **Commissioner Reports**

- Commissioner Russell discussed efforts with the Sheriff's Office to bring together a car crushing event in the County. He reported on a tour of the Umatilla Depot with Greg Smith and a reporter from Oregon Business magazine. The article should be published in

a few months. Commissioner Russell, who is a member of the search committee for the Executive Director of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), said Gina Firman Nikkel has been offered the job.

- Chair Lindsay reported on the latest meeting in The Dalles about a new behavioral health facility potentially being located in eastern Oregon. Also at the meeting were Kimberly Lindsay, Executive Director, Community Counseling Solutions, other elected officials from the region, and the Director of the Oregon Health Authority, Patrick Allen.

**Break:** 10:42-10:44 a.m.

**10:44 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

**11:46 a.m. Closed Executive Session**

**11:47 a.m. Executive Session:** Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) – To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations

**12:04 p.m. Closed Executive Session**

**Signing of documents**

**Adjourned:** 12:15 p.m.