

**Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**February 5, 2020**  
**Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room**  
**Heppner, Oregon**

**Present**

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

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

**City & Citizen Comments:** None

**Open Agenda:** No items

**Consent Calendar**

Chair Lindsay requested to remove the Surplus Vehicle/Equipment Request to Business Items.

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

- 1. Accounts Payable, January 30<sup>th</sup>, \$258,285.09 & February 6<sup>th</sup>, \$135,813.62; Manual Check, January 24<sup>th</sup>, \$101*
- 2. Minutes: November 27, 2019, December 4, 2019*

*Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

**Business Items**

Surplus Vehicle/Equipment to the City of Irrigon

Discussion took place on whether or not to ask for payment from another entity for equipment being surplussed. Commissioners and staff agreed the first step when surplussing equipment should be to establish fair market value, since that would be important for tracking the value exchanging between entities (which did take place in this case). The decision was to move forward since it had been agreed to earlier with the City.

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the surplus of a 1995 Ford Pickup (Vehicle Identification Number 2FDKF38F8SCA9611), Pickup Sander #556, Pickup Sander #FA1436 and a Five-Yard Sander #558 to the City of Irrigon for the amount of \$4,5000. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.*

**Legislative Updates**

- Notice of Legislative video conference updates available at chambers of commerce in Morrow and Umatilla Counties, Tuesday mornings starting at 7:00 a.m.
- Commissioner Russell said he had a scheduled call this afternoon with Representative Greg Smith regarding the bill he's sponsoring on prevailing wage for enterprise zones.

**Business Items**

Community Counseling Solutions Update

Kimberly Lindsay, Executive Director

Ms. Lindsay provided an update and discussed the following handouts:

- Governor’s Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting Notes and Summary: Ms. Lindsay is one of 30 members on this council.
- Transformation Community Benefit Initiative Grant Application: CCS is requesting funding to provide comprehensive case management to individuals who have a mental illness and are high utilizers of emergency department services.
- CCS customer survey results from the four counties it serves.

Chair Lindsay asked if CCS’ updates could include a breakdown of where the funds passed from Morrow County to CCS are allocated.

Ms. Lindsay said the dollars are listed in the contract and they go to what the State says they have to go to. She then listed the categories, such as Mental Health Services, Crisis, Children’s Mental Health/Indigent Services, etc.

Chair Lindsay said having the numbers available might lead to a larger conversation on a particular category of service and what that looks like in Morrow County.

Ms. Lindsay said she will work with the County Finance Department to pull together a report for the next update.

#### The Landing Request for Proposals

Greg Close, Parks General Manager

Mr. Close requested permission to advertise a Request for Proposals for a contract to provide food service at The Landing at the OHV Park. Discussion.

*Commissioner Doherty moved to approve the request to advertise the RFP for The Landing for the upcoming 2020 season. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### Port of Morrow – Paterson Ferry – Zone Change & Swap, Second Reading & Adoption, Ordinance No. ORD-2020-1

Stephen Wrecsics, GIS Planning Tech

Mr. Wrecsics provided the second reading by title:

“An Ordinance Amending the Morrow County Comprehensive Plan to Change the Designation of Approximately 89.6 Acres of Real Property on Bombing Range Road from Industrial to Agricultural, and Changing the Zoning Map from General Industrial to Exclusive Farm Use, and Amending the Morrow County Comprehensive Plan Taking an Exception to Goals 3, 11 and 14, Changing the Comprehensive Plan Designation of Approximately 89.6 Acres of Real Property on Paterson Ferry Road from Agricultural to Industrial, and Changing the Zoning Map from Exclusive Farm Use to Port Industrial and Applying the Limited Use Overlay to the Subject Property”

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve Ordinance No. ORD-2020-1: An Ordinance Amending the Morrow County Comprehensive Plan to Change the Designation of Approximately 89.6 Acres of Real Property on Bombing Range Road from Industrial to Agricultural, and Changing*

*the Zoning Map from General Industrial to Exclusive Farm Use, and Amending the Morrow County Comprehensive Plan Taking an Exception to Goals 3, 11 and 14, Changing the Comprehensive Plan Designation of Approximately 89.6 Acres of Real Property on Paterson Ferry Road from Agricultural to Industrial, and Changing the Zoning Map from Exclusive Farm Use to Port Industrial and Applying the Limited Use Overlay to the Subject Property; and authorizing it to be effective May 5, 2020. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.*

#### Compensation Board Packet Discussion

Karmen Carlson, Human Resources Director

Ms. Carlson reviewed the packet of information that will be sent to the Compensation Board members prior to its meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. She said she planned to present the Compensation Board recommendations to the Board of Commissioners on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### Presidential Initiative - Association of Oregon Counties (AOC)

Commissioner Jim Doherty

Commissioner Doherty said he chose “Arts, Culture & Community” as his Presidential Initiative for the year as he serves as President of AOC. He said some people might scoff at it a bit, but in real dollars, it’s amazing what the arts and entertainment industries bring in. It can be among the highest incomes for counties and states when you look at the data. AOC asked each county to submit an event that best represents arts, culture and community. He said the response has been “wonderful,” with some counties submitting multiple events. Commissioner Doherty said one of his goals is to get people travelling to other counties to see what is unique about each county. AOC staff will try to coordinate some of its meetings to coincide with some of the events that have been submitted, such as the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. AOC will add all the submitted events to a calendar that will also list county fairs. Chair Lindsay and Commissioner Russell offered some suggestions for Morrow County and Commissioner Doherty asked them to submit them to AOC. Commissioner Doherty said another reason for his choice was to have something a little lighter after coming through a year of not knowing whether the organization would hold together and more recent Presidential Initiatives that were on serious topics, like housing and the Stepping Up Initiative. It was time to decompress a little, he said.

Plans for the June AOC retreat that will be held in Morrow County were discussed.

#### AOC Membership Dues Invoice

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the payment of the invoice to AOC, withholding the \$180.90 PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) voluntary dues, making the total to be paid \$11,870.79. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### Irrigon Building Update

Darrell Green, Administrator

Mr. Green said the contract with Fortis was signed last week and the County is waiting for the performance bond and certificate of insurance. When those have been received, the County will issue a notice to proceed. Mr. Green said after contracts are finalized, the timeline will be about 400 days to complete the building and hand the keys to the County.

## **Department Reports**

### Administrator's Monthly Report

Mr. Green reviewed his written report.

### Sheriff's Office Monthly Report

Administrative Lieutenant Melissa Ross reviewed the Sheriff's Office statistics for January and the report on Notable Accomplishments of 2019.

**Break:** 10:46-10:55 a.m.

### Assessment & Tax Quarterly Report

The Commissioners reviewed Assessor/Tax Collector Mike Gorman's written report in his absence. (Mr. Gorman arrived later in the meeting and answered a few questions.)

### Finance Quarterly Report

Finance Director Kate Knop reviewed her report.

### Treasurer's Monthly Report

The Treasurer's Report was postponed.

## **Correspondence**

- Letter from the Columbia River Enterprise Zone II Manager, Greg Sweek, regarding the funding awarded to various County entities.
- Letter from Captain M.L. Arny, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, following-up on the September 17, 2019 Work Session held with the Board of Commissioners. As summarized by the Commissioners, the Navy responded with a "no" to each of the County's requests and then invited us to Whidbey Island to discuss it further. Commissioner Doherty said the one thing that might come to fruition is some road work (straightening out a road and taking it to Tower Road).
- Flyer on Community Paths Grants from the Oregon Department of Transportation.
- Memo from Sheriff Ken Matlack to the Board of Commissioners regarding an adjustment to his salary that will be necessary when a subordinate's pay exceeds his.
- Map from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife of Areas of Known Wolf Activity (AKWA) in south Morrow County.

## **Commissioner Reports**

- The Commissioners discussed various legislation being proposed and upcoming meetings.

**11:57 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

**12:22 p.m. Closed Executive Session**

## **Signing of documents**

**Adjourned:** 12:35 p.m.