

**Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2020
Bartholomew Building, Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon**

Present In-Person

Chair Melissa Lindsay, Darrell J. Green, Kate Knop, Roberta Lutchter, Richard Tovey, Gregg Zody

Present Via Zoom

Commissioner Don Russell, Glen Diehl, Mike Gorman, Lindsay Grogan, Gayle Gutierrez, Christy Kenny, Justin Nelson, Sandi Pointer, Linda Skendzel, Heidi Turrell. Non-Staff: Torrie Griggs, Erika Lasater, Lisa Mittelsdorf, David Sykes

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call: 1:04 p.m.

City & Citizen Comments: None

Open Agenda: No items

Consent Calendar

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

1. *Accounts Payable and Payroll Payables*

Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Public Hearing – Supplemental Budget Resolution No. R-2020-24

Chair Lindsay opened the Public Hearing at 1:06 p.m. and called for abstentions or conflicts of interest. Hearing none, she called for the Staff Report.

Finance Director Kate Knop explained the Resolution would allow for increases of appropriations within the General Fund and would also create the Resiliency Fund. She then provided an overview of the changes to the funds (General, Road, Fair, Safety, and Equity). She summarized by saying the net fiscal impact was an increase in budget appropriations in the amount of \$3,985,733.35 and the revised total appropriations budgeted for fiscal year 2020-21 were \$54,484,92.

Chair Lindsay said it would appear the County spent an additional \$4,000,000. However, to clarify, everything will be covered by income, such as grants (State of Oregon, Tillamook County Creamery Association), money from NextEra Energy for road improvements, or moving County funds from “one pot to another.”

Ms. Knop said Chair Lindsay’s assessment was correct. The County was not spending any unappropriated or contingency dollars to accomplish these goals. She then detailed the history of the funds and said they involved additional revenues to the County and the County had to increase appropriations to spend them.

Chair Lindsay called for proponents to speak; no response. She called for opponents to speak; no response. The hearing was closed at 1:13 p.m. to deliberate to a decision.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve Supplemental Budget Resolution R-2020-24, as written. Chair Lindsay seconded. Vote – Aye: Chair Lindsay, Commissioner Russell. Absent: Commissioner Doherty. Motion carried.

Business Items

Resolution No. R-2020-25: Creation of the Resiliency Fund

Kate Knop, Finance Director

Commissioner Russell moved to approve Resolution No. R-2020-25 to Establish the Resiliency Fund. Chair Lindsay seconded. Vote – Aye: Chair Lindsay, Commissioner Russell. Absent – Commissioner Doherty. Motion carried.

Resiliency Grants Update

Gregg Zody, Community Development Director

Mr. Zody said the County received 14 applications for the Tillamook County Creamery Association/Morrow County/Business grant and 44 for the Resiliency Fund Grant. Discussion.

Commissioner Jim Doherty arrived: 1:22 p.m.

Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) COVID-19 Temporary Rules

Lindsay Grogan, Human Resources Manager

As no changes or clarifications were added since Monday, Ms. Grogan said there was no need for discussion of this item.

Columbia River Enterprise Zone III Draft Intergovernmental Agreements

Justin Nelson, County Counsel

Mr. Nelson reviewed the changes requested at last week's Work Session and said he made additional changes outside the guidance from the Board. He said he receive feedback that doing so wasn't the proper approach so he removed those additional changes. He then shared his screen for the audience to see and briefly reviewed the revised document.

Commissioner Russell said he did not want to move forward without sufficient time to review.

Commissioner Russell moved to table this until next week. Discussion: Chair Lindsay said the changes were being highlighted by Mr. Nelson for the Board to review. Commissioner Russell pressed for additional time to compare the different versions of the IGAs. Commissioner Doherty seconded the motion. Discussion: Chair Lindsay clarified the changes made by County Counsel were not requested by the Board. She went on to apologize for the delay this created. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Chair Lindsay asked that Mr. Nelson's revisions be reviewed now to save time next week and possibly be closer to a decision. The Commissioners, staff and Port of Morrow representatives proceeded to review and discuss the IGAs, with the understanding the IGAs would be reviewed again next week.

Electrical Services Award and Contract
Sandi Pointer, Public Works Management Assistant

Commissioner Doherty moved to accept Wight's Electric, LLC as the Electrical Contractor for a three-year term. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Plumbing Services Award and Contract
Sandi Pointer

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the contract with Blue Mountain Plumbing, LLC for a three-year term. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Emergency Operations Center Update

The Board and County Counsel discussed the most recent Executive Order No. 20-65 from the Office of the Governor. It was determined some areas did not apply to government entities and the County would not be locking buildings to the public. Various discussions ensued.

Irrigon Building Update

Darrell Green, Administrator

- Progress has been made toward obtaining the building permit.
- Some options for office chairs were delivered to Irrigon for employees to evaluate.
- Groundbreaking by construction crews will tentatively be mid-late December.

BOC Meeting Schedule

Chair Lindsay asked that the agenda for next week's meeting (the day before Thanksgiving) be kept as light as possible.

Waste Connections Bid for Business

Commissioner Russell said last week the Board listened to a request from Waste Connections in Executive Session. They are bidding on a project in the Yakima area to convert a landfill to an industrial park and asked for some price concessions at Finely Buttes Landfill by the County to make the bid more viable for them. He said he conveyed to Waste Connections' Brian Evola that the tippage fee margin be kept the same but the County would consider participating in a downward, proportional trend. Mr. Evola requested up to a 50% maximum of tippage fees. For instance, if the discount was 10%, then it would be 5% to the County and 5% to Waste Connections, said Commissioner Russell.

Commissioner Doherty said he liked Commissioner Russell's proposal, even if it was somewhat different than what was discussed in Executive Session. He suggested he put forth a motion.

Commissioner Russell moved for the County to participate in a price reduction with Waste Connections to acquire the end-customer talked about in the Yakima area, in a proportional discount, not-to-exceed 50% of the County's tippage fees. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Discussion: Commissioner Doherty said, to be clear, this gives Waste Connections the ability to work through Commissioner Russell. Commissioner Russell replied yes, or the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, of which he was a member. Unanimous approval.

Department Reports

Community Development Department Report

The Board reviewed the report and Mr. Zody made himself available for questions.

Treasurer's Monthly Report

The Board reviewed the written report submitted by Treasurer, Gayle Gutierrez.

Correspondence

- Oregon Department of Energy Notice of a Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 2 of the Carty Generation Station Site Certificate
- Business Oregon list of the distribution of Coronavirus Relief Funds
- News Release from the Office of Governor Kate Brown - \$55 million in financial assistance to businesses impacted by COVID-19 restrictions
- Letter to Governor Brown from multiple elected officials, both at the State and County level, objecting to the continued one-size-fits-all approach to shutting down the State, and asking to re-evaluate the metrics used by the State. The letter also proposed four areas for change.

Commissioner Reports

Provided by each Commissioner.

Signing of documents

Adjourned: 2:45 p.m.