

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2020
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present In-Person

Chair Melissa Lindsay
Commissioner Don Russell
Commissioner Jim Doherty
Darrell J. Green, Administrator
Diane Kilkenny, Interim Health Director
Kate Knop, Finance Director
LeAnn Wright, Juvenile Dept./Minutes
Dave Sykes, Heppner Gazette; Larry Hurst,
Greg Sweek

Present Via Electronic Means

Matt Scrivner, Public Works Director
Linda Skendzel, Veterans Services
Sheryll Bates, Erika Lasater, Lisa
Mittelsdorf, Ryan Neal, Aaron Palmquist

Excused

Roberta Lutcher, Executive Assistant

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

City & Citizen Comments: None

Open Agenda: The Commissioners agreed to add the request from the Association of Oregon Counties, District 3, to assign a county liaison to the Governor's Office COVID-19 phone call meetings.

Consent Calendar

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

1. *Accounts Payable, June 18th, \$131,342.37; Void Check, June 12th, \$14.99; Payroll Payables, June 3rd, \$3,000*
2. *Disposition of Assets – Title Transfer, Sheriff's Office vehicle, 2018 Dodge Charger, Vehicle Identification Number 2C3CDXKT3JH140028, Oregon license plate number E274942*
3. *Department of Revenue Intergovernmental Services Agreement for Mapping Services, Contract #DOR-136-20 for fiscal year July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021; \$19,800*
4. *Resolution No. R-2020-12: In the Matter of Adopting the Budget, Making Appropriations, Imposing and Categorizing the Taxes. Be it Resolved that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the sum of \$50,299.189.*
5. *Tax Refund to Lamb Weston, Inc., in the amount of \$5,298.88 (2018-19 & 2019-20 tax years)*

Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Public Hearing – Supplemental Budget for Road, Resolution No. R-2020-3

- Chair Lindsay called for abstentions or conflicts of interest, there were none.
- Finance Director Kate Knop presented the Staff Report and summary of budget increases for the NextEra and Wheatridge energy project.
- Public Works Director Matt Scrivner commented regarding the administrative cost increase of 10% that will be covered by NextEra.

- Chair Lindsay called for proponents, there were none. She called for opponents, there were none. The Public Hearing was then closed for deliberations.

Commissioner Doherty moved to approve Resolution No. R-2020-3: In the Matter of Appropriations for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 – to increase the Road Fund revenue and expenditures by \$1,052,702 for the NextEra/Wheatridge Road Use Agreement within fiscal year 2019-2020. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Year-End Budget Transfer Resolution No. R-2020-13

Kate Knop, Finance Director

Ms. Knop presented the Resolution and asked for questions and comments. Brief discussion to understand why only three months in this fiscal and three in the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve Resolution No. R-2020-13: In the Matter of Appropriations for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019. (Net zero fiscal impact in the General Fund and 911 Emergency Fund due to re-allocation of appropriations. The Programming Fund will increase appropriations in the amount of \$25,000 and the Community Corrections Fund will increase in the amount of \$12,030. Revised total appropriations budgeted for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is \$45,601,627.) Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Morrow County Government Command Center Update

- Mr. Green said there were updates on COVID-19 cases and reopening procedures. There are signs that need to be placed at the Fair buildings, some supplies are still needed and there will be a monthly handout of supplies.
- Justin Nelson, County Counsel, addressed the uptick in cases in Union County and concerns on how to address the situation if it occurs in Morrow County relating to housing availability.
- Commissioner Doherty requested an update on the progress of COVID-19 reimbursement. Ms. Knop said she will be getting further information.
- Reopening Phase III was discussed.
- Boardman Mayor Sandy Toms voiced concerns on the lack of communication between the County and the Governor and the frustrations.

Irrigon Building Update

- Commissioner Russell said the team will be going over the budget later today.
- Mr. Green said there will be a furniture presentation next week starting at 1:30 p.m. and each presenter will have up to 90 minutes each. There still needs to be discussions on security.
- Commissioner Doherty will be meeting with Moose Lodge representatives on Saturday to discuss their plans for that property.

Federal Lands Access Program Update on Morrow County Road 847

Mr. Scrivner gave a brief update and said it looked like it should be moving forward and has been moved to the 2020-2021 budget.

AOC District 3 Appointment

Chair Lindsay said AOC District 3 would like to assign a liaison to the AOC Governor's Office phone call meetings. There was a brief discussion and it was agreed this will be a position for the County Chair. The meetings will be a weekly call with the Governor in regards to COVID-19.

U.S. Forest Service Collaboration

Brandon Houck, Heppner District Ranger, gave an update on employee and family safety during COVID-19, recreational site openings, firewood cutting, timber sales of fire salvage, the Youth Conservation Corps program, Incident Management procedures, and drought conditions.

Paula Guenther, North Fork John Day District Ranger, was introduced and advised their district is moving forward in the same areas as Heppner District with some differences in employee housing situations regarding COVID-19. There was further discussion on the salvage work and progress of the Resource Advisory Committee.

Department Reports

None Scheduled

Correspondence

- The Hanford Site Notice – Public Comment Period – Draft Waste Incidental to Reprocessing Evaluation for Vitrified Low-Activity Waste Disposed of Onsite at the Hanford Site, Washington
- Notice from State of Washington Department of Ecology, Closure Units at T-Plant & Central Waste Complex

Commissioner Reports

Brief reports of activity were provided by the Commissioners.

Signing of documents

Adjourned: 11:08 a.m.