

Special Meeting of Morrow County Board of Commissioners
Minutes
June 29, 2020
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present In-Person

Chair Melissa Lindsay, Commissioner Don Russell, Commissioner Jim Doherty, Administrator Darrell J. Green, Executive Assistant Roberta Lutchter, County Counsel Justin Nelson, Heppner Gazette Editor Dave Sykes, Port Commissioner John Murray, Enterprise Zone Manager Greg Sweek

Present Via Electronic Means

Clerk Bobbi Childers; Assessor Mike Gorman; Treasurer Gayle Gutierrez; Public Works staff; Community Development Director Gregg Zody; Torrie Griggs; Representatives from the Heppner Chamber of Commerce; Erica Lasater; Lisa Mittelsdorf; Karen Pettigrew

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 2:01 p.m., followed by roll call

City & Citizen Comments: None

Open Agenda: Request to add a discussion at the end of the meeting on the letter from Governor Kate Brown regarding face coverings.

Consent Calendar

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

1. *Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan Coverage Agreement; effective July 1, 2020 the County will participate for its Eligible Employees (Sheriff's Office employees represented by Teamsters Local 223 hired on or after July 1, 2020) in the Public Employees Retirement System and the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan Pension Program and Individual Account Program; and authorize Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County*

Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Resolution No. R-2020-14: First Amendment to Amazon Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Agreement (December 4, 2017)

Resolution No. R-2020-15: Second Amendment to Amazon Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Agreement (December 4, 2017)

Resolution No. R-2020-16: First Amendment to Amazon Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Agreement (December 12, 2018)

Resolution No. R-2020-17: First Amendment to Amazon Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Agreement (April 17, 2020)

Justin Nelson, County Counsel, reviewed the Resolutions, which was followed by a brief question and answer exchange.

Commissioner Doherty moved to approve the following Resolutions:

- 1. Resolution No. R-2020-14: First Amendment to Amazon Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Agreement (December 4, 2017): In the Matter of Approving an Addendum to Agreement Between the Sponsors of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone and Vadata Inc.*
- 2. Resolution No. R-2020-15: Second Amendment to Amazon Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Agreement (December 4, 2017): In the Matter of Approving an Addendum to Agreement Between the Sponsors of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone and Vadata Inc.*
- 3. Resolution No. R-2020-16: First Amendment to Amazon Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Agreement (December 12, 2018): In the Matter of Approving an Addendum to Agreement Between the Sponsors of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone and Vadata Inc.*
- 4. Resolution No. R-2020-17: First Amendment to Amazon Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Agreement (April 17, 2020): In the Matter of Approving an Addendum to Agreement Between the Sponsors of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone and Amazon Data Services, Inc.*

Commissioner Russell stated he had a potential conflict of interest so he wouldn't participate. Chair Lindsay seconded. Vote: Aye: Chair Lindsay, Commissioner Doherty. Abstained: Commissioner Russell. Motion carried.

Resolution No. R-2020-18: Klean Industries Boardman LLC Application for Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Exemption

Chair Lindsay asked if there were any conflicts of interest to declare; Commissioner Russell replied, no.

Enterprise Zone Manager Greg Sweek explained the agreement for the tire recycling facility was signed last week and it passed most of the conditions people had.

Commissioner Russell added it will employ 45 people, including both the plant and sales force employees.

Commissioner Doherty moved to approve Resolution No. R-2020-18: Klean Industries Boardman LLC Application for Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zone Exemption: In the Matter of Approving an Agreement between the Sponsors of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone and Klean Industries Boardman LLC. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Resolution No. R-2020-19: Morrow County and Port of Morrow Joint Sponsorship of an Application for Designation of an Enterprise Zone

Justin Nelson, County Counsel

Mr. Nelson said the resolution passed last week by the Port of Morrow mirrored the County's Resolution being considered today. He said this does not complete the process as there was still a process through Business Oregon to create the new zone. In addition, intergovernmental agreements would be needed with each city/town. Brief discussion.

Commissioner Doherty moved to approve Resolution No. R-2020-19: A Resolution to Jointly Sponsor Between the Port of Morrow and Morrow County an Application for Designation of an Enterprise Zone. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Morrow County Professional Services Contract, “CREZ Manager – Short-Term”

Chair Lindsay said there was a need for someone to follow through on the enterprise zone application with Business Oregon, and at a recent meeting with the Port, it was agreed the County would take the lead and draft a contract with Greg Sweek. Brief discussion.

Commissioner Doherty moved to approve the Professional Services Contract, CREZ Manager – Short-Term, with Greg Sweek, for administering the State of Oregon application process for the creation of CREZ III; effective July 1, 2020 to September 1, 2020; hourly rate \$50.

Commissioner Russell offered an amendment to Section 3c that would include a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000. Commissioner Doherty moved to accept the amendment. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Pat and Silvia Suter Partition Plat

Mike Gorman, Assessor/Tax Collector

Mr. Gorman said Pat Suter was partitioning his property located southwest of Boardman on Toms Camp Road. During that process, it was determined Toms Camp Road, going south, does not continue through to the West Extension main irrigation canal, meaning he and several other landowners in the area have no public access to their properties. He said the County has maintained the southern portion of Toms Camp Road for many years under the assumption it was a County road. Mr. Gorman said after consultation with the County Surveyor and Public Works, it was decided if the owner would provide a road right-of-way, the County would accept it and make that portion of Toms Camp Road a County road. Mr. Gorman said he would work on getting the rights-of-way from the other landowners, as well.

Commissioner Russell moved to sign and accept the Right-of-Way on the Plat referred to as Toms Camp Road. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Letter from Governor Brown Extending Face Covering Requirement Statewide

Chair Lindsay said she just became aware of the press release, effective July 1st. She asked County Counsel to review it for the impact to County meetings, which Mr. Nelson agreed to do prior to the July 1st BOC Meeting.

Comments Prior to Executive Session

Chair Lindsay said the Executive Session was needed to inform the Commissioners about the public health emergency and would include confidential information, according to HIPPA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act). She said no decisions would be made following the Executive Session.

2:53 p.m. Executive Session: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(f) – To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection

3:15 p.m. Closed Executive Session

Signing of documents

Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.