

**Morrow County Board of Commissioners
Business Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2021
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon**

Present In-Person

Chair Don Russell, Commissioner Jim Doherty, Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, Darrell J. Green, Roberta Lutchter

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 8:02 a.m.

Business Items

Board of Commissioners Budget

Darrell Green, Administrator

Mr. Green reviewed the changes he proposed to the General Fund, Board of Commissioners Budget, as compared to last year's budget. The Commissioners agreed with the following:

1. State Dues, Association of Oregon Counties: Increase from \$12,500 to \$16,000.
2. Other Professional Organizations: Reduce from \$18,000 to \$10,000.
3. Court Awards, Discretionary: Continue to plan for a more formal podium in the Upper Conference Room that can be stored in the closets.
4. Capital Outlay: Audio/visual upgrade costs for the Upper Conference Room to accommodate virtual meetings, \$15,000-\$20,000.
5. Move forward with plans to test Microsoft Teams with interested staff members. Until the end of the current fiscal year, the County will pay the cost per participant fee (just under \$8.00). After that, the fee will be picked up by individual departments.

Miscellaneous Budget Items

Commissioner Doherty said he was contacted by a contingent representing Oregon State University Extension – Bryan Wolfe, Vern Frederickson and Clive Kaizer, to discuss “why they should be included deeper on our budget.” He said he suggested they contact the other Commissioners, and contact other entities to ask for funding from them, as well.

Mr. Green discussed the amount tentatively budgeted for Courthouse maintenance and repairs, and an increase to the Computer budget in anticipation of moving into the new building in Irrigon.

Commissioner Lindsay talked about setting aside funds to maintain the Boardman Public Health Department Building until the situation changes with that building.

Adjourned: 8:41 a.m.