

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2021
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present In-Person

Chair Don Russell, Commissioner Jim Doherty, Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, Darrell J. Green, John Bowles, Christy Kenny, Kate Knop, Roberta Lutcher, Tamra Mabbott; Non-Staff: Kraig Cutsforth, Mike Lees, Karen Pettigrew

Present Via Zoom

Staff: SaBrina Bailey Cave, Deanne Irving, Jaylene Papineau, Richard Tovey, Heidi Turrell; Non-Staff: JoAnna Lamb, Jenn Rollins, Andrew Smith, David Sykes

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

City & Citizen Comments: None

Open Agenda: No items

Consent Calendar:

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

1. *Accounts Payable and Payroll Payables*
2. *Minutes: July 14th*
3. *Resolution No. R-2021-22: Appropriating General Fund Contingency for Audio Visual Upgrades at the Morrow County Government Center Building and Bartholomew Building (\$285,000)*

Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Loop Road Update from the City of Boardman

Karen Pettigrew, Boardman City Manager

Mike Lees, Anderson Perry & Associates, City Engineer

Mr. Lees reviewed the Laurel Lane and Loop Road Improvements Project timeline he compiled for the presentation. Project completion is anticipated to be December 2021.

Ms. Pettigrew said she was using \$1.1 million the City received from the Columbia River Enterprise Zone (CREZ) to fund the estimated \$1.4 million project. She said the difference on some of her money was this year the County didn't give the cities any infrastructure money, which it normally does. Various discussions.

Oregon Youth Authority Intergovernmental Agreement #14688, Juvenile Crime Prevention Basic Services

Christy Kenny, Juvenile Department Director

Ms. Kenny reviewed how the funds will be used over the biennium, primarily for detention but also in two new areas – an incentive program, and a new restitution program for youth to earn money to pay back victims by performing community service hours. She noted the Proposed Plan, Exhibit G, was not yet attached but if anything were to substantially change, she would bring it back to the Board.

Commissioner Doherty moved to approve the State of Oregon Intergovernmental Agreement #14688, Juvenile Crime Prevention Basic Services; effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023; not-to-exceed amount \$38,473; and authorize Chair Russell to sign on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Discussion: Commissioner Doherty said some law enforcement grants target speeding enforcement, for example, and it would make him nervous and not necessarily be a good thing if this was looking deeper to find juveniles acting up. Ms. Kenny explained the hope is to catch them early and stop them from future behaviors...to get them to make different decisions so they don't enter the adult system. Commissioner Doherty said it has to be weighed against pulling an otherwise normal kid in and pigeonholing that kid as being one way and that's then who he or she becomes. He added he was grateful there weren't police in the schools when he was young. Vote: Unanimous approval.

State of Oregon Grant Agreement #15684 – Juvenile Crime Prevention Funds

Christy Kenny, Juvenile Department Director

Ms. Kenny said the Made to Thrive program is the recipient of the majority of these funds. The non-profit provides a positive environment for at-risk and vulnerable youth by offering extracurricular activities, such as sports, music, dance and art. Some funds will go to the Diversion Program and help pay for staff and curriculums, she added.

Commissioner Doherty moved to approve State of Oregon Grant Agreement #15684 – Juvenile Crime Prevention Funds; effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023; up to \$63,000; and authorize Chair Russell to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Columbia Development Authority Invoice

Commissioner Doherty thanked Ms. Knop for compiling the information in the Agenda Packet but said he still had concerns there weren't corresponding numbers to the actual financial statements.

Commissioner Doherty moved to pay the CDA quarterly invoice (non-federal cash match, Department of Defense Grant ID CL0909-21-10, April 2021-March 2022), April 1-June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$2,309.36. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Discussion: Commissioner Lindsay said she had questions when bank statements showing no activity for three months were what was provided as the financials for the CDA. She said the financials should come from the Port of Morrow as the fiscal agent, adding they are great fiduciaries. The CDA budget that was approved was severely lacking and had no detail, and she wanted to know where all this money was going. There was \$30,000-50,000 taken back; why was that, she asked. Commissioner Lindsay also wanted more detail on the funds going to personnel, consulting, fringe benefits, admin and rent. She said she listened to the audio of the CDA budget meeting and she heard someone say, "We'll fill that in later." Chair Russell said a detailed budget is approved at the beginning of every year. Commissioner Lindsay replied, not this year, she saw it and Commissioner Doherty asked a question. The answer was, "We'll fill that in later." She said she knows the level of work Ms. Knop undertakes in preparing and presenting budgets and it's more than, "I'll fill it in later." This deserves focus and understanding but maybe that detail is provided in the CDA's Executive Sessions or elsewhere but it wasn't in the budget meeting. Commissioner Doherty said as the BOC's representative on the CDA, he was sympathetic to

Commissioner Lindsay's concerns and he would work with Ms. Knop and line out what she wanted to see. The answers are out there and as we move forward, the County will say it needs all these things. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Ms. Knop said she would start by requesting a copy of the new IGA associated with this invoice.

Grants to Cities Appropriations

Kate Knop, Finance Director

Ms. Knop presented several distribution scenarios for the Board's consideration now that the 2020 U.S. Census figures were released. Brief discussion.

Commissioner Doherty moved to allocate \$300,000 to Grants to Cities using the new 2020 U.S. Census figures based on the following split: 37.5% based on population and 62.5% based on an even distribution. Chair Russell seconded. Discussion: Administrator Darrell Green asked if the U.S. Census figures would be used in the future or Portland State University's Population Research Center's population estimates. Chair Russell said he preferred to use Census figures in the year those were released and PSU's estimates in the intervening years. Commissioner Lindsay said in the years that aren't Census years, the numbers become less accurate. She also said she was missing a lot of information in order to make the analysis. Vote: Aye: Chair Russell, Commissioner Doherty; Nay: Commissioner Lindsay. Motion carried.

The breakdown for each city/town will be as follows:

1. Boardman: \$94,993
2. Heppner: \$56,624
3. Ione: \$42,486
4. Irrigon: \$64,761
5. Lexington: \$41,137

American Rescue Plan Act Agreement

Kate Knop, Finance Director

Ms. Knop said Morrow County was appropriated \$2,253,747; she then reviewed the ways in which the funds can be used (support public health expenditures; address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency; replace lost public sector revenue; provide premium pay for essential workers; invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure).

Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve the U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, OMB Approved No. 1505-0271, Expiration Date November 30, 2021; and the Award Terms and Conditions, including the Assurances of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements; and authorize Chair Russell to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Command Team Update

- Positive cases are now higher with the delta variant than any other time during the pandemic.
- Staff members are trying to acquire additional resources and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

- The Command Team does not want to overburden the Public Health Department and the message is for people to do their best but not work 24/7.
- The overwhelming majority of hospitalized COVID patients are unvaccinated and there is a concern about exceeding hospital bed capacity in the State.
- A meeting will take place this afternoon with health care and emergency service providers about what to do if resources are depleted because the workers are sick or quarantined.

Building Project Updates – Intent to Award Courthouse Feasibility Study – Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Darrell Green, Administrator

Mr. Green reviewed the scoring spreadsheet and said it was a difficult decision because of the caliber of the respondents.

Commissioner Lindsay moved to grant the Intent to Award for the Courthouse Feasibility Study RFQ to DLR Group. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

- Sheriff Station 2 Building is complete. Allstott Construction will add a few more ceiling lights in case they're needed later. The Certificate of Occupancy is displayed in the building.
- Morrow County Government Center Building – door and window frames arrived; masonry still delayed, as well as some furniture. The hope is the move-in date won't be impacted, so other tasks have been bumped forward.

Correspondence

- Letter from the President of the Vietnam War Memorial Fund. The group is raising funds for a memorial on the grounds of Oregon's Capitol.
- Notice of the Oregon State University Extension & Morrow County meeting to discuss the Mormon Cricket situation, August 26th, 7:00 p.m., Ione City Park.
- OHA/North Morrow Vector Control District notice of additional mosquitoes testing positive for West Nile virus in Morrow County.

Commissioner Reports

Reports were provided by the Commissioners.

Break: 10:45-11:00 a.m.

11:01 a.m. Executive Session: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e) – To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions

Closed Executive Session: 12:00 p.m.

Signing of documents

Adjourned: 12:15 p.m.