

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present In-Person

Chair Don Russell, Commissioner Jim Doherty, Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, Darrell J. Green, Katie Imes, Roberta Lutchner

Present Via Zoom

Mike Gorman, Paul Gray, Lindsay Grogan, Crystal Jaeger, Christy Kenny, Kate Knop, Aaron Moss, Jaylene Papineau, Nazario Rivera, Linda Skendzel, Heidi Turrell; Non-Staff: JoAnna Lamb, Karen Pettigrew, Rick Stokoe, David Sykes

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call: 9:02

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 & Payroll Payables*
- 2. Minutes: September 8th*
- 3. Reappointment of Jeff Wenholz to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee representing Position Seven; term to be November 3, 2021 to November 3, 2025*
- 4. Oregon Health Authority Intergovernmental Grant Agreement #172717; effective when fully executed and shall expire on June 30, 2022; \$50,000; planning work to identify behavioral health inequities; and authorize Commissioner Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County*
- 5. Subdivision Plat – Tuscany at Boardman, Phase 3*

Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Acknowledge Upcoming Retirements of Bill Morris, Ross McKinley, Carolyn Papineau

Chair Russell noted the important dates of each retiree's career with Morrow County. The Commissioners thanked them for their more than 85 years of combined service to the County.

Break: 9:10-9:16 a.m. to sign the subdivision plat.

Purchase Request, Exterior Graphics for New Public Transit Buses

Katie Imes, The Loop

Ms. Imes asked the Board to approve the graphic design on the bus in either the "full wrap" version or the "partial wrap" version. The Commissioners preferred the partial wrap but asked for the graphic design to be reworked to better reflect the structures and activities in Morrow County.

Oregon Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division Agreement No. 35263, Section 5311 Program, Funding for Rural Areas – Administrative Expenses

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Commissioner Doherty moved to approve ODOT Public Transportation Division Agreement No. 35263; effective November 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023; \$280,787 with a County match of \$32,138. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Out-of-State Travel Authorization

Justin Nelson, District Attorney/County Counsel

Mr. Nelson explained the out-of-state travel for one of his employees was approved a few weeks ago and this request was to use Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention (CAMI) Grant Funds to send the members of the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) to the same conference in San Diego. The MDT is comprised of County and non-County employees and \$16,902.75 remain in the CAMI Grant for training that is available until June 30, 2022, he said.

Commissioner Doherty moved to authorize the out-of-state travel to the Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, utilizing CAMI Grant Funds. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Association of Oregon Counties Annual Conference Product Tasting

The Board agreed to not participate in this year's product tasting event at the conference in November.

Command Team Update

- The statewide statistic for intensive care unit (ICU) beds being used by COVID patients dropped to 17%. Of the 26 ICU beds in the region, 11% were used by COVID patients on Monday, but a few days later it increased to 26%. The Emergency Operations Center meetings will be cancelled, unless the ICU statistic goes above 30%, but the Command Team will continue to meet.
- Public Health Director, Nazario Rivera, recommended the County use the same timeframe as the State regarding the length to quarantine – seven days if the person tests out. The Board agreed by consensus to the recommendation.

Building Project Updates

- Courthouse Feasibility Study – DLR Group met with stakeholders to review their draft findings. They presented three options – low-cost, medium-cost, and a full-blown add an addition or build a new building. DLR Group will return mid-month to provide a cost analysis and final report. Chair Russell and Commissioner Lindsay requested that DLR Group provide more information on costs associated with a new building, even if it added to the already agreed upon scope of work.
- Morrow County Government Center Building – main delays continue to be the bus bar to power the building, supplies for the heated sidewalks, and light fixtures. Any work that can be done in the interim is being done.

Department Reports

- The Administrator's Monthly Report was reviewed by Darrell Green.
- The Sheriff's Office Monthly Report was reviewed by Administrative Lieutenant Melissa Ross.
- The Finance Department Quarterly Report was reviewed by Kate Knop, Director.

Correspondence

- Letter regarding the River Democracy Act from six Oregon Senators and Representatives to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and the U.S. Senate National Parks Subcommittee, and Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley.

Commissioner Reports

- Reports were provided.

Signing of documents

Adjourned: 10:46 a.m.