

**Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**January 5, 2022**  
**Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room**  
**Heppner, Oregon**

**Present In-Person**

Commissioner Don Russell, Commissioner Jim Doherty, Darrell J. Green, John Bowles, Kate Knop, Justin Nelson, Wayne Seitz

**Present Via Zoom**

Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, JoAnna Lamb, Tamra Mabbott, Aaron Palmquist

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

**City & Citizen Comments:** None

**Open Agenda:** No items

**Consent Calendar:**

*It was moved and seconded to approve the following items in the Consent Calendar, noting 4e on the agenda, Subdivision Plat for River Ridge Estates, Phase 4, Boardman, had not been made available for signature and would be postponed:*

1. *Accounts Payable and Payroll Payables*
2. *Minutes: November 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>*
3. *Review of Order No. OR-2017-1: Establishing a Rotating Cycle for the Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship of the Board of Commissioners*
4. *Contract with Community Counseling Solutions, Inc., for Assessment and Planning for Behavioral Health Housing; effective December 15, 2021 to August 15, 2022; not-to-exceed amount \$50,000; and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the County*
5. *Designate Eric Imes, Assistant Road Master, as interim County Road Official, effective January 7, 2022*
6. *Amendment 7 to Oregon Health Authority Intergovernmental Agreement #166052 for the Financing of Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services*
7. *Extension of 2019 Federal Lands Access Program Agreement, Award No. 6905671940009; period of performance – June 18, 2019 through December 31, 2022; and authorize the Administrator to sign on behalf of the County*

*Unanimous approval.*

Chair Russell turned the gavel over to Commissioner Doherty. Chair Doherty thanked past Chair Russell and said he was looking forward to 2022.

**Business Items**

Tax Foreclosure Sale to Previous Owner

Mike Gorman, Assessor/Tax Collector

Mr. Gorman explained the County took a property in Boardman for tax foreclosure in October and was subsequently contacted by a firm representing the owner, Ridgecrest Development III about an option to purchase the property. By statute, the County can allow this to happen for the amount of delinquent taxes plus interest, he said. Discussion.

Commissioner Lindsay requested additional time to review the value of the property. The Board agreed by consensus to bring this back in the near future, thus allowing Commissioner Lindsay, Mr. Gorman and County Counsel Justin Nelson time to do more “price discovery.”

Award North County Janitorial Contract

Award South County Janitorial Contract

Sandi Pointer, Public Works Management Assistant

Ms. Pointer reviewed the bids, offered the recommendations of the review panel, and responded to questions.

*Commissioner Russell moved to award and sign the contract for Janitorial Services (North County) with iPro Building Services, LLC, effective January 5, 2022 to December 30, 2022, with an option for renewal at that time; performance review at six months; \$22,884. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Discussion: Commissioner Russell noted iPro was the low bid but Extreme Housekeeping was scored higher by the review panel. Ms. Pointer said Extreme Housekeeping’s bid of \$170,383 was outside the janitorial services budget and the references for iPro were “solid.” Unanimous approval.*

*Commissioner Russell moved to award and sign the contract for Janitorial Services (South County) with Patriot Building & Grounds Maintenance, effective January 5, 2022 to December 30, 2022, with an option of renewal at that time; performance review at six months; \$74,301.60. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.*

Grant Agreement with Oregon Department of Land Conservation & Development for Economic Development Planning Grant

Tamra Mabbott, Planning Director

Ms. Mabbott said this was the second planning grant secured by the Planning Department on behalf of the Cities of Ione, Heppner and the Town of Lexington. The first was for the Housing Implementation Strategy and this latest grant will be for an Economic Opportunity Analysis and a Strategy for Growth for each entity.

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Department of Land Conservation and Development 2021-2023 Technical Assistance Grant No. TA-23-220, Willow Creek Valley Economic Opportunities Analysis and Strategy for Growth; not-to-exceed \$34,500 with a \$5,000 local match; closing date June 30, 2023; and authorize Chair Doherty to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Discussion: Chair Doherty said there would need to be a discussion on the source of the match funds. Unanimous approval.*

Wheatridge Strategic Investment Program (SIP) Agreement

Chair Doherty said Wayne Seitz wanted to speak about the original SIP Agreement.

Mr. Seitz listed his credentials and certifications as a pilot and talked about how Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems (ADLS) on the wind turbines were supposed to work, according to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Mr. Seitz lives near some of the wind turbines and said the lights are on more than they’re off. It’s a shame, he said, because they (Wheatridge/NextEra) have the system in place and he didn’t know what was wrong with it.

Discussion.

The Board agreed by consensus to Commissioner Russell, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Gorman working together on a letter to NextEra reminding them the original intent of the ADLS (lights to be off unless an aircraft was coming by) and that the SIP tax exemption might be in jeopardy if they don't address this problem.

#### Wheatridge SIP – STEAM and STEM Intergovernmental Agreement

Kate Knop, Finance Director

Ms. Knop explained that \$400,000 remained undistributed to the school districts and she needed direction from the Board. After discussion, the Board opted to bring this back in the near future and allow Chair Doherty time to follow-up with the superintendents from both school districts.

#### Request to Purchase CIS Endpoint Security Services

Darrell Green, Administrator

Mr. Green said due to current and future cyber threats to Morrow County, he recommended purchasing the service as soon as possible. Brief discussion.

*Commissioner Russell moved to purchase CIS Endpoint Security Services; December 28, 2021 to December 27, 2022; \$9,690; and authorize Chair Doherty to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.*

**Break:** 10:25-10:30 a.m.

#### Motorola Solutions, Inc. Contract for 911 Phone System

Kristen Bowles, Communications Lieutenant

Sarah Baker, Communications Sergeant

Sheriff's Office staff reviewed the request and responded to questions. It was noted there will be no fiscal impact to the County as the funding will come from the state.

*It was moved and seconded to approve and accept the bid from Motorola Solutions to purchase the 911 phone system. Unanimous approval.*

#### Review BOC Committee & Board Assignments

The Commissioners reviewed the 2021 list of assignments and requested updates. Chair Doherty said he would work with BOC staff to produce a revised version to present to the Board.

#### Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Paul Gray, Emergency Manager

The Board reviewed the draft policy and requested several changes be made before it comes back for final consideration.

#### Building Project Updates

Darrell Green, Administrator

Morrow County Government Center:

- Some furniture is yet to arrive, some needs repaired and some will have to be replaced after the water damage on Thanksgiving Day.

- Permanent replacement of the phone lines is scheduled for completion by the second or third week of January.
- Demolition of the part of the building that housed the Planning Department, Justice Court and Parole & Probation will take place following the abatement; estimated to be the first or second week of February.

**Courthouse:**

- County staff and State Circuit Court staff met yesterday and the direction of a new building was where everyone wanted to go. Numbers will be pulled together and brought back to the Board.
- Discussion continued on the various options and Commissioner Lindsay requested staff obtain the document from the Oregon Judicial Department that specifies the “strings attached” to some of the options.

**Department Reports**

- The Sheriff’s Office Monthly Report was presented by Melissa Ross, Administrative Lieutenant.
- The Fair Office Quarterly Report was presented by Ann Jones, Fair Secretary.
- Mr. Nelson provided a verbal quarterly report for the District Attorney’s Office, no written report submitted.
- The Administrator’s Monthly Report was presented by Mr. Green.

**Correspondence**

- News release from the offices of Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden outlining funding for Oregon’s airports.
- City of Boardman, Community Development Notice of Decision – UEC Application ZP 21-066.

**Commissioner Reports**

No reports were provided.

**Signing of documents**

**Adjourned:** 12:10 p.m.