

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present In-Person

Vice Chair Melissa Lindsay, Commissioner Don Russell, Darrell J. Green, Roberta Lutchter;
Non-Staff: Julie Baker, Larry Lutchter, Paul Proudfoot

Excused

Chair Jim Doherty

Present Via Zoom

SaBrina Bailey Cave, Kate Knop, Sandi Pointer, Dan Robbins, Linda Skendzel, Heidi Turrell;
Non-Staff: Cameron Krebs, JoAnna Lamb, Karen Pettigrew, 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 Russell moved to approve the following items in the Consent Calendar:

- 1. Accounts Payable and Payroll Payables*
- 2. Minutes: December 22nd*
- 3. Reappointment of Linda LaRue to the Budget Committee, term to be July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024*
- 4. Amendment 3 to Oregon Health Authority Intergovernmental Agreement #169524 for the Financing of Public Health Services, and authorize Vice Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County*
- 5. Contract for Website Hosting, Maintenance and Customer Support with CivicPlus (formerly Municode); \$3,307.50; November 2, 2021 through November 1, 2022; and authorize the Administrator to sign on behalf of the County*
- 6. Department of Land Conservation and Development IGA #21048 – Morrow County Housing Implementation Plan; effective when fully executed and terminates on June 30, 2023; and authorize Vice Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County*

Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Legislative Updates: No items

Business Items

Next Steps in Mormon Cricket Control Efforts

Jordan Maley, Gilliam County, Oregon State University Extension

Larry Lutchter, Morrow County, OSU Extension

Mr. Maley provided a timeline of activities in Morrow County related to Mormon cricket management since the May 19, 2021 BOC meeting. Mr. Lutchter offered his recommendations for funding needed to aerially apply Dimilin to about 11,000 acres and to purchase bait for other areas, saying he could justify the need for up to \$200,000. After discussion, the Commissioners indicated a willingness to contribute \$100,000 but wanted to discuss possible funding sources at the Work Session later in the day.

Mutual Aid Agreement with Umatilla County for Public Health Services – Modernization Collaboration, Climate Adaptation Assessment

Nazario Rivera, Public Health Director

Mr. Rivera explained Umatilla County will employ, train and maintain staffing to conduct adaptation assessment for the region and will not seek additional funds from the counties in the region they will serve.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement for Public Health Services, Modernization Collaboration with Umatilla County and authorize Vice Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Building Project Updates

Darrell Green, Administrator

Morrow County Government Center:

- The audio-visual equipment for the courtroom and large conference room should be installed in April.
- Lumen/CenturyLink will finish splicing in the permanent phone lines as it appeared they didn't do that earlier.
- Demolition of the former building is slated for March 1st.

Department Reports

- The Community Corrections Semi-Annual Report was provided by Lt. Dan Robbins.
- The Treasurer's Monthly Report was reviewed in Jaylene Papineau's absence.

Correspondence

- Notice for a virtual grant-writing workshop offered in partnership with Rural Development Initiatives, Kelley Nonprofit Consulting and The Ford Family Foundation. The County will cover the cost to attend, if there is interest.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Russell relayed news of the unexpected passing of Barry Beyeler, City of Boardman Community Development Director. A celebration of life will be held Friday, April 8th, 2:00 p.m. at the Riverfront Center, 2 East Marine Drive, Boardman.

Vice Chair Lindsay said the Board would meet in Executive Session with no decision anticipated. She then read the appropriate Executive Session citation.

9:55 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

10:37 a.m. Closed Executive Session: No decision

Signing of documents

Adjourned: 10:45 a.m.