

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2022
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present In-Person

Chair Jim Doherty, Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, Commissioner Don Russell, Roberta Lutcher, Dave Pranger, Christy Kenny, Samantha Ramirez, Chris Brown, Mark Browning, Dan Robbins, Justin Nelson, Eric Imes, Paul Gray

Present Via Zoom

Mike Gorman, Ronda Fox, Linda Skendzel, Sandi Pointer, Heidi Turrell, Aaron Moss, Aaron Palmquist, JoAnna Lamb, Kirsti Cason, David Sykes, Dawson Quinton, Karen Pettigrew, Tamra Mabbott, Patrick Collins, Mike Lees, SaBrina Bailey-Cave, Rick Stokoe, Kathy Street, Jaylene Papineau, Ana Pineyro

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

City & Citizen Comments:

- Mark Browning, President of Blue Mountain Community College provided an update on the college's budget process.
- Juvenile Director, Christy Kenny, introduced the new Probation Counselor in that office, Samantha Ramirez.

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: March 9th*
3. *Resolution No. R-2022-9: County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant*
4. *Amendment 2 to Oregon Health Authority Intergovernmental Agreement #173145 for the Financing of Mental Health Services; and authorize the County Administrator to sign on behalf of the County*

Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Request to Change Pay Scale for Deputy District Attorney Position

Justin Nelson, District Attorney/County Counsel

Mr. Nelson reviewed his reasons for the request. Chair Doherty suspended the item until new salary comparison information was provided.

Columbia Development Authority (CDA) Quarterly Report

Chair Doherty said CDA Director, Greg Smith's assistant, Dawson Quinton just notified the BOC Office that Mr. Smith was unavailable today.

Out-of-State Travel Request

Dan Robbins, Parole & Probation Corrections Lieutenant

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Out-of-State Travel Request by Parole & Probation to send a P&P Deputy to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Discussion: Chair Doherty said he was unsure where things stood with potentially reviewing the County's Out-of-State Travel Policy. Unanimous approval

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) COVID Relief Grant Application, Fiscal Years 2022-2024

Katie Imes, Coordinator, The Loop/Public Transit

If awarded, the grant would fund the following:

1. Demand Response Driver Incentive Program
2. Fixed-Route Drive Incentive Program
3. Demand Responsive Preventive Maintenance
4. Demand Response Driver Hazard Pay
5. Fixed-Route Driver Hazard Pay

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Chair signing the application and it being submitted through ODOT Cognito forms. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Discussion: Commissioner Lindsay said she assumed the incentive program would come back through this body. County-wide we need to have the conversation, she added. Ms. Imes said there was a lot of work to put that program together before it can be brought back to the Board. Unanimous approval.

Ambulance Transport License Request from Boardman Fire Rescue District – REMOVED

While this item had been removed from the Agenda, the Commissioners agreed the information submitted by BFRD should remain in the record, as well as the letter from the Morrow County Health District's attorney, Troy S. Bundy, Hart Wagner, Trial Attorneys.

Letter of Support – Beef Processing Facility in Umatilla County

Chair Doherty said some of the requested information about this facility was still pending. No action was taken.

Building Project Updates

Morrow County Government Center Building:

- Substantial completion by the end of the month.
- The paint striping of the asphalt parking lot will be done soon.
- An additional camera will be added to a conference room to accommodate Planning Commission meetings.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled in the near future.

Grant Authority to Sign Offer Letter on Real Property

Darrell Green, Administrator

Mr. Green said an individual needs to be granted the authority to sign an offer on real property, as a result of a prior Executive Session on that subject. Brief discussion.

Commissioner Russell moved to authorize the Administrator to sign the offer letter. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Discussion: Commissioner Lindsay clarified it was a real estate contract. Unanimous approval.

Department Reports

- The Road Department Monthly Report was provided by Eric Imes.
- Clerk's Quarterly Report – not received.
- Human Resources Quarterly Report – not received.
- The Surveyor's quarterly Report was reviewed by Matt Kenny.
- The Weed Department Quarterly Report was provided by Dave Pranger

Correspondence: None

Commissioner Reports

Reports were provided.

Chair Doherty read the Executive Session citation and said a decision was not anticipated.

10:34 a.m. Executive Session: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) – To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed

11:25 a.m. Closed Executive Session

Signing of documents

Adjourned: 11:35 a.m.