

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2022
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present In-Person

Vice Chair Melissa Lindsay, Commissioner Don Russell, Justin Nelson, Roberta Lutchter, Ken Matlack, Aaron Moss, Jaylene Papineau, Christy Kenny, Kevin Ince, Curtis Harper, Gina Wilson, Ivy Adams, Sarah Baker, Dan Robbins, Erik Patton, Brian Snyder, Nathen Braun, Terry Harper, Lindsay Grogan, Mike Haugen

Excused

Chair Jim Doherty

Present Via Zoom

Rick Stokoe, SaBrina Bailey-Cave, Julie Baker, Jeff Wenholz, David Sykes, Wendy Neal, Kirsti Cason, Ronda Fox, Eric Imes, Karen Pettigrew, Kelsey Crocker, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Mark Keith, Macy Goodwin, Mark Pratt, Diane Kilkenny, Linda Skendzel, Tamra Mabbott, Dabbie Radie, Patrick Collins, Yvonne Morter, Bill Saporito, Karmen (?), Patty Ortiz, Heidi Turrell

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 9:02 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: October 19th*
- 3. Property Tax Refund, Lumen Technologies, Inc., \$18,423.14 (last of four payments)*

Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Vehicle Purchase Request – Juvenile Department

Christy Kenny, Juvenile Department Director

Ms. Kenny explained the 2012 Dodge Charger her office had been using needed significant repairs (\$7,000). She obtained three quotes for a 2023 Subaru Crosstrek from dealerships in Hermiston, The Dalles and Portland. She requested approval to purchase the vehicle from Subaru of Portland in an amount up to \$35,000 in the event the specific vehicle quoted was no longer available.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Juvenile Department's request to purchase a 2023 Subaru Crosstrek in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000, which allowed Ms. Kenny flexibility if the vehicle quoted was no longer on the market. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Discussion: Vice Chair Lindsay asked Justin Nelson, County Counsel, if Ms. Kenny needed to obtain new quotes if the original vehicle was no longer available. Mr. Nelson said...you are supposed to go out for three quotes...but if the price between Portland and Hermiston got closer, you could rationalize the local one, factoring in staff time, etc. However, you also need to take into account the vehicle is needed now since the Charger is broken down, he added. Ms. Kenny said the

salesman in Portland said the vehicle scheduled to arrive next week was very similar but the additional accessories added about \$400-500 to the total. Unanimous approval.

Request to Sign: 2nd B.M.C.C. Replat

Vice Chair Lindsay said she received a call yesterday from Boardman City Manager, Karen Pettigrew, to add this to the agenda. She then asked Ms. Pettigrew to explain the situation.

Ms. Pettigrew thanked Vice Chair Lindsay for adding it to the agenda and said the replat process began in March. The City would like to get through this last hurdle in order to sell the surplus property. The Boardman Community Development Association (BCDA) planned to start the incubator building, she said.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve and sign the 2nd B.M.C.C. Replat. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Retirement Recognition – Sheriff Kenneth Matlack

Vice Chair Lindsay began by reading the letter submitted by Sheriff Matlack as notice of his retirement. The Commissioners thanked Sheriff Matlack for his dedication to the County, saying such things as “We’ve been blessed to have him as our Sheriff,” and “We’re better off for the 18 years he served as our Sheriff.”

Others were invited to speak. Multiple staff members in the Sheriff’s Office relayed stories about their interactions with Sheriff Matlack and the positive impact he had on their careers.

Business Items, continued

Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) – Federal Allocation

Kevin Ince, Finance Director

Mr. Ince said Morrow County was eligible to receive \$365,526.13 in fiscal years 2022 and 2023, totalling \$731,052.26.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the receipt of Morrow County’s allocation of the LATCF funds and authorize Mr. Ince to certify payment information, sign the program terms and conditions and submit the application through the U.S. Department of the Treasury submission portal. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) #21104, Rural Transportation Equity Project

Tamra Mabbott, Planning Director

Ms. Mabbott said DLCD awarded Morrow County the grant but funding will go directly to Eastern Oregon University’s Rural Engagement & Vitality Center. Further, the person who will be directing this will work through Euvalcree. County staff will be engaged in the project throughout, she added.

According to the IGA, “The program aims to support underserved communities, in rural areas, gain access to critical services and destinations by identifying and pursuing transportation options like biking, walking and public transportation.”

Commissioner Russell moved to authorize Vice Chair Lindsay to sign Intergovernmental Agreement #21104 with the Department of Land Conservation and Development; effective when fully signed, and terminating on June 30, 2023. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Request to Sign Comment Letter to Oregon Broadband Office

Aaron Moss, Broadband Action Team

Mr. Moss explained the letter offered comment to the Oregon Broadband Office on the subject of draft grant rules for the American Rescue Plan Act – Capital Projects Fund: Broadband Deployment Program, as well as the Broadband Technical Assistance Program Handbook.

Commissioner Russell moved to adopt and sign the comment letter to the Oregon Broadband Office. Vice Chair Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Department Reports

- The Road Department Monthly Report was provided by Mike Haugen, Assistant Roadmaster
- The Human Resources Quarterly Report was provided by Lindsay Grogan, Director
- The Public Health Quarterly Report was provided by Robin Canaday, Director
- The written Weed Department Quarterly Report was reviewed, as submitted by Dave Pranger, Weed Coordinator/Inspector

Commissioner Liaison Reports – Not provided

Correspondence – None

Commissioner Reports

Reports were provided by the Commissioners.

Signing of documents

Adjourned: 10:25 a.m.