

**Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2022
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon**

Present In-Person

Chair Jim Doherty, Commissioner Don Russell, Kevin Ince, Roberta Lutchter, Justin Nelson, Tony Clement, Mike Gorman, Eric Imes, Greg Close

Present Via Zoom

Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, Sandi Pointer, Debbie Radie, Andrea Di Salvo, SaBrina Bailey-Cave, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Torrie Griggs, Deona Siex, Lisa Pratt, Marty Broadbent, Heidi Turrell, Kelsey Crocker, Jasmine Garcia, Lindsay Grogan, Robin Canaday, Emily Roberts, Jeff Wenzholz, Yvonne Morter, Marie Shimer, Kirsti Cason, Kathy Street, Jessy Rose, Linda Skendzel, Erika Lasater

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 9:03 a.m.

City & Citizen Comments: None

Open Agenda

Chair Doherty said Business Items a, b and c were at the request of Commissioner Lindsay. He said he wanted to move Items b and c to next week (Item b: Select Fourth Alternate to the Columbia Development Authority Board; Item c: Select Alternates to the Columbia River Enterprise Zone II and III Boards). Doing so would allow for more due diligence and outreach, he said. Commissioner Lindsay was agreeable and said they were not time sensitive.

Consent Calendar

Commissioner Russell made the following statement relative to the Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILOT) Solar Agreement with Tower Solar, LLC in the Consent Calendar: I, again, consulted with state ethics and they tell me I have a potential conflict because of my financial interest in Windwave. There's been no contact between Windwave and Tower Solar people and also under consultation with state ethics I can still participate and vote, which I intend to do.

Chair Doherty also moved Item b from the Consent Calendar to Business Items since it listed a choice between version 1 or 2 of the June 24th minutes.

Commissioner Lindsay requested to remove the PILOT agreement for a separate vote.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar:

- 1. Accounts Payable and Payroll Payables*
- 2. Intergovernmental Agreement for Sheriff's Services with the City of Heppner; effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023; the agreement shall be reviewed and renewed for the next fiscal year on or before March 1 of the current fiscal year; not-to-exceed amount to be \$190,079.96*
- 3. Master Services Agreement with Ducote Consulting for Grant Writing Services; effective November 1, 2022 until November 1, 2024; work to be completed through individual Statements of Work on a project-by-project basis and billed in accordance with the terms*

included in the Proposal submitted by Ducote Consulting; and authorize Chair Doherty to sign on behalf of the County

4. *General Maintenance Department Purchase Request – 2023 Ford F-550 Pickup; \$69,440 from Tom Denchel Ford Country of Hermiston*
5. *Parks Department Purchase Request – 2023 Ford F-550 Pickup; \$66,505 from Tom Denchel Ford Country of Hermiston*
6. *Property Tax Refund for Amazon Data Services, Inc.; \$2,534.21*

Chair Doherty seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Business Items

PILOT Solar Agreement with Tower Solar, LLC

Chair Doherty moved approve Item d – PILOT Solar Agreement, Tower Solar, LLC, noting Commissioner Russell’s comments. Commissioner Russell seconded. Vote: Aye: Chair Doherty, Commissioner Russell; Nay: Commissioner Lindsay. Motion carried.

June 24th Special BOC Meeting Minutes – Version 1 or 2

Chair Doherty said he knew they bandied this about a bit and he thought the version being brought back was the suggestion of Counsel from a couple weeks ago. He said Commissioner Russell asked that we not make that change and not move forward that day and he knew as it came back Commissioner Lindsay wanted to take the opportunity to listen to the minutes. Frankly, he said he hadn’t and at this point they were six months old.

Chair Doherty moved to go forward with the suggestion of Counsel and just let the audio of the record stand. He said he thought it was probably the cleanest, truest form as they move forward. Commissioner Lindsay asked for clarification as to which version. Chair Doherty said Version 2 by County Counsel. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Vote: Aye: Chair Doherty, Commissioner Lindsay; Nay: Commissioner Russell. Motion carried.

Select Alternate for the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area Committee

Commissioner Lindsay recommended Tamra Mabbott, Planning Director, be appointed on a temporary basis before the new Board of Commissioners reviewed committee assignments. Brief discussion.

Commissioner Lindsay moved to appoint Tamra Mabbott as the alternate to the LUBGWMA Committee with the expiration of January 15, 2023, which allowed the new Board to consider how it wanted to fill that seat. Commissioner Russell seconded. Commissioner Lindsay said the 15th allowed them to get through review of assignments. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Department Reports

- Mike Gorman, Assessor/Tax Collector, reviewed his PowerPoint presentation for the Board and responded to questions.
- The Sheriff’s Office Written Monthly Report was reviewed, as submitted by Administrative Lieutenant Melissa Camarillo
- The Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Quarterly Report was reviewed by Jessica Rose

Commissioner Liaison Reports – Not provided

Correspondence

- Letter from Boardman Fire Rescue District
- Letters from the Morrow County Health District

Commissioner Reports – Not provided

Signing of Documents

Adjourned: 10:20 a.m.