

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2017
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present

Chair Melissa Lindsay
Commissioner Don Russell
Commissioner Jim Doherty
Jerry Sorte, Administrative Officer
Justin Nelson, County Counsel

Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director
Kate Knop, Finance Department Director
Roberta Lutcher, Executive Assistant

Audience

Janet Greenup, Heppner

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 9:02 a.m.

City and Citizen Comments: No comments

Open Agenda: Emergency Road Closure List will be provided by the Public Works Director; Chair Lindsay requested a discussion on work-session meetings held by the Board of Commissioners (BOC)

Consent Calendar

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the following items in the Consent Calendar:

1. *Payroll Payables, Monthlies, dated February 3rd; Payroll Payables, Immediates & Electronic – Two Employee Final Insurance Refunds, dated February 1st; Payroll Payables, Immediates & Electronic, HRA VEBA, dated February 1st; Void Check dated February 13th; Accounts Payable dated February 23rd in the amount of \$57,370.23*
2. *Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes of February 1st, February 8th; and February 15th*
3. *NASPO ValuePoint #1907 Authorized User Agreement (Planning Department data plan for GIS iPad used in the field)*

Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval

Business Items

Surplus Vehicle Bid Openings

Sandi Putman, Public Works Management Assistant

Sealed bids were opened and read for the following vehicles:

#124 – 1996 Ford Pickup – Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) 2FTHF36G9TCA14595

#139 – 1989 Chevrolet One-Ton Pickup – VIN 1GBHV34K1KJ118058

#151 – 1996 Chevrolet Pickup – VIN 1GBHK34R6TZ109266

#158 – 1989 Chevrolet Cab Chassis – VIN 16BHR34J1JJ119401

#732 – 2003 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup – VIN 2GCE519V831269439

#933 – 2005 Ford Crown Victoria – VIN 2FAFP71W65X152719

Bids received for Vehicle #124:

Kenny Davis: \$798.99
Don Young: \$750.00
Daryn Dunn: \$647.00
Josh Henrichs: \$800.01
Stacy Lauritsen: \$800.00

Bids received for Vehicle #139:

Josh Henrichs: \$1,200.01
Seth Moses: \$300.00
Frank Jones: \$251.99
Trent Wright: \$650.00
Kenny Davis: \$579.96
Jess Osmin: \$718.00
Trent Wright: \$450.00
Don Young: \$400.00
Ed Ortiz: \$259.00
Jared Wicklund: \$321.00
Melvin McDaniel: \$386.25
Larry Lindsay: \$700.00
Bill Beard: \$700.00

Bids received for Vehicle #151:

Bill Beard: \$600.00
Tim Storlie: \$750.00
Frank Jones: \$451.99
Kenny Davis: \$598.99
Ed Ortiz: \$459.50
Larry Lindsay: \$1,000.00

Bids received for Vehicle #158:

Ed Ortiz: \$539.50
Larry Lindsay: \$1,000.00
Tim Storlie: \$750.00
Kenny Davis: \$579.99

Bids received for Vehicle #732:

Liz Pettibone: \$1,225.00
Tim Storlie: \$1,450.00
Seth Moses: \$1,200.00
Josh Henrichs: \$2,250.01
Kenny Davis: \$1,319.99
Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District: \$2,507.00

Ed Ortiz: \$1,339.50

Bids received for Vehicle #933:

Liz Pettibone: \$300.00

Trent Wright: \$375.00

Bill Beard: \$325.00

Kenny Davis: \$414.79

Don Young: \$301.00

Melissa Dunn: \$300.00

Jared Wicklund: \$424.24

Josh Henrichs: \$600.01

Ms. Putman said she would verify the winning bids and notify the appropriate parties.

Notice of Temporary Road Closures to the Board of Commissioners

Burke O'Brien, Public Works Director

Mr. O'Brien provided the following list of temporary road closures due to weather conditions, as required by Ordinance No. MC-C-1-84 – Related to Imposition of Road Closures:

1. Buttermilk Canyon, Hale Ridge to Gilliam County – Also closed on Gilliam County side. Open to local traffic only. No projected opening date.
2. Brenner Canyon Road from Olden Lane to Valby Road – Open to local traffic only. No projected opening date.
3. Howton Lane from Rhea residence to Morter Lane – No projected opening date.
4. Holtz Lane from Ione-Gooseberry Road to Halvorsen Lane – Open to local traffic only. No projected opening date.
5. Johnson Grade and Elmer Griffith Road from Highway 74 to Rietmann Lane – Local traffic at own risk. No projected opening date.
6. Strawberry Lane, Juniper Canyon Road to Ione-Boardman Road – Local traffic only. No projected opening date.
7. Lloyd Road from Baseline Lane to Strawberry Lane – Partially open to local traffic. No projected opening date.

Mr. O'Brien commented the Public Works Office received no phone calls reporting any roads were in poor condition. All were discovered through staff diligence or social media, he explained.

Business Items, continued

Assign Commissioner as Voting Delegate to the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Forest Management Subcommittee

Commissioner Russell moved to appoint Chair Lindsay as the voting delegate to the AOC Forest Management Subcommittee. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Review Road Committee Appointments

The Board determined to hold a joint public work-session with the Road Committee on Monday, March 6th, 1:00 p.m., Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room. Up for discussion and decision will be committee bylaws, member appointments and terms.

Amendment to MODA Health Plan Participating Provider Agreement

Sheree Smith, Public Health Department Director

Commissioner Doherty moved to approve MODA Health Plan Amendment 2-17 and authorize Chair Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Boardman Solar Preliminary Application for Site Certificate Comment Letter to Oregon

Department of Energy

Carla McLane, Planning Department Director (via telephone conference)

The Board agreed by consensus to Ms. McLane sending the letter, with a few minor changes.

Department Reports

Surveyor Update

Stephen Haddock, County Surveyor

Mr. Haddock provided his report for the Board. He also discussed acquiring several used survey storage file cabinets and rolling bases for \$500, to which the Board was in favor. After discussing the poor conditions under which survey records are currently stored in Lexington and the accessibility issues for the public, Mr. Haddock extended an invitation to the Commissioners to tour the facility. Chair Lindsay suggested staff and the other Commissioners be prepared to hold a work-session and tour in the near future.

Break: 11:08 a.m.

Resume: 11:13 a.m.

Surveyor Compensation

Mr. Haddock reviewed his current compensation as a contractor (not a County employee), as determined during last year's Compensation Board and Budget Hearing processes. He then fielded questions about fees for other services he receives based on state statute. Several other topics were discussed such as the Corner Preservation Fund, contracts, and the goals of the upcoming work-session and tour.

BOC Work-Session Discussion

Chair Lindsay said she and Commissioner Doherty learned at the most recent County College meetings the many benefits to work-session style meetings. The Commissioners then discussed their preference to hold longer, more in-depth work-sessions on a regular basis as they continue to understand County processes and also as a way to learn about new issues as they arise. The first session will be March 1st with the discussion of the Treasurer's Office and Finance Department's financial processes. The second session will be March 15th in Boardman on the topic of facility planning in the northern part of the County.

Other Reports

Brief reports were provided by County Counsel and the Administrative Officer.

Correspondence Reviewed

- Agenda for the Morrow County Compensation Board Meeting of March 16th, 9:30 a.m., Bartholomew Building.
- Agendas for the Energy Facility Siting Council meetings on February 23rd and 24th in The Dalles.
- Notice of public video conference meetings in eastern Oregon hosted by Oregon Department of Transportation on February 27th. The video conference for Morrow County will be in Boardman at the Blue Mountain Community College building.
- Agenda for the Planning Commission meeting of February 28th in Boardman.
- Final version of the comment letter sent by Planning Department Director Carla McLane to the Oregon Department of Energy regarding Carty Generating Station Request for Amendment #1.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Russell reported on a meeting he attended on the modernization of Public Health and a Board of Property Tax Appeals hearing. He also reported on a meeting in Salem with the owners of Lost Valley Farms, Representative Greg Smith, Senator Bill Hansell, and representatives from the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Department of Environmental Quality. The group met to ask ODA and DEQ why Lost Valley Farms' confined animal feeding operation permit application is not moving through the process.
- Commissioner Doherty discussed last week's County College. He also reported on the Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee meeting of February 21st. He said the committee is submitting an ODA Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance County Grant Program Application for 2017. Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's map of "Areas of Known Wolf Activity" for Morrow County was discussed and the Committee wants to inform livestock producers of its implications.
- Chair Lindsay reported on County College and a meeting with the Neighborhood Center Board of Directors. She said she plans to attend a board meeting on Friday of the Community Action Program of North Central Oregon (CAPECO).

Adjourned: 12:12 p.m.