

**Morrow County Court**  
**January 28, 2015**  
**Heppner, Oregon**

**Present**

Judge Terry Tallman  
Commissioner Leann Rea  
Commissioner Don Russell  
Karen Wolff, Executive Secretary/Personnel Director  
Mike Gorman, Assessor/Tax Collector  
Roberta Lutcher, Court Executive Assistant

Judge Tallman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**City and Citizen Comments – Lexington/Ione**

No comments

**Open Agenda**

No items

**Claims**

Commissioner Rea said she would like to request an Add-On to the Accounts Payable for an invoice to purchase fladry on behalf of the Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee. (The following is from the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife website: “Fladry and Electrified Fladry: A rope or electric wire with evenly spaced red flags. Highly portable and quickly installed, fladry can be used for a variety of livestock operations – sheep night penning, and some calving areas. It may be applied to certain open range situations but is best used as mobile protection on a short term basis. Producers are encouraged to work with ODFW managers to determine if fladry is appropriate. Fladry requires regular maintenance for effective use. In general, fladry is not intended for use over long periods of time in the same location because wolves may become habituated, and thereby reduce effectiveness. ODFW or other organizations may develop cooperative fladry projects to assist producers with installing and maintaining fladry protection.”) Commissioner Rea explained the Committee received a state grant with \$2,500 designated for deterrents and \$500 for administrative expenses but the amount to purchase the fladry is \$2,895. Could the Court cover the invoice until I find out if the State will let us tap into the \$500 designated for administrative expenses? Judge Tallman said he didn’t have a problem with paying and making an adjustment later. Commissioner Rea said the one mile of fladry being purchased will be stored at ODFW until there is a wolf depredation in Morrow County because we can’t get ranchers involved until that happens.

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve the Payroll Payables, Immediate & Electronic, dated January 21, 2015; and the Accounts Payable, dated January 29, 2015, with an Add-On to Sure Shot Upholstery for \$2,895, bringing the total amount to \$49,693.78. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

## **New Business**

### Property Tax Refund

Mr. Gorman said this is the result of a Value Agreement with H4 Farms regarding a grain facility on Paterson Ferry Road, which is in a deteriorated condition. The facility was taken down to a Salvage Value because it can't be used.

*On the recommendation of the County Assessor, Commissioner Rea moved to approve the Property Tax Adjustment for H4 Farms, Tax Year 2014-2015, Account Numbers 8962 and 11336, in the amount of \$7,769.22. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

### Mobile Home Seizure

Mr. Gorman advised the Court of a recent mobile home seizure in Boardman, which is now slated for public auction on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. in the foyer of the Courthouse.

## **Department Report**

### Surveyor's Update

Stephen Haddock, County Surveyor

Mr. Haddock reported he has completed the process of printing copies of all missing maps. He still needs to distribute copies to the locations for public viewing. Mr. Haddock wanted to address an issue with the Court - the lack of updates being performed on the Surveyor webpage of the County website since June 2013. Mr. Haddock explained he has been making regular updates to the record and submitting them to the webmaster for inclusion on the webpage, but the updates have not been happening. Judge Tallman said this needs to be resolved and he and Mr. Haddock should meet with the webmaster, Dave Sykes. Mr. Haddock said he could maintain it himself if they would provide him with a way to log-in. Judge Tallman said part of the problem could be the small amount the County pays for this service.

Mr. Haddock wanted to inform the Court he is involved with a surveying firm doing work for the Forest Service. This initially started out as something that wouldn't be a large commitment on his part, but the owner of the firm passed away after a brief illness and Mr. Haddock is now the senior surveyor in the group. He said it's somewhat unknown how this will impact his schedule. Judge Tallman asked him to update the Court as he learns more.

### Public Health Department Quarterly Update

Sheree Smith, Director, Public Health

Ms. Smith said after Judge Tallman spoke to her about employees charging the County for coffee-type drinks (as a snack and not part of a meal), she had a meeting with her staff and they will follow the guidelines. Ms. Smith apologized for this happening. Commissioner Rea thanked her for the apology and her response to the matter.

Ms. Smith's report included updates on the following programs:

- CCARE (Oregon Contraceptive Care) – revenue amount is less than anticipated. We are uncertain as to the cause and are in the process of reviewing issues that may be affecting the level of income.
- Immunization/Influenza – Immunization services continue to be provided at the Thursday WIC clinics in Boardman. This has been a great opportunity to access clients who may not come to the clinic for vaccines, but will come to pick up food vouchers.
- Maternal Child Health Programs – Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visitation Grant funds support a second Healthy Families Home Visitor and she has completed training and is building her caseload.
- Morrow County – Local Community Advisory Council – continues to meet monthly. A Transformation Grant is funding a Nurse Case Manager, and the County, in collaboration with the school districts, InterMountain Education Service District (IMESD) and Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc., are funding a second position for the Care Program. The Care Program is proving to be very successful.
- Student Based Health Center – received Advanced Grant award of \$60,000. The Ione School District is working to identify a site for the Health Center. If the clinic is not open and certified by June 30<sup>th</sup>, there is no guarantee of continued funding. However, we may reapply for an Advance Planning award. There is no liability to return any of the funds spent, even if not certified by June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Public Health Triennial Review – scheduled for May 2015. The Oregon Health Authority Community Liaison offered to come to Morrow County in February to help prepare for the review. The review will take place over a three to four week period.

#### Boardman Public Health Department – Phone Lines

Ms. Wolff said she has been working with Cindy Criswell, IMESD, to resolve the issue of people often encountering a busy signal when trying to reach one of the offices in the Boardman Public Health Department building (Public Health, Juvenile Department, District Attorney, and Judge Tallman). Ms. Criswell found there is only one phone line for the 16 phones. Ms. Wolff suggested the possibility of an 800 number because Ms. Criswell indicated it may cost less.

#### **Old Business – Special Transportation Advisory Committee Bylaws – Amended**

Judge Tallman said we recently found out the Bylaws were not as complete as we thought. Commissioner Rea added the final version hadn't been signed.

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the amended Bylaws of the Morrow County Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee. Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### **New Business – Contracts**

Amendment #13 to the 2013-2015 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services Agreement #141422

Ms. Wolff said County Counsel, Ryan Swinburnson reviewed and approved this internal correction.

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve Amendment #13 to the 2013-2015 IGA for the Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services Agreement #141422 with the Oregon Health*

*Authority, which transfers equal amounts from one fund to another, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

Amendment No. 2 to the Oregon Department of Education Contract #9900

Ms. Wolff said this is taking away some of the Wrap Around Services money because we no longer have a Wrap Around Services person. The amount will change from \$22,500 to \$7,041.66. Judge Tallman said this is because the Commission on Children & Families is gone now.

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve the Intergovernmental Contract for Professional Services Amendment #9900 with the Oregon Department of Education with a change in the amount of JCP Prevention money, giving back \$22,500 and awarding the County \$7,041.66 to run the program, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

Unknown Structure Unearthed at Construction Site for New Administration Building

Ms. Wolff said a four-foot by eight-foot brick and concrete structure was discovered in an area outside the footprint of the new building. There was an asbestos pipe in it so professional testing was performed. It was determined the pipe is the only part containing asbestos, everything else is clean of asbestos, so the concrete structure can be removed by our crew and the environmental company will oversee the removal of the asbestos pipe. Ms. Wolff said it looks like this could have been a boiler for a house. The removal, disposal and excavation clean-up will be \$2,500, plus the construction manager/general contractor mark-up of \$191 brings the total to \$2,691, which doesn't include the environmental testing. Judge Tallman explained the structure has to be removed because it would be above ground level due to the sloping necessary for landscaping. He added this did not slow the project as the crew remained busy elsewhere on the site.

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve \$2,691 for removal, disposal and excavation of the unknown structure on the construction site for the new Administration Building. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

Ms. Wolff said the next step in this process requires Morrow County to sign a chain of custody form as the materials are transferred to a disposal facility. If Judge Tallman is unavailable for signature, would the Court allow me to sign the form on behalf of the County, asked Ms. Wolff.

*Commissioner Russell moved to add to the previous motion that Ms. Wolff or Judge Tallman be authorized to sign the chain of custody form on behalf of the County, to transfer asbestos materials from the pipe in the unknown structure at the construction site for the new Administration Building. Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.*

Phone Line Discussion, continued

Having the option of a County-wide 800 number was discussed, with the Commissioners agreeing this could be an advantage, as well as a cost savings. Commissioner Rea asked if the same 800 number could be used for Special Transportation scheduling and Ms. Wolff said a number should be available to make STF part of the County internal phone system, so it should

work. Ms. Wolff suggested Ms. Criswell could make a presentation for the Commissioners explaining the pros and cons.

### **Correspondence Reviewed:**

- Invitation to a BBQ for a retiring County employee.
- Letter from CAPECO stating Morrow County Special Transportation will be terminated as a station as of January 31, 2015. The Commissioners said they were not sure exactly what this meant, so Commissioner Rea said she would follow-up on this. She also mentioned that an old telephone number for Special Transportation should be discontinued. Ms. Wolff suggested an outgoing message could direct callers elsewhere. Judge Tallman asked that the message direct people to him and he would then relay the information to the appropriate people.
- Agenda for the Morrow County Planning Commission Meeting, Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Heppner City Hall.
- Notice of the Annual Citizen's Award Banquet from the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-11:00 p.m., Port of Morrow, Riverfront Center.

### **Old Business**

#### Commissioner Board and Committee Appointments – 2015

Ms. Wolff presented an updated, but not necessarily final, list of Board and Committee Appointments for the Commissioners. Commissioner Russell said he wants to do his fair share of work on these committees and both Judge Tallman and Commissioner Rea assured him the list can be changed at any time. Refining of the list continued.

### **New Business**

#### Sample Umatilla County Agenda/Calendar

For informational purposes, Ms. Wolff presented the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners Calendar for the week of January 26<sup>th</sup> saying Umatilla County publishes the commissioner's schedules a week at a time and it includes all meetings. This also serves as a means of public notice for meetings.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Judge Tallman said he is in receipt of an invoice from the Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) for dues for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of about \$11,000. Commissioner Rea said it is based on the percentage of PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) payments a county receives and then EOCA provides a lobbyist ... basically tied around environmental issues. Judge Tallman said he received an email about commissioners going to Washington, D.C. for a week, but I said we hadn't made up our minds, but we can participate by phone. I'd like to send some money to this group. Commissioner Rea said funds were budgeted for dues. Judge Tallman said he wasn't sure how much and he asked EOCA if we could pay half at a time. Wheeler County Commissioners said they couldn't participate in EOCA and Deschutes County Commissioners said they didn't want to, so that's why the price increased. It was decided to determine the amount in the budget before taking further action.

Judge Tallman said he attended a Forest Service meeting where Morrow County is listed as a co-convenor in the process to develop a Forest Plan. The biggest issue for us is they are trying to

close off county roads on forest property. The first plan the Forest Service developed was rejected and they are going to develop a new plan and present it within the next 60 days. They want all of us at the table this time, which is a major difference from the last writing of the plan.

### **New Business**

#### Commissioner Vehicles

Commissioner Russell said he's been driving Sheriff Ken Matlack's former vehicle and it seems fairly reliable. Judge Tallman talked about the need for consistency in the process of dealing with vehicles rotated out of a department. We need to think about the process and talk about this again in about five or six months.

**Adjourned: 12:00 p.m.**