

**Morrow County Court**  
**July 1, 2015**  
**Heppner, Oregon**  
**Finance Office Conference Room**

**Present**

Judge Terry Tallman  
Commissioner Don Russell  
Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director  
Justin Nelson, County Counsel/District Attorney  
Roberta Lutcher, Court Executive Assistant

**Excused**

Commissioner Leann Rea

**Audience**

Gayle Gutierrez, Treasurer

Judge Tallman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**City and Citizen Comments – Heppner**

No comments

**Open Agenda**

For the purposes of a periodic review, Ms. Wolff discussed the latest statement regarding license fees from the Finley Buttes Landfill Company. Commissioner Russell asked if any of the fees could be used to maintain other roads travelled by trucks headed to the landfill (Columbia Avenue or Ullman Boulevard) in addition to Bombing Range Road. Judge Tallman said that question has been posed to Finley Buttes Landfill Company in the past and they have been adamant about the money going toward Bombing Range Road, per the negotiated agreement. Various discussions ensued.

**Department Report**

Public Works

Burke O'Brien, Public Works Director  
Sandi Putman, Public Works Management Assistant

**Irrigation Ditch Issue – Big Butter Creek Road**

Mr. O'Brien said Tom Price did not oppose, and understood, the County's plans to move forward with filling an abandoned irrigation ditch in the County's right-of-way on Big Butter Creek Road. Mr. O'Brien said Mr. Price requested the ditch be filled with soil rather than rock to accommodate fence building.

Mr. O'Brien provided the following Road Report:

- The crew replaced damaged pieces of a cattle guard on Black Mountain Lane.
- Ione-Gooseberry Road – “safe-hits” (surface mount delineators) were installed on Rick Peterson's grade and the new intersection of Bergstrom Lane.

- Big Butter Creek Lane – work from Pine City to the Highway 207 intersection consists of shoulder building, bank sloping, ditch work and installing new culverts.
- The OHV Park has been busy with various events. The logging project, which involved thinning out white fir and mistletoe, is two weeks from completion. Trail maintenance work is next on the schedule.
- A 100-person fire crew and a State Forestry helicopter crew have set up at the OHV Park. The crews will utilize the County’s vendor at The Landing Restaurant for meals.
- The pond at Anson Wright Park was drained in anticipation of a rehab project to begin in about 30 days. Large boulders will be placed in the pond to form underwater islands that will create shade for the fish and, ultimately, lower the water temperature. The elevated water temperature in the pond has impacted fish survival rates. The boulders will come from the OHV Park.
- Cutsforth Park – the Youth Fishing Derby saw 92 participants. The annual 4-H Camp was recently held here.
- Lexington Airport – the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) is up and running following computer problems which necessitated a \$10,000 upgrade.
- The draft advertisement to develop an on-call list for Flaggers was reviewed.

Part time Office Specialist – Public Works

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve filling the permanent part-time Office Specialist position at Public Works. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

**Public Health Department – Quarterly Update**

Sheree Smith, Public Health Director

Shelley Wight, Communicable Disease/Tobacco Education

Ms. Smith reviewed her report for various programs within Public Health. She noted they were unsuccessful in their attempt to resubmit a Request for Proposals to the State for the Healthy Families program. This is a big disappointment, she said.

Ms. Wight reviewed two reports she compiled on sexually transmitted diseases (STD) in the County, which showed statistics by type of STD, and by age group and gender. Total number of cases are increasing in Morrow County and statewide, she said.

Ms. Wight then discussed the advantages of a smoke-free and/or tobacco-free workplace and asked the Commissioners to consider designating Morrow County facilities smoke-free. The Commissioners asked her to return in the future with additional information, such as what other counties have done.

Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) #146890 with Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve an Amendment to IGA #146890 with OHA to extend the original expiration date from June 30, 2015 to September 30, 2015, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

OHA 2015-2017 IGA for Environmental Health Services, Agreement #148170

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve Agreement #148170 with OHA for Environmental Health Services, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

CARE Coordinator Shared Cost Agreement

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the CARE Coordinator Services Agreement with the InterMountain Education Service District, Ione School District, Morrow County School District #1 and Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc., and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

Request to Decrease Hours of Nurse Case Manager

*Commissioner Russell moved to decrease the grant funded Nurse Case Manager position (Michele Misener) to 32 hours per pay period. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

**Sheriff's Office Monthly Update**

Sheriff Ken Matlack

Sheriff Matlack reviewed the report of recent activity in the Sheriff's Office. He also discussed several anticipated openings within the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Wolff suggested Sheriff Matlack return next week with a request to fill the openings.

Sheriff Matlack said cameras were recently replaced in various locations throughout the County. There has been some concern the cameras are being used for stop sign violations, he said. That is not the case, however, he added, any information gathered can be used as evidence. The cameras have, and will continue to be used, to monitor traffic conditions, determine how to reroute traffic following an incident/accident, and track suspect vehicles, he said.

**Personnel Update**

Ms. Wolff

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Elected Officials

The Commissioners agreed by consensus with Ms. Wolff's recommendation to apply a three percent COLA for Elected Officials.

*Commissioner Russell moved to increase the COLA for Elected Officials to three percent, effective July 1, 2015. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

Justice Court Personnel Request

Ms. Wolff said not long ago the Court approved filling the Justice Court Clerk I position and there is now a request to fill the Justice Court Clerk II position.

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve filling the Justice Court Clerk II position due to a retirement in that office. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

### Road Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ms. Wolff said the Road Unit agreed to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, as presented. She asked the Court to now accept the Agreement with the most important aspect of it being a three percent COLA for the next three years.

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Morrow County and the Morrow County Road Department, Local 2479 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, effective through June 30, 2018. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

### Community Counseling Solutions (CCS)

Ms. Wolff said it was previously discussed making the Director of CCS a County employee (at a nominal amount) to facilitate dealings with the State on contract matters, etc. After consultation with the County's labor attorney, Ms. Wolff said she recommended maintaining the status quo. The Commissioners agreed by consensus to follow the advice of the labor attorney and make no changes to the current arrangement.

### SAIF Workers' Compensation Policy Renewal

Ms. Wolff said each year the County elects how to pay the premium and Finance Director, Rick Worden, recommended the quarterly payment option.

*Based on the recommendation of the Finance Director, Commissioner Russell moved to approve the quarterly payment option for the SAIF Workers' Compensation Policy Renewal, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

## **New Business**

### Declare Surplus Vehicles

*Commissioner Russell moved to declare the following vehicles as surplus:*

- 1. 2001 Ford Taurus, used by the Justice Court*
- 2. 2003 Chevrolet Impala, used as a motor pool vehicle*
- 3. 1998 Ford Crown Victoria, used by the District Attorney's Office*

*Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

By consensus, the Court agreed to send the vehicles to State Surplus.

## **Contracts**

### IGA #148550 with Morrow County and the Morrow County District Attorney's Office to Perform Work Related to the Department of Human Services' Office of Child Welfare Programs

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve IGA #148550 with DHS, effective dates July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

## Department of Justice Cooperative Agreement #15434 – Child Support Services

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve Agreement #15434 with the Department of Justice for Child Support Services, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

## Fair Contracts

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the following Morrow County Fair Contracts:*

*Judges:*

- 1. Beth Dudley, Small Animals judge, flat rate \$250*
- 2. Deb Glover, Expressive Arts judge, flat rate \$250*
- 3. Phyllis Olson, Flowers judge, flat rate \$150*
- 4. Marianne Smith, Kids, Super Kids and Juniors judge, flat rate \$200*
- 5. Amy White, Arts & Crafts judge, flat rate \$300*

*Concession Agreement:*

- 1. Tacos Hometown, Ione, Oregon*

*Entertainment Contract:*

- 1. Robert Stevens (Old Time Fiddlers)*

*Service Contract:*

- 1. Heppner Day Care to provide gate workers, \$1,000*

*And authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Judge Tallman seconded.*

*Unanimous approval.*

## CIS Liquor Liability Coverage Application

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Liquor Liability Coverage Application for the Morrow County Rodeo (name on liquor license: Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Association), and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

## **Minutes**

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the minutes of June 24<sup>th</sup>, with corrections. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

## **Claims**

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Voids, dated July 1<sup>st</sup>; and the Accounts Payable, dated July 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the amount of \$186,778.07. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

Judge Tallman discussed recent funds received by the County from Secure Rural Schools, and PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) from the Bureau of Land Management.

## **Correspondence Reviewed**

- E-mail correspondence from Jason Vaillancourt, TransCanada Corp., to Planning Director, Carla McLane, regarding community investment in Ione
- Copy of a Resolution signed by the Linn County Board of County Commissioners in support of Second Amendment Rights
- Three-week construction schedule for the Bartholomew Building

**Comments Prior to Executive Session**

Ms. Wolff stated she anticipates a decision to be made when the Court comes out of Executive Session.

**11:56 a.m. Executive Session**

*ORS 192.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.*

**11:58 a.m. Closed Executive Session**

*Commissioner Russell moved to promote the following Road Department employees to Senior Maintenance Specialist with the classification promotion date effective May 11, 2015 and the wage effective date June 22, 2015:*

- 1. David McNary*
- 2. Kelly Jones*
- 3. Josh Henrichs*
- 4. Justin Miller*

*Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.*

**Adjourned: 12:03 p.m.**