

Morrow County Court
November 4, 2015
Boardman, Oregon
Port of Morrow Riverfront Center

Present

Judge Terry Tallman
Commissioner Leann Rea
Commissioner Don Russell
Richard Tovey, County Counsel/Deputy District Attorney

Excused

Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director
Roberta Lutcher, Court Executive Assistant

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

City and Citizen Comments

No comments

Open Agenda

Commissioner Russell said he would like to discuss a request for use of the larger conference room in the Bartholomew Building.

Department Report

Road Report

Matt Scrivner, Assistant Road Master

Mr. Scrivner provided the Road Report, as follows:

- Little Butter Creek Road – 20-ton weight limit signs installed, with effective dates of December 1st-April 15th.
- Culverts cleaned on Shaw Grade Lane, Blake Ranch Road, and Willow Creek Road.
- Crack sealing completed on Upper Rhea Creek Road.
- Pot hole patching tentatively scheduled for the week of November 9th using the Stepp manufacturing machine.
- Brush cutting – JLC Contracting performed roadside mowing of kochia on Big Butter Creek Lane and Little Butter Creek Road in the Pine City area. Road side mowing of trees and brush will continue on Little Butter Creek Road, south of Highway 74, and on Upper Rhea Creek Road (gravel portion).
- Road blading completed on Ritter Road, 21 Road, Shaw Grade Lane, Blake Ranch Road, Morter Lane, Valby Road, Barlow Canyon Lane, Redding Road, part of Liberty School Road, Ella Road, Baker Lane, and most of Immigrant Lane.
- Winter operations – two plow trucks are set-up and ready. The concrete pad was poured and plumbing connections installed for the new de-icer tanks.

Permits

On the recommendation of Public Works, Commissioner Russell moved to approve Application #OJO from the City of Heppner for an access across County Road #612, Fuller Canyon Lane. Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.

Regarding the following Permit Application from Windwave Communications, Commissioner Russell stated he is a non-paid member of the Board of Directors, but sees no conflict of interest.

On the recommendation of Public Works, Commissioner Rea moved to approve Application #OJN from Windwave Communications to build in the right of way on County Road #719, Blackhorse Canyon Lane. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Sheriff's Office Update

Sheriff Ken Matlack

Undersheriff Steve Myren

- Undersheriff Myren explained the Oregon State Marine Board will fund two new personal watercraft for the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. The Marine Board will reimburse the County and they specified Sea-Doo brand. After obtaining three bids, the total for both will be \$13,628, he said.
- Sheriff Matlack said he was invited, and attended, a meeting of the Federation for American Immigration Reform in McAllen, Texas from October 29th-November 1st.
- The Sheriff's Office report of activity for October 2015 was reviewed.

10:00 a.m. Public Hearing

Road Naming – Boardman Area

Carla McLane, Planning Department Director

Hank Pieper, GIS Planning Technician

Judge Tallman called for abstentions, conflict of interest or ex parte contact. Hearing none, he called for the Staff Report and Summary, which was provided by Mr. Pieper. Ms. McLane noted for the record, there were no members of the public in attendance to testify.

10:15 a.m. Closed Public Hearing

Commissioner Russell moved to approve "In the Matter of Naming Four Roads – Rupe Kennedy Road, Internet Parkway, Oscar Peterson Way, and Boardman Airport Lane," as identified in Maps 1-3, Order Number OR-2015-8. Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.

New Business - Contracts

Second Amendment to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) 2015-2017 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Financing of Public Health Services, #148023

Commissioner Rea noted the contract amendment relates to an increase in funding for the Ione School Based Health Center in the amount of \$105,500.

Commissioner Rea moved to approve the Second Amendment to OHA 2015-2017 IGA for the Financing of Public Health Services, Agreement #148023, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Request to Use the Bartholomew Building Conference Room for Social Events

The Court discussed a request to use the large conference room in the Bartholomew Building for a school social event. After discussion, the Court determined the conference rooms can be used by the community for meetings, but not social events.

County Counsel Report

Richard Tovey, County Counsel/Deputy District Attorney

Mr. Tovey discussed the sales agreement requested by the Morrow County Health District for the purchase of the Pioneer Annex Building. Because this item was scheduled for next week's County Court meeting, Mr. Tovey did not have the original document, but Commissioner Rea suggested action be taken and the agreement signed when available.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Owner's Sale Agreement and Earnest Money Receipt for the purchase of the Pioneer Annex Building by the Morrow County Health District in the amount of \$80,000, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval. (Commissioner Rea abstained from the vote in order to avoid any perceived conflict since she is a member of the Health District Board.)

11:11 a.m. Public Hearing

Comprehensive Plan Natural Hazards Element Update and Amendment

Judge Tallman called for abstentions, conflict of interest or ex parte contact. Hearing none, he called for the Staff Report and Summary, which was provided by Ms. McLane. Discussion. Ms. McLane noted there were no members of the public present to participate today, or at the Public Hearing held by the Planning Commission.

11:40 a.m. Closed Public Hearing

Commissioner Russell moved to adopt the amended text, as presented; and direct staff to prepare the necessary adopting ordinance documents. Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Rea said she made a presentation at the Livestock Producers meeting on behalf of the Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee. The purpose was to inform producers of the process to follow if there is a suspected wolf depredation, and to ask them to participate in the use of approved deterrents. She said one person asked about funding trail cameras, which she said she would investigate as an option.

11:55 a.m. Recessed for lunch

1:00 p.m. Reconvened

New Business

NAS Whidbey Island Update and Discussion of Items of Mutual Interest

Judge Terry Tallman

Commissioner Leann Rea

Commissioner Don Russell

Captain Michael Nortier, Commanding Officer

Kathleen Cathey, Field Representative, Senator Ron Wyden

Mitch Colburn, Idaho Power

Irene Gilbert, Friends of the Grande Ronde Valley

Carla McLane, Planning Department Director

Kevin Meenaghan, Navy, Community Planning Liaison Officer

Jeff Maffuccio, Idaho Power

Karen Pettigrew, Manager, City of Boardman

Hank Pieper, GIS Planning Technician

Sandi Putman, Public Works Management Assistant

Jerry Rietmann, Ella Wind/Wheatridge Wind Energy

Matt Scrivner, Assistant Road Master

Brandon Seitz, Umatilla County Planning Department

Richard Tovey, County Counsel

Captain Nortier made himself available for questions and discussion on multiple topics, including several environmental impact studies pending; the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project; last summer's fire at the Bombing Range; wind projects and restricted airspace issues; and issues surrounding the Fossil Radar. All topics generated exchanges of information between the various parties present.

Adjourned: 2:30 p.m.