

Morrow County Court
February 17, 2016
Boardman, Oregon
SAGE Center Conference Room

Present

Judge Terry Tallman
Commissioner Don Russell
Jerry Sorte, Administrative Officer
Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director
Richard Tovey, County Counsel/Deputy District Attorney
Mike Gorman, Assessor/Tax Collector
Roberta Lutcher, Court Executive Assistant

Excused

Commissioner Leann Rea

Audience

Melissa Lindsay, Lexington

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

City and Citizen Comments – Boardman

No comments

Open Agenda

- Fair Board appointment
- Request to fill position in Sheriff's Office

Department Report

Road Report

Matt Scrivner, Assistant Road Master

- Bombing Range Road – shoulder building on the east side of the road continues north from the intersection with Homestead Lane. Crew members will stay on this project through February, at which time, prep work for summer paving and chip seal projects will begin.
- Road grading work took place on Bergstrom Lane, Carlson Lane, Liberty School Road, Meadowbrook Road, Piper Canyon Road, Cemetery Hill Road, Bert Peck Lane, Fuller Canyon Lane, Clarks Canyon Road, Campbell Road, Melville Lane, and Barclay Lane.
- Culverts cleaned and weeds burned on Valby Road, Liberty School Road, lower Rhea Creek Road, and Upper Rhea Creek Road.
- Signs – crew members have been repairing signs and will continue to do so.
- Training – crew and office staff completed an eight hour class on improving safety features of highways, local roads and streets.
- West Glen Extension – residents were notified of road maintenance work the County would perform, as a courtesy, but in the interim, a resident graded the area. When the crew arrived, it was determined the only work necessary would be to lay rock on the approach roads. Mr. Scrivner said it's a very positive thing that the residents are taking care of maintenance themselves.

Permit

On the recommendation of Public Works, Commissioner Russell moved to approve Application #OKC from Umatilla Electric Coop for a direct bore under County Road #971, Columbia Lane, near the intersection with 4th Road. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.

New Business

Ordinance Ratifying the Creation of the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES)

Intergovernmental Agreement Creating the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors

Burke O'Brien, Public Works Director

Mr. Brien discussed the circumstances which led to this formal creation of OACES through ordinance, and the accompanying intergovernmental agreement.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve "In the Matter of Adoption Ratifying the Creation of an Intergovernmental Entity Known as the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES)," Ordinance No. ORD-2016-1; and the Intergovernmental Agreement Creating the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign the IGA on behalf of the County. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.

Fair Board Appointment

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the appointment of Kymberli Erevia, Boardman, to the Morrow County Fair Board, with the term to be January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.

Chamber of Commerce Memberships

Since the County Court was meeting at the SAGE Center where the Boardman Chamber of Commerce is housed, Judge Tallman asked Emily Waite, Executive Director of the Boardman Chamber, to join the discussion. Ms. Waite discussed membership costs and answered various questions. After discussion, the Court decided to pursue membership for the County with the Boardman Chamber, Heppner Chamber, Irrigon Chamber, and ICABO (Ione Community Agri-Business Organization).

Old Business

Gilliam & Bisbee Building Lease with Community Counseling Solutions (CCS)

Jerry Sorte, Administrative Officer

Mr. Sorte reported negotiations continue with CCS, in particular the dollar amount per month. He said the County established the rate at \$2,400 per month but CCS proposed a figure that was about half that amount. Mr. Sorte said the \$2,400 rate plus the rent from other tenants (\$225/month) doesn't actually cover the costs associated with the building. Discussion. The Court asked Mr. Sorte to continue to negotiate a price that would cover monthly expenses.

Contracts

Herbicide Bid Contract

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Contract for Materials and Supplies with Crop Production Services for chemicals necessary in the operation of weed sprayers, in the amount listed of \$48,535.50. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.

Administrative Officer Report

Mr. Sorte said he met with Public Works, Parks, and Planning Department staff to discuss a road access issue near Cutsforth Park. The unmaintained park access road is also used by full time residents and the gate should be closed this time of year, but that is not always happening. He said the group decided the issue may be resolved by making contact with the property owners.

New Business

Sheriff's Office Request to Fill Code Enforcement Deputy Position

Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director

Ms. Wolff said the Sheriff's Office filled from within for several recent vacancies, so there is now an opening for a Code Enforcement Deputy.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve advertising and filling the Code Enforcement Deputy position in the Sheriff's Office. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Russell reported on the meeting of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone II Board where decisions were made on disbursement of the discretionary funds. They were as follows:
 1. \$150,000 to support housing opportunities - \$50,000 to Boardman Community Development Association; \$50,000 to the City of Irrigon; and \$50,000 to Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group.
 2. \$265,000 to the Morrow Education Foundation.
 3. \$465,000 to support community and public enhancement - \$125,000 to Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group; \$140,000 to the City of Irrigon; and \$200,000 to Boardman Community Development Association.
 4. \$55,000 to the Boardman Police Department for a School Resource Officer.
 5. \$10,000 to the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District for turnout gear.
- Commissioner Russell also attended Senator Ron Wyden's Town Hall meeting in Boardman where Judge Tallman was honored for his many years of service to Morrow County.

Correspondence Reviewed:

- Letter from Public Works to residents of West Glen Subdivision notifying them of road maintenance work the County would perform.
- Agenda for the February 23rd meeting of the Morrow County Planning Commission.
- Oregon State University Forestry and Natural Resources newsletter, *Life on the Dry Side*.

Minutes

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the minutes of February 10th, as presented. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.

Claims

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the February 2016 Retirement Taxes, dated February 10th; and the Accounts Payable, dated February 18th, in the amount of \$46,777.98. Judge Tallman seconded. Unanimous approval.

Adjourned: 11:00 a.m.