

Morrow County Court
June 8, 2016
Irrigon, Oregon
Oregon Trail Library District Community Room

Present

Judge Terry Tallman
Commissioner Leann Rea
Commissioner Don Russell
Jerry Sorte, Administrative Officer
Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director
Richard Tovey, County Counsel/Deputy District Attorney
Roberta Lutchter, Court Executive Assistant

Audience

Jim Doherty, Commissioner-Elect
Melissa Lindsay, Judge-Elect
Burke O'Brien, Public Works Director
Aaron Palmquist, Irrigon City Manager

Call to Order: 9:04 a.m., followed by pledge of allegiance

Open Agenda

Commissioner Russell said he would like to discuss the speed limit on Tower Road.

City and Citizen Comments

Aaron Palmquist, Irrigon City Manager

- Monday, June 20th - Music in the Park (Irrigon Marina Park). Saturday, July 30th – Irrigon Watermelon Festival, also at the Irrigon Marina Park. New event this year will be a fire fighter challenge/competition involving area fire departments.
- The Irrigon City Council enacted a \$10 user fee on sewer bills - \$5 will go fund police services; \$3 for street maintenance; and \$2 for street lighting.
- The City of Irrigon is working on an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to have them pay for and install sidewalks in a development on the south side of Highway 730.

Department Reports

Planning Department Update

Carla McLane, Planning Department Director

Ms. McLane discussed:

- The Farm Worker Housing action along Tower Road.
- Article 7 – zoning ordinance amendment which attempts to consolidate multiple provisions into one location, and includes a two-step process for relief from variances.
- ODOT's required Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan which serves as a funding plan document for The Loop – Morrow County Transportation.
- Agritourism Workshops will take place on Tuesday, June 21st in Boardman and Wednesday, June 22nd in Hermiston. Planning staff will attend and are available on an everyday basis to assist anyone contemplating such a venture in Morrow County.
- Wheatridge Wind Energy Project – two public hearings were held by Oregon Department of Energy; both were well attended.

- Reviewed the agenda for the Energy Facility Siting Council meeting of June 17th in Boardman.
- The Planning Commission will begin discussions on changes to four use zones – Exclusive Farm Use, Small Farm 40, Resource Related Industrial, and Forest Use.

New Business

Healthcare Planning and Coordination Update and Discussion

Troy Soenen, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI)

Mr. Soenen discussed the history of coordinated healthcare in Oregon and how the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO) came into being. He provided an overview of healthcare services through EOCCO and what he thinks the future may hold. A question and answer session also took place.

Vehicle Surplus

Jerry Sorte, Administrative Officer

Mr. Sorte said the Sheriff's Department is requesting to surplus a 2008 Dodge Durango that has transmission problems. The recommendation is that it be sold locally rather than taken to state surplus, he added. The Commissioners agreed, with the stipulation that the transmission problems be fully disclosed to potential buyers.

Commissioner Russell moved to declare as surplus and liquidate a 2008 Dodge Durango, license plate E256892, VIN 1D8HB38N88F126826, with the understanding all potential buyers will be informed of the transmission problems. Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.

Purchasing Pre-Authorization for HVAC Improvements to the Courthouse

Burke O'Brien, Public Works Director

Mr. Sorte said the County's HVAC services contractor, Eastern Oregon Heating and Air Conditioning, LLC presented two options for the main floor and basement - install wall-mounted heating/cooling units, or install external ducting if a more traditional system is preferred. On the second floor, they recommended improvements be made to the existing system. Total project cost: \$90,000. Commissioner Russell discussed a memo he received from Clerk, Bobbi Childers, in which she expressed concern that the wall-mounted units would not be in keeping with the historic nature of the Courthouse. Discussions ensued. The Commissioners agreed they would rather see the wall-mounted units than external duct work. Mr. O'Brien said the State Historic Preservation Office is consulted on every project at the Courthouse, including this one.

Commissioner Rea moved to approve the Purchasing Pre-authorization from Public Works for upgrades to the HVAC system at the Courthouse in the amount of \$90,000, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Rate Increase Request by Sanitary Disposal, Inc.

Mike Jewett, President, Sanitary Disposal, Inc.

Mr. Jewett's March 24th letter to Mr. O'Brien explains: "We have taken our 2015 rate study and applied anticipated increases to our cost of operation through 2018. In doing so, we have determined that in order to balance from 2016 through 2018, we will need an overall rate increase of 7.2%." Discussion.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the rate increase request by Sanitary Disposal, Inc., effective July 1, 2016 with two corrections noted to the document:

- 1. Page 2, Dropbox Rate Schedule, line four – Rimmed tire disposal rate to be \$54.05 per ton*
- 2. Page 2, Dropbox Rate Schedule, line six - Um-rimmed tire disposal rate to be \$54.05 per ton.*

Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.

Purchasing Pre-Authorization – Vehicle for General Maintenance

Mr. O'Brien said the 2008 Ford F550 would be used in the General Maintenance Department. The vehicle has 108,000 miles on it and is \$15,000, according to Mr. O'Brien.

Commissioner Rea moved to approve the Purchasing Pre-Authorization for a 2008 Ford F550 for General Maintenance, in the amount of \$15,000, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Daulton Replat, Irrigon

Mr. Palmquist explained the property action today combines multiple parcels into one platted lot in order to build a new house. He then questioned the fee charged by the County since this is a City of Irrigon action only needing to be "rubber stamped" by the County Court. Judge Tallman explained the current approval process ensures documents are returned for the required filing at the Courthouse. After a brief discussion, Mr. Sorte said a review of the process may be worthwhile.

Commissioner Rea moved to approve the Daulton Replat of Lot 23 & North 1/2 of Lot 22, Block 25, Town, Now City of Irrigon, Located in the SW 1/4, Sec. 19, TWP. 5 N., RNG. 27 E.W.M.

Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

County Counsel Report

Mr. Tovey reported the Office of County Counsel has been working on the following:

- Records request from the Juvenile Department
- Contract questions from the Clerk's Office
- Purchasing and procurement policies with Mr. Sorte
- Will participate in a meeting next week with other counties to decide whether or not to pursue litigation regarding the Mortgage Electronic Registration System (MERS). MERS allowed people to purchase mortgages and circumvent county processes, thus leading to lost fees by counties.

Speed Limit on Tower Road

Commissioner Russell said he's received suggestions from more than one source (Boardman Fire Chief Mark Rogelstad and Dave Rodgers, PGE Coal Fire Plant Manager) to reduce the speed limit on a section of Tower Road. Judge Tallman noted recent fatal accidents occurred beyond the area mentioned by Commissioner Russell, so perhaps the affected area should be widened. Mr. O'Brien said a traffic study will need to be conducted by ODOT, but he would follow-up and report back to the Court.

Administrative Officer Report

Mr. Sorte provided the following summary of activity:

- Landscaping was installed in the front area of the Bartholomew Building. Public Works personnel did the work, and a few pictures were posted to the County's Facebook page. Westwinds Nursery submitted a landscaping plan for the other areas, so that process can now move forward.
- General Maintenance Supervisor, Tony Clement, is consolidating the County's furniture that is in storage. This means the Lexington and Ione locations will be closed out very soon.
- The Finance Director position was offered to a candidate and accepted. Details are being finalized and an announcement will be forthcoming.

Claims

Commissioner Rea moved to approve the Void Check, dated June 2nd; and the Accounts Payable, dated June 9th, in the amount of \$161,260.34. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Minutes

Commissioner Rea moved to approve the minutes of May 25th, with correction. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Correspondence Reviewed

- Notice of Open House Events regarding Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy
- Information packet from the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce detailing upcoming events
- Final copy of the comment letter Ms. McLane submitted to Oregon Department of Energy regarding the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility Draft Proposed Order

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Russell attended the year-end meeting of the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District. A quorum was not achieved so another meeting will be scheduled before the end of the fiscal year to adopt the budget.
- Commissioner Rea said she attended a chamber of commerce meeting; an open house to meet the new 4-H Agent, Damion Turner; the Morrow County Citizens Economic Development Task Force meeting in Irrigon; and The Loop – Morrow County Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.
- Judge Tallman reported attending the Energy Facility Siting Council meeting on the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility.

Adjourned: 11:46 a.m.