

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2017
Irrigon Branch of the Oregon Trail Library District, Community Room
Irrigon, Oregon

Present

Chair Melissa Lindsay
Commissioner Don Russell
Commissioner Jim Doherty
Kim Cutsforth, Interim Administrative Officer
Richard Tovey, County Counsel
Roberta Lutcher, Executive Assistant

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 9:04 a.m.

City and Citizen Comments: No comments

Open Agenda: Add Payroll Payables, Monthlies, dated August 29th to the Consent Calendar.

Consent Calendar

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the following items in the Consent Calendar:

- 1. Accounts Payable dated September 14th in the amount of \$262,692.12; Payroll Payables Immediates & Electronic, Employee Finals dated August 31st & September 8th; September Retirement Taxes dated September 6th; Payroll Payables, Monthlies, dated August 29th*
- 2. Minutes: August 23rd & September 6th*
- 3. Oregon Health Authority Agreement #154124, 2017-2019 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services*
- 4. Oregon Health Authority Grant Agreement #155419, Healthcare Preparedness Program*
- 5. Resolution R-2017-25 and R-2017-26: Sheriff's Office Budget Adjustments*

Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Review and Approval of the County Administrator Hiring Process

Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director

Ms. Wolff reviewed the timeline for application screenings, interviews and the potential target date to extend an offer (November 15th). It was noted the County Administrator is required to live in-County. Ms. Wolff requested the Board accept, modify or reject the County Administrator Recruitment Process and appoint a Review Committee.

Commissioner Russell moved to appoint the following individuals to the Review Committee, noting some are currently members of the Recruitment Committee:

- 1. Chair Lindsay*
- 2. Commissioner Russell*
- 3. Kim Cutsforth, Interim Administrative Officer*

4. *Carla McLane, Planning Director*
5. *Sheryll Bates, Community Representative*
6. *Commissioner Doherty*
7. *Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director*

Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Doherty moved to accept the County Administrator Recruitment Process as outlined. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Staff Reports

Planning Department Monthly Report

Carla McLane, Planning Director

Marijuana Opt-Out Update: Discussion took place to amend Ordinance ORD-2015-4 to opt-out of four new license types related to converting a license to medical only (Enrolled Senate Bill 1057 and Enrolled House Bill 2198). Ms. McLane recommended Morrow County ensure time, place and manner guidelines are clear and in place in land-use ordinances in case the County were to open the door to medical marijuana. Commissioner Russell said when the County Court opted-out in 2015, it was with the understanding the laws still needed to be refined. The Commissioners at that time also recognized the potential benefits to medical marijuana but didn't support a medical marijuana dispensary inside the County. Ms. McLane said if the Oregon Health Authority gets the proper rules in place regarding medical marijuana, the County could revisit the issue, but they do not. There is a huge problem with medical marijuana leakage to the black market, she said. In addition, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions put three states on notice, one of which is Oregon, so she said she supported maintaining a complete opt-out.

Commissioner Doherty moved to maintain the current opt-out of both medical and recreational marijuana and to direct staff to prepare the necessary ordinance to amend Ordinance ORD-2015-4 adding the new license types approved by the Oregon Legislature in Enrolled Senate Bill 1057 and approved in 2017, under the authority found in Enrolled House Bill 2198 approved in 2017 to take this action without a vote of the electors. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Draft Comment Letter - Boardman to Hemingway Amended Preliminary Application for Site Certificate: Ms. McLane said she received an extension on the comment due date. The Board talked about the proposed route that was supported by the previous County Court and that they might not necessarily agree with that route. They also expressed some concern about the potential for too many different transmission lines in the County instead of one unified transmission corridor.

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Doherty said he attended an Association of Oregon Counties District 3 meeting; and discussed upcoming meetings and recent contacts with County staff on several matters.

- Commissioner Russell attended an AOC meeting in Oregon City and toured the Clackamas County Administrative Offices, and the Willamette Falls Locks and surrounding areas. Back in Morrow County, he attended a Business Oregon Work Session conducted by Art Fish, Business Incentives Coordinator.

Break: 10:43 a.m.

10:50 a.m. Executive Session: Pursuant to ORS 192.660(s)(e) – To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions

11:49 a.m. Closed Executive Session: No decisions

Miscellaneous

- Commissioner Doherty discussed an issue with the way traffic accesses the Love’s Travel Stop on Tower Road, more specifically that cars and trucks are turning into the area marked “Exit Only.” He requested that Ms. McLane look into making the current sign more visible and how to install a barrier that prevents people from turning in there.
- Ms. McLane said a zoning permit is being issued for the recently approved structure at the OHV Park, but she is unsure who should sign as the landowner.

Commissioner Russell moved to authorize the Administrative Officer or any one of the three Commissioners the ability to sign zoning permits as the landowner for the County. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Commissioner Russell amended the motion to include the County will waive all fees for County buildings. Commissioner Doherty seconded the amendment. Vote on amendment: unanimous approval. Vote on original motion: unanimous approval.

Adjourned: 11:58 a.m.