

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
December 27, 2017
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present

Chair Melissa Lindsay
Commissioner Don Russell – by phone
Commissioner Jim Doherty
Darrell Green, County Administrator
Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director
Kate Knop, Finance Director
Justin Nelson, County Counsel

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 9:01 a.m.

City and Citizen Comments - None

Open Agenda: No items

Consent Calendar

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

- 1. Accounts Payable dated December 28th in the amount of \$148,398.79; Payroll Payables Immediates & Electronic, dated December 20th in the amount of \$158,650.02.*
- 2. Regular meeting minutes: November 29, 2017; December 6, 2017; and December 13, 2017.*

Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

McGee Wealth Management Consulting Agreement

Commissioner Lindsay requested to pull this item from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. She would like to follow the recommendation of Judith McGee and put this contract out for an RFP before next year's renewal in order to fulfill our fiduciary responsibility. Ms. Knop suggested that we start the process in Spring 2018 in order to allow time for respondents to fully evaluate the Trust financials. Commissioner Russell and Commissioner Doherty agreed.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Investment Management and Consulting Agreement between Morrow County and McGee Wealth Management for investment services relating to the Morrow County Retirement Trust. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.

Association of Oregon Counties pamphlet regarding Video Lottery

Commissioner Lindsay requested to pull this item from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Commissioner Russell said that AOC wants to hold the legislature accountable for the full 2.5% of video lottery money that is due to counties each biennium. A bill is being

sponsored by Rep. John Lively and this pamphlet is being produced to support the bill. Commissioner Doherty and Commissioner Lindsay agreed that we should support this effort.

Commissioner Doherty moved to direct staff to share the Morrow County logo in support of the Video Lottery bill. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Department Reports

Road Department Monthly Report

Matt Scrivner, Public Works Director

The commissioners asked Mr. Scrivner if he had anything to add to his written report. He said we had crews working last Saturday due to the storm. Two plows worked in the north part of the county on Christmas Day and one in the Ione area. Everyone has been working yesterday and today getting the roads cleared. The gate at the bottom of Coal Mine Hill has been locked.

Commissioner Lindsay asked if there is a full crew right now. Mr. Scrivner said they are short a couple of people for medical reasons and one could not get back here from the Coast.

Commissioner Doherty asked how we are progressing on filling the Assistant Road Master position. Mr. Scrivner advised that we received seven applications and we are interviewing five tomorrow. Commissioner Doherty asked if any of them are local and the reply was 'Yes'.

Sheriff's Office Monthly Report

The Commissioners reviewed the written report.

Commissioner Russell commented that it sounds like the DA office has been especially busy lately with heinous crimes. Justin Nelson, DA provided an overview of recent crime events.

Commissioner Lindsay thanked Melissa Ross of the Sheriff's Office for the new format of the Sheriff's Office Monthly update. Very good information.

Commissioner Doherty asked about the Sheriff's Office Boardman location. He wanted to know how much use there is of the building and if we need to take that need into consideration when making plans for a new building in the north part of the county. Mr. Nelson and Ms. Wolff provided some information about the building. All agreed this is something that should be discussed with the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Russell said he thought the Road Department did a good job clearing the roads around Boardman.

Commissioner Russell asked Commissioner Lindsay if she has received the information she requested earlier regarding how many vehicles are assigned to each department. She said she has not received it yet. Commissioner Russell requested a copy of the report when it is received.

Commissioner Doherty commended the Road Department for their work clearing roads, including the Public Works Director jumping into a grader.

Commissioner Doherty said Kudos to Roberta Lutcher, Board Executive Assistant on putting together the Christmas card and getting it sent out.

Commissioner Lindsay reported that there was an emergency meeting of the LPSCC Committee in order to provide a budget recommendation.

Adjourned: 9:30 a.m.