

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Business Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2018
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present

Chair Don Russell

Commissioner Jim Doherty

Commissioner Melissa Lindsay

Darrell Green, Administrator

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:45 a.m.

Open Agenda: No items

Business Items

Evaluate & Update Goals of the County Administrator and Board of Commissioners

Mr. Green presented Administrator goals to the BOC. He stated that they were prioritized and asked for feedback. Commissioner Lindsay suggested that Internal Processes were a higher priority than Update Ordinances/Codes.

Budget Process – All three Commissioners commented that they liked the Budget Work Sessions. They were helpful to acknowledge what the Departments were doing and what they may need for FTEs (full time equivalents) and the upcoming budget. Commissioner Russell asked Assessor Mike Gorman about future property tax projections based on Vadata starting to pay property taxes over the next few years. Mr. Gorman was unable to provide a dollar value at this time.

Commissioner Russell would like to see an analysis on Retirement Plan cost savings and more information about moving from a defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan. He drew similarities to PERS (Oregon Public Employee Retirement System) moving from a Tier 1 to its current plan OPSRP (Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan). Additional discussion, direction and decisions were directed to make an agenda or Work Session in the future.

Mr. Green recapped the value of the leadership training and stated he was glad to see that the County agreed to an all-day training with David Rabiner. Commissioner Lindsay said she appreciated the effort to continue to move forward with this project.

The Commissioners liked the timeline for the north County building. Commissioner Russell commented that he promised Judge Ann Spicer she would get to hold court in the new building before she retired and he hoped that will happen. He also commented that Commissioner Doherty approached the Moose Lodge in Irrigon to see if the County could work out a relationship that would provide additional parking.

Mr. Green reviewed the remaining goals with little or no comment about them.

Adjourned: 8:40 a.m.