

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2018
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present

Chair Don Russell
Commissioner Jim Doherty (via telephone conference)
Commissioner Melissa Lindsay
Darrell Green, Administrator
Kate Knop, Finance Director
Justin Nelson, County Counsel
Roberta Lutcher, Executive Assistant

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

City and Citizen Comments: No comments

Open Agenda: No items

Consent Calendar

Commissioner Lindsay requested to remove the Oregon Health Authority 2017-19 Intergovernmental Agreement, Amendment #2 for discussion.

Commissioner Doherty moved to accept the balance of the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Lindsay seconded with an amendment. She requested a change to the May 9th minutes, page 2, motion regarding disposition of County furnishings: remove the word “south.” Commissioner Doherty agreed with the amendment. Balance of the Consent Calendar consisted of:

- 1. Accounts Payable dated May 24th in the amount of \$281,271.86; Void Check in the amount of \$450; Reissue Check in the amount of \$450*
- 2. Minutes of May 9th, with correction previously noted*
- 3. Oregon Department of Transportation Grant Agreement #31435, Amendment #1*
- 4. Application for Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs Funds for Veterans Suicide Awareness & Prevention Efforts, and authorize Commissioner Lindsay to sign on behalf of the County*

Unanimous approval.

Oregon Health Authority 2017-19 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Mental Health, Substance Use Disorders, and Problem Gambling Services Agreement #153133, Amendment #2

Finance Director Kate Knop provided a history of this agreement saying it basically “passes-through” funds from the State to Community Counseling Solutions (CCS), as the County’s contracted provider of mental health related services. She said while the Administrator was given authority to sign amendments, they both believed it prudent to bring the amendment to the Board since it involves additional funds of \$207,000 for a new mental health program

(Community Crisis Services for Adult and Children Services for Mobile Crisis Services). It will also require a budget resolution because these funds were not budgeted, she added.

Commissioner Lindsay said any dollar amount should come through the public and Board and not be signed outside the public eye to see the funds transferred.

Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve and authorize Chair Russell to sign the amendment to Oregon Health Authority regarding additional funds to CCS for the new program.

Commissioner Doherty seconded. He then said it's a good thing to keep things above board. Unanimous approval.

Other points of discussion:

- Commissioner Lindsay asked what sort of analysis takes place on amendments to determine whether the funds should go to CCS or Morrow County Public Health. Ms. Knop assured her they are reviewed in consultation with all the relevant parties, such as the Administrator, County Counsel, the Public Health Director, and CCS Executive Director Kimberly Lindsay.
- Commissioner Lindsay said the Board should know if new additional money is being provided and Ms. Lindsay should come and engage that conversation.
- County Counsel Justin Nelson discussed the \$30,000 in marijuana tax revenue received by the Treasurer and the work they've done to determine where those funds should be distributed. He said it's clear the funds are for drug treatment and should be passed through to CCS. Ms. Knop said the funds should not be distributed yet because the County does not have an agreement with CCS for the marijuana tax funds. She said she wants clear direction before approaching the Board for distribution.
- Commissioner Lindsay said things should come to the Board for any additional funds beyond the budget. Chair Russell agreed.
- Commissioner Doherty said the State is looking at moving funds through Public Health Departments as opposed to Mental Health or Public Safety. He said the County passed through funds related to prevention to CCS, adding he'd be curious to know if 100% of those funds were used for prevention. He said he would follow-up with Ms. Lindsay this afternoon. Chair Russell suggested amendments, etc., be discussed during CCS' monthly advisory board meetings attended by Commissioner Doherty and he could relate the information back to the Board so Ms. Lindsay doesn't have to appear before them every time.

Business Items

Status of Buildable Lands Survey Request for Proposals (RFP)

Carla McLane, Planning Director (via telephone conference)

Ms. McLane explained two submissions were received as a result of the RFP and the Project Management Team recommended the higher bidder. She went on to discuss the reasoning behind that decision by the Team. The Board postponed awarding the RFP until a more detailed report of the Team's scoring criteria can be provided.

Department Reports

Road Department Monthly Report

Eric Imes, Assistant Road Master

Mr. Imes reviewed the report for May. He also discussed the permits approved in May, all of which were from Zayo Group for installation of fiber optic lines. Chair Russell said he's observed Zayo does not complete one work area before moving to another, leaving multiple areas torn-up for long periods of time. He asked Mr. Imes if there was any recourse. Yes, he said, Public Works will not approve another permit until Zayo finishes and cleans up existing areas. Public Works has responded to citizens frustrated over this very issue, he said.

Commissioner Reports

- As Commissioner Doherty was attending via telephone from the National Association of Counties, Western Interstate Region Conference, he said he would provide an update on the conference and other matters when he returns.
- Commissioner Lindsay reported the newly hired LPSCC Coordinator (Local Public Safety Coordinating Council) for Morrow County attended yesterday's committee meeting. The LPSCC Committee is moving forward on a strategic plan and goal setting.
- Chair Russell said the Collective Bargaining session scheduled for May 17th was rescheduled to June 7th because the union representative was involved in an accident on the way here (no serious injuries). Chair Russell also discussed an Oregon Business and Industry session he attended in Hermiston where the focus was issues likely to be faced in the upcoming legislative session.

Adjourned: 9:48 a.m.