

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2018
Morrow/Grant County Off-Highway Vehicle Park
71000 E. Morphine Lane, Heppner, Oregon

Present

Chair Don Russell
Commissioner Melissa Lindsay
Darrell Green, Administrator
Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director
Justin Nelson, County Counsel
Mike Gorman, Assessor/Tax Collector

Matt Scrivner, Public Works Director
Greg Close, Parks General Manager
Kate Knop, Finance Director

Excused

Commissioner Jim Doherty
Roberta Lutchter, Executive Assistant

Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 9:00 a.m.

City and Citizen Comments: No comments

Open Agenda: No items

Consent Calendar

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

1. *Accounts Payable dated June 7th in the amount of \$106,183.40*
2. *Order No. OR-2018-6: In the Matter of Authorizing the County Treasurer to Invest Funds for Fiscal Year 2018-2019*

Chair Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Project Management Team recommendations regarding the Request for Proposals for a Buildable Lands Inventory and Housing Analysis for Morrow County and its Partner Communities

At the May 23rd Board meeting, Planning Director Carla McLane requested to move forward with the proposal submitted by Angelo Planning Group but noted that bid was not the low bid. The Commissioners postponed the award until Ms. McLane could provide a more detailed report of the reviewers' scoring criteria. The score sheets for four of the six reviewers were provided in the Agenda Packet for today's meeting and were reviewed by the Board. County Counsel Justin Nelson said the score sheets show Angelo Planning Group scored significantly higher than Adams Planning and Development Services. In addition, he said, the County does not have to choose the lowest bid as long as there is a basis for choosing the higher bid, and that is the case here.

Commissioner Lindsay moved to award the Buildable Lands Inventory and Housing Analysis to Angelo Planning Group, and directed staff to draft the necessary agreement for review by the Board. Chair Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Order No. OR-2018-5: Establishing the Morrow County Rodeo Board; Adopt Bylaws of the Morrow County Rodeo Board

Administrator Darrell Green said this was brought forward from last week and now has the names of the initial Board members listed. Chair Russell said he would like to see future openings on this Board be advertised, as is now the practice with other Boards; Commissioner Lindsay agreed.

Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve Order No. OR-2018-5: In the Matter of Establishing the Morrow County Rodeo Board as of June 6, 2018; and adopt the Bylaws of the Morrow County Rodeo Board; and approve the following appointments to the Morrow County Rodeo Board:

- 1. Position #1: Ken Bailey, initial three year term of office, June 6, 2018 – June 6, 2021*
- 2. Position #2: Judy Healy, initial three year term of office, June 6, 2018 – June 6, 2021*
- 3. Position #3: Mike Mahoney, initial two year term of office, June 6, 2018 – June 6, 2020*
- 4. Position #4: Terri Gentry, initial two year term of office, June 6, 2018 – June 6, 2020*
- 5. Position #5: Camille Peck, initial two year term of office, June 6, 2018 – June 6, 2020*

Chair Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Disposition of Surplus Property in Irrigon

Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director

Ms. Wolff said the discussion pertains to an Irrigon property owned by the County through foreclosure. It was at one time unsuccessfully proposed by Sheriff Ken Matlack to be used as transitional housing. She said Aaron Palmquist, Irrigon City Manager, notified her the City is interested in obtaining the property for the amount of back taxes owed (back taxes, including interest are approximately \$7,500). The Board requested Mr. Palmquist present the City's plans for the property at the next meeting in Irrigon on June 11th.

Department Reports

Administrator's Monthly Report

Darrell Green, Administrator

Mr. Green reviewed his report of activity for the month of May. Discussions took place on the status of planning the new facility in Irrigon; the need for Administration and the Commissioners to be notified of emergency events in-County; surplus furniture give-away events; plans to reconfigure under-utilized space in the Bartholomew Building; and the status of updating the Morrow County Personnel Policies.

Sheriff's Office Monthly Report

The Sheriff's Office written report for May was reviewed. Chair Russell requested the reports contain year-to-date statistics and that they be compared to the previous year or years.

Treasurer's Monthly Report

The written report from Treasurer Gayle Gutierrez was reviewed.

Correspondence

- Notice that the Forest Service's Draft Record of Decision for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project is available online at www.boardmantohemingway.com/documents.aspx

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Lindsay attended a meeting to discuss the marijuana tax revenue money that will be passed through to Community Counseling Solutions for substance abuse treatment. She also attended the Morrow County Citizens Economic Development Task Force meeting where she put forth Gary Neal's idea to potentially make funds available for loans to developers. She also attended the Soil & Water Conservation District meeting and the Parks Committee meeting.
- Chair Russell relayed some of the discussion items at the City County Port meeting. He also mentioned an issue a neighbor is having regarding a fifth-wheel trailer parked at his residence. Apparently someone complained about the trailer and the neighbor was contacted by a Sheriff's Deputy and told to remove it or face fines. Chair Russell said there are many other obvious violators in the area and asked why they too did not receive a deputy contact. He said he learned from Ms. McLane these things are complaint driven. Chair Russell said he sent a letter to Ms. McLane and Sheriff Matlack and he hopes to bring forward a broader discussion on code enforcement at an upcoming Board meeting.

Adjourned: 10:54 a.m.