

**Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**June 27, 2018**  
**Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room**  
**Heppner, Oregon**

**Present**

Chair Don Russell  
Commissioner Jim Doherty  
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:** 9:02 a.m.

**City and Citizen Comments:** No comments

**Open Agenda:** Chair Russell requested to add a discussion on Ivonne Navarro's proposed coffee stand in Boardman. Administrator Darrell Green said a request was received from the Port of Morrow for a letter in support of a grant application.

**Consent Calendar**

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

- 1. Accounts Payable dated June 28<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$206,211.45*
- 2. Oregon Health Authority Agreement #154124, Amendment #6 – Amended and Restated 2017-2019 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services; and authorize Chair Russell to sign on behalf of the County*
- 3. OHA Agreement #142381, Amendment #2 – Amendment to State of Oregon Intergovernmental Agreement which increases the “not to exceed” level regarding Medicaid Administrative Claiming from \$230,000 to \$320,000; and authorize Chair Russell to sign on behalf of the County*
- 4. Annual Intergovernmental Services Agreement Contract #3708-18 with the Department of Revenue for map maintenance and related cartographic activities for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$18,000*
- 5. Resolution No. R-2018-15: In the Matter of General Fund making a Loan to CAMI (Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention) Fund, Pursuant to ORS 294.468 in the amount of \$30,000*

*Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.*

**9:06 a.m. Public Hearing: Supplemental Budget Resolution No. R-2018-16**

After Chair Russell opened the Public Hearing, Finance Director Kate Knop explained the revised supplemental budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 will increase the total appropriations by \$686,500, as outlined within the Resolution itself.

Chair Russell called for comment from the public; no response.

### **9:09 a.m. Closed Public Hearing**

*Commissioner Doherty moved to approve Supplemental Budget Resolution No. R-2018-16 in the amount of \$686,500.00, bringing the revised total adopted budget to \$38,107,504.*

*Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.*

### **Department Reports**

#### Treasurer's Monthly Report

Gayle Gutierrez, Treasurer

In reviewing the Pooled Cash Report, Ms. Gutierrez noted the General Fund stands at approximately \$5,400,000 and the Road Fund at \$1,600,000. Interest rates and the total in outstanding checks were also reviewed. Ms. Gutierrez informed the Board a check in the amount of \$376,464 was recently received from the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program.

### **Business Items**

#### Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility Discussion: Amendment 2; and Energy Facility Siting

#### Council Agenda

Carla McLane, Planning Director

- Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility Preliminary Request for Amendment 2 to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE): Ms. McLane's draft comment letter on behalf of the Board is due July 6<sup>th</sup> to ODOE. She discussed a change to the draft she would like to make, and said she will send it to the Board for review. Commissioner Lindsay then talked about the need to recuse herself from discussions as a participating landowner.

*Commissioner Doherty moved to approve the June 26<sup>th</sup> letter drafted by the Planning Director to the Oregon Department of Energy regarding the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility, Request for Amendment 2. Ms. McLane noted the draft will be changed to include conditions of approval.*

*Chair Russell seconded. Vote – Aye: Chair Russell and Commissioner Doherty. Recused: Commissioner Lindsay. Motion carried.*

- June 29<sup>th</sup> Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting: It was decided Chair Russell will attend to offer additional comment on the two amendment review processes under consideration by ODOE regarding the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility Request for Amendment 2.

**Break:** 10:05 a.m.    **Resumed:** 10:10 a.m.

#### Proposed Coffee Stand in Boardman

Ivonne Navarro has proposed placing a coffee stand in the parking lot of The Sunrise at Boardman with drive-through traffic crossing County property behind the Public Health Department Building. As part of the mobile vendor permitting process, the City of Boardman

asked Ms. Navarro to provide correspondence from both property owners indicating access would be allowed, given certain conditions. Mr. Green outlined some of the conditions that would be stipulated in a property use agreement with Ms. Navarro. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board agreed to Ms. McLane and Mr. Green drafting a letter to the City of Boardman authorizing Ms. Navarro to take action to obtain a permit. The Board further authorized the Chair or Administrator to sign the letter.

#### Port of Morrow Letter of Support

*Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve signing the letter in support of the Port of Morrow's application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants Program. Commissioner Doherty seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### **Department Reports, continued**

##### Fair Office Quarterly Report

Ann Jones, Fair Secretary

Ms. Jones' report covered the progress of preparations for this year's Fair. She also commented the Fair building and arenas have seen good usage.

Commissioner Lindsay asked that this year's BOC meeting during the week of Fair be held in Heppner to allow the Board to attend the Fair as a group. It was decided to hold the meeting of August 15<sup>th</sup> in Heppner instead of Boardman. In addition, the Board decided there will be no meeting the fifth Wednesday of that month, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

##### Road Department Monthly Report

Sandi Pointer, Public Works Management Assistant

Ms. Pointer reviewed the Road Report for June. She pointed out the improvements at the airport are nearing completion and should be wrapped up around July 6<sup>th</sup>.

##### Administrator's Monthly Report

Mr. Green reviewed his report of activity for June. After he discussed the status of planning for the new building in Irrigon, Commissioner Lindsay requested a press release be issued for these meetings, in addition to the agenda notices.

#### **Commissioner Reports**

- Commissioner Doherty discussed yesterday's meeting of the Community Counseling Solutions Advisory Board. The lengthy amount of time people have to wait to get into alcohol and/or drug treatment facilities was discussed. Commissioner Doherty said CCS is in the initial stage of determining if an in-County facility would be feasible, economically and from a public perception standpoint. Commissioner Doherty also discussed the Eastern Oregon Workforce Board. He said we've been left off the email list and he requested to see a copy of EOWB's budget. Lastly, Commissioner Doherty said discussions on replacing the Justice of the Peace upon Judge Ann Spicer's retirement

predated his election. He said more serious discussions need to take place and that his wife, Kelly, has looked into the training required for such a position. Chair Russell said the process to appoint someone is: the Governor's Office would receive a recommendation from the Board of Commissioner's Office and the District Attorney's Office. He said Columbia County's recent process entailed the BOC recommendation, a public process to advertise for the position, then a background check of the person being considered, then the appointment took place. He added the individual has one year to complete the training at the University of Nevada, Reno.

- Chair Russell discussed the first organizational meeting of an Association of Oregon Counties subcommittee on Cap & Invest. He said statistics show how little Oregon contributes to the global carbon dioxide problem and they also don't take into consideration what the State generates naturally and otherwise. Chair Russell then reported on a meeting in Weston with the Chairman of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission, Ajit Pai and Representative Greg Walden, among others. Chair Russell was in John Day recently for a meeting of the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization where he learned the EOCCO will receive \$12,000,000 in incentive money that will most likely be distributed back to the providers of the health services in our region for doing a good job and meeting standards.
- Commissioner Lindsay said a budget was approved at a recent meeting of CAPECO (Community Action Program of East Central Oregon). She said she looks forward to CAPECO's upcoming needs-assessment by an outside entity because she doesn't think Morrow County is getting as much as it could from this organization.

**Break:** 11:53 a.m.    **Resumed:** 11:59 a.m.

**12:00 p.m. Executive Session** – Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) – To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection

**12:23 p.m. Closed Executive Session** – No decisions

**12:24 p.m. Executive Session** – Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) – To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent

**12:45 p.m. Closed Executive Session** – No decisions

**Signing of documents**

**Adjourned:** 1:00 p.m.