

**Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**July 18, 2018**  
**Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, Wells Springs Room**  
**Boardman, Oregon**

**Present**

Chair Don Russell  
Commissioner Melissa Lindsay  
Darrell Green, Administrator

Richard Tovey, County Counsel  
Roberta Lutchter, Executive Assistant

**Excused**

Commissioner Jim Doherty

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** 9:00 a.m.

**City and Citizen Comments:** No comments

**Open Agenda:** Postpone the agenda item regarding the Griffin Addition; cancel the Executive Session

**Consent Calendar**

*Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve the following items in the Consent Calendar, noting the Griffin Addition item was removed:*

1. *Accounts Payable dated July 19<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$308,205.64*
2. *Minutes: June 20<sup>th</sup>*
3. *Affidavit for the Voluntary Cancellation of a Portion of a Water Right Certificate - Morrow County, the legal and deeded owner of the property described as tax lot number: Roadway - Gravel Pit Lane and ROW as recorded on partition Plat 2006-11, within the SW NW ¼ ¼, Section 26, Township 5N, Range 26E, of the Willamette Meridian, in Irrigon, Morrow County, Oregon...Morrow County wishes to cancel the following portion of the water right certificate number 79963 issued to Robert V. Gillett with a date of priority of August 10, 1977*

*Chair Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

**Department Reports**

The Loop – Morrow County Transportation

Anita Pranger, Coordinator, The Loop

Ms. Pranger reviewed her report and discussed several policy or plan updates she will work on to remain grant compliant. She also mentioned the draft Morrow County/Umatilla County Transit Development Strategy has been completed by the consultant and will be before the Board for adoption at some point.

Juvenile Department Quarterly Report

Sherry Wright, Juvenile Probation Counselor

Ms. Wright reviewed the report of activity for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year (April 1-June 30), in Director Tom Meier's absence. She noted the number of juveniles referred to their office increased from 27 to 37, but springtime is typically busier as students are anxious for the end of the school year. Ms. Wright said one youth was in detention at NORCOR's Youth Care Center

(YCC) but this does not impact the County's budget. She went on to explain the YCC 90-day program in greater detail. She said her position within the Juvenile Department has allowed Mr. Meier more time to attend meetings important to their department.

#### Emergency Management Quarterly Report

The Board reviewed Undersheriff's John Bowles' report in his absence. Sheriff Ken Matlack attended to provide an update to the Board on the grass fire near Heppner the previous day. He said it was approximately 32 square miles in area, and nearly all structures in that area were threatened. However, there were no reports of injury or structures destroyed or damaged.  
Discussion.

#### **Correspondence**

- Article from the State of Oregon Employment Department titled, "The Economic Impact of Cows and Crops in Eastern Oregon"
- Public Notice from the Planning Department regarding a Planning Commission Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, Boardman
- Public Notice from the Planning Department regarding Public Hearings before the Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 a.m., Bartholomew Building, Heppner

#### **Commissioner Reports**

- Commissioner Lindsay explained U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Purdue recently toured Martin Farms in Sherman County, of which her sister is part-owner. Due to this connection, Commissioner Lindsay was able to participate and interact with the Secretary. She also attended the following meetings: The Loop Advisory Committee, Eastern Oregon Workforce Board, Regional Solutions Advisory Board, Fair Board, Senator Bill Hansell's meeting in Arlington with eastern Oregon elected officials, and met with Forest Service personnel, including the new Heppner District Ranger.
- Chair Russell reported he also attended the meeting with Sen. Hansell, as well as the Public Health, Local Community Advisory Council meeting, and the Community Renewable Energy Association meeting in Prineville.

#### **Sale of County-Owned Irrigon Property to the City of Irrigon**

Commissioner Lindsay said documents are nearly ready for signature and asked for discussion as to who should be authorized to sign.

*Chair Russell moved to authorize either the Administrator or any of the three Commissioners to sign the transfer of title regarding the Irrigon property. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### **Signing of documents**

**Adjourned:** 10:40 a.m.