

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
August 15, 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
Roberta Lutcher, Executive Assistant

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 9:02 a.m.

City and Citizen Comments: No comments

Open Agenda: Commissioner Lindsay requested an update on the Staff Accountant recruitment process.

Consent Calendar

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

1. *Accounts Payable dated August 16th in the amount of \$262,237.77; Payroll Payable, Immediates & Electronic dated July 26th in the amount of \$178,541.39*

Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) Additional Dues

Commissioner Doherty explained the additional dues of \$244.14 are for the shared expenses to bring the Association's lobbyist to the area to meet with the member counties and Forest Service representatives regarding the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revisions. Discussion.

Commissioner Doherty moved to approve the payment of the Eastern Oregon Counties Association 2017-18 Residual Expenses of \$244.14 from the Registration & Dues budget line. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Discussion took place about the status of dues paid by member counties and whether or not all were current; Commissioner Doherty said he would follow-up. There was also discussion about Baker County opting to not pay its full amount while still driving the direction of the meetings. Unanimous approval.

Staff Accountant Recruitment

Kate Knop, Finance Director

Ms. Knop said the position is still open and additional formal interviews are planned next week. She also said the Accounting Clerk position is open and has been posted.

Correspondence

- Notice from Oregon Departments of Agriculture and Environmental Quality: “Proposal to Renew Permit Coverage for Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) in Area 5 and Proposed Substantial Changes to CAFOs in Areas 1, 3, 5 and 6”
- Agenda for the Energy Facility Siting Council Meetings in Boardman, August 23rd & 24th

Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Doherty reported on a meeting that took place yesterday with County staff and Port of Morrow Workforce Training Coordinator Kalie Davis regarding the future of public transit in Morrow County. He also discussed a meeting with Senator Jeff Merkley’s new Field Representative, Jessica Keys. He also attended a Board meeting of the Association of Oregon Counties and said the Dues Committee will propose ideas to deal with the budget problems faced by that organization.
- Chair Russell also attended and reported on the AOC Board Meeting. He said as the Vice President of AOC District 3, he will preside over the District 3 meeting in late September in The Dalles. He also reported on the most recent meeting of the Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA).
- Commissioner Lindsay discussed the upcoming BOC Town Hall Meetings and said she is still trying to schedule a meeting in Ione, possibly on August 26th or 29th. Commissioner Lindsay reported the manufactured home the County sold to the City of Irrigon is ready to record. She met with Judge Ann Spicer about a courtroom scheduling conflict with State Circuit Court, which should not have occurred. Commissioner Lindsay contacted Roy Blaine, Trial Court Administrator and told him these kinds of things need to be worked through in advance, to which he agreed.

Signing of Documents

Adjourned: 10:39 a.m.