

**Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
And via telephone from the Association of Oregon Counties
Annual Conference in Eugene
Heppner, Oregon**

Present via Telephone

Chair Don Russell
Commissioner Jim Doherty
Commissioner Melissa Lindsay
Darrell Green, Administrator
Justin Nelson, County Counsel

Present at the Bartholomew Building

Kate Knop, Finance Director
Roberta Lutchter, Executive Assistant

Call to Order: 8:48 a.m.

City and Citizen Comments: No comments

Open Agenda: No items

Consent Calendar

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

1. *Accounts Payable dated November 15th in the amount of \$544,789.27; November Retirement Taxes dated November 8th in the amount of \$907; Payroll Payables Monthlies dated October 31st in the amount of \$182,022.61*

Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Café Cultura Easement Use Agreement

Justin Nelson, County Counsel

The Use Agreement with Ivonne Navarro, doing business as Café Cultura, pertains to the use of the County's gravel driveway behind the building in Boardman that houses the Public Health Department, and offices for the Juvenile Director and Deputy District Attorney. The Agreement allows for the use of the driveway during business hours for customers using the drive-through window at Café Cultura. Mr. Nelson reviewed the conditions in the Agreement, particularly Section VIII – Use and Condition of Property; Maintenance and Repair. This section calls out Ms. Navarro's requirement to "maintain the gravel road in proper working order as required by the Morrow County Public Works Director or designee" and that "Café Cultura shall receive prior approval from the Morrow County Public Works Director or designee prior to performing any improvements or extensive repairs..." He also noted there is no money transfer, whatsoever.

Commissioner Doherty moved to approve the Use Agreement between Morrow County and Ivonne Navarro (DBA Café Cultura). Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Resolution No. R-2018-28 – Redirecting Wolf Depredation Funds to Wallowa County

Commissioner Doherty

Mr. Nelson

Commissioner Doherty said as the liaison to the Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee, the members strive to sign-up livestock producers to implement non-lethal wolf deterrent methods. The funding the Committee receives can be used for costs associated with deterrent methods such as range riders, burying bone piles, and fladry (flags on fence lines). He explained the Committee has had one livestock producer take advantage of the funds and that was several years ago. The funds received in the other years have been returned to the State, he said. Recently, the State sent an email asking counties to consider returning unspent funds so they could be used by Wallowa County. They've experienced seven wolf depredations thus far in 2018, with more anticipated. Commissioner Doherty said the Morrow County Committee agreed it would be prudent to return its \$3,650 for use by Wallowa County.

Mr. Nelson discussed the Resolution and asked that a copy be included when the funds are returned to the State.

Commissioner Doherty moved to approve Resolution No. R-2018-28 – A Resolution Redirecting Wolf Depredation Funds to Wallowa County. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Unanimous approval.

Department Reports – Written Only

The Commissioners noted the written reports submitted by the Planning Department and Veterans Services.

Correspondence

- Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting Notice and Agenda, Boardman City Hall, Friday, November 16th (includes an Action Item related to the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility, Request for Amendment 3 of the Site Certificate)

Adjourned: 9:03 a.m.