

Morrow County Citizen's Economic Develop Task Force
May 2, 2017
Bartholomew Building
Heppner, Oregon

Attendees: Edie Ball, Janett Eldrige, Kymberli Erevia, Cody High, Melissa Lindsay, Carla McLane, Karen Pettigrew, Don Russell, Corey Sweeney, Rod Taylor. By phone: Julie Gisi, Pat lolavera.

The meeting started at 9:10 am. Minutes from April 4 – approved without changes. Introductions were made.

Housing: Carla said there is some money in the planning Dept. budget, she can get tentative approval by the Board of Commissioners for money to address the potential loss of DLCF funds and the buildable lands inventory, and it could probably be approved by the end of June. New PSU study numbers need to replace the comprehensive plan numbers for population. Natural hazards element should be workable for all communities, economic element needs minor amendment. 18 to 24-month process for this project. Can start looking at this after July 1, the county will want to see some form of investment by communities. There is \$30k set aside by the Planning Department for community planning, also the county will need to RFP out this as a project. Buildable lands project would need a consultant, and a contract. Irrigon will commit to \$2-5k with council support, as will Boardman. Carla will talk to Jerry/Justin for support in RFP needs, etc. Will ask other communities to also commit to support of the project as affordable.

There is \$200k set aside for grants for cities by the county from discretionary funding, the question is how to equitably distribute this money between the jurisdictions for road projects. Don is open to suggestion on how to do this. Cities can bank money for future use, but it was only approved for one budget cycle by the county.

LPSSC: There still are no bylaws available yet. Statute is not changing. Cities are all represented, need to appoint a mayor or councilman, and a manager or staff. Can agree to one city and one staff across the board, not one from each locale. There will be people at the table that can really have a voice, but coordinator is shared with Umatilla County, need to assure Morrow is equal. Bylaw rework will allow for an alternate attendee at pleasure of the group. Cities are lacking volunteers to fill the councilor position. Aaron will ask Mayor Heath but Karen said she will start attending to support the chief.

PSU: Estimates refer to point in time, forecast is estimate for future. Primary purpose for the estimates is to fulfill state mandate for state tax revenue disbursement. ORS mandates PSU to perform duty. PSU also conducts certified population studies for specific populations and certain analysis and performs some to meet demand but not mandated to do so. ORS requires response to PSU by all entities for requested information, with the issue of an annual population questionnaire for a July 1 population based. County estimates rely on administrative data sets based on change for local and state services. Looks at housing unit data to back up county numbers. Extrapolates based on trends local and economically by state. Use method with administrative and vital statistics, correlate population change with census and administrative data sets. For cities PSU relies on the housing unit method, including growth rates annually, including household size and occupancy rate. Includes demolition and group housing, i.e. jails, senior living, school dorms, etc. holds constant from previous year if new information is not provided. Tiny towns are allowed to send housing unit and number of residents rather than population estimates. The public input from local governments in the estimates program is more questionnaire driven, with one month feedback after the estimates have been developed, they can send in

additional data if they are not satisfied. City/counties also have another review period from January 1 to March 30, per ORS. That review from locals open from November 15 to December 15. Post card comes in mail with web instructions. Changes to be made on recipients for each local. PSU prefers a city email to assure that staffing changes do not interfere. Post card will provide opportunity for these staffing changes etc. For purposes of temporary stays, the construction workers here for 6 months or longer count. Look heavily on past trends and new data combined. Annexation in cities is accounted by PSU 4 times a year, and send out questionnaire regarding these annexations. The lone UGB annex process will need to be shared with PSU to assure current boundaries are accounted for. The forecast program began in 2014-2017, will start beginning of fall for each region with numbers released mid-March for input. Have until end of March for proposed, with 40-day challenge period. By June 30 proposed numbers become final and published on website. This covers numbers to the UGB in order to allow utility of data for land use by counties. Use actual population numbers as benchmark for forward estimation. Forecast done in 4-year intervals (2016 and 2020). In relation to estimates, forecast occur every 3-4 years for any given area. Interim forecast can be provided by use by counties on the website. Also send out surveys, they go to the same locations as estimates, or should. The current survey went out in October, may have been confused with estimate survey. Anyone welcome to complete survey.

Roundtable: Karen – looking for new city employee insurance. Green lighted for all water permit for rights, can now pump entire water demand, just need pipes. Building the field house now behind city hall. Another fiber optics company wanting to franchise. Budget almost ready.

Melissa – finished up budget committee hearings last week, good investments planned with some help to the cities identified.

Rod – still working on water system problem, coming down to reluctance to spend money on an engineer. Annexation on UGB ongoing, and working on some ordinances.

Don – put all money legally available towards road projects, attended the ribbon ceremony for the BMCC workforce facility, should be great resource for locals.

Aaron – push on improvement of community enhancement.

Janette – hired a maintenance person now. Budget is put together, first meeting next week. Applied for and received a grant for the beautification of the park.

Judy – busy working for regional projects with loans going out the door better.

Edie – working budget mainly, as well as learning what is going on overall in self education about the city.

Carla – There is a broad illegal subdivision along I-84 near depot with housing on both sides of the freeway, need to figure out how to fix this, and ask residents to fix something that they aren't allowed to be there anyways.

Site visit to Sheppard Flats, all that can be achieved has been done for conservation and revegetation, so they have met the standard. Working with lone on the UGB and other re-zoning for Rural Light Industrial standards, waiting for application from city. Working with port to finalize language to change site development review because there are limits to potential for size of land, shifting standards to speedway. Farm and Forest Use model code. There is a 40-acre piece in the tree farm area that will be retained for farm use. Zoning around Boardman called the small farm 40 that the state challenged, county lost. The process moving forward will remove the designation that was denied. Currently at 1 house per 39 acres, with little left for additional building.

New meeting time discussion: Agree to stay with Tuesday morning. Next meeting will be June 6th; July meeting will be cancelled due to holiday. All other dates are correct. June meeting is Irrigon at City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at: 11:47 am