Union County Board of Commissioners
Joseph Building Annex Conference Room
Regular Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Present: Commissioner Donna Beverage, Chair
Commissioner Paul Anderes
Commissioner R. Matthew Scarfo

Commissioner Beverage opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given with all three Commissioners present.

PUBLIC HEARING: 4-H & Extension Service District Budget FY 2019-20

Staff Report
Robin Maille, OSU Extension Service, 10507 N. McAlister Road, La Grande, and Robert Messinger, 4-H & Extension Service Budget Committee Chair, 67826 Hunter Road, Summerville, presented their staff report to the Commissioners regarding the 4-H & Extension Service District Budget for approval.

Mrs. Maille stated that they presented the budget for approval June 5, 2019, and was published in The Observer last week.

Commissioner Beverage stated that is always nice to receive documentation in advance to review and thanked Mrs. Maille and Mr. Messinger.

Public Testimony
Natalie Kinion, Eastern Regional Director for OSU Extension, introduced herself to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Anderes moved approval of Resolution 2019-06; In the Matter of Adopting Budget Appropriating Funds Levying Ad Valorem Taxes and Categorizing Taxes for the Union County 4-H & Extension Service District for FY 2019-20. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer Activities Proposal
Angie Peters, Transit Manager, 908 ½ N. Avenue, La Grande, addressed the Commissioners regarding the Summer Activities Proposal.

Mrs. Peters presented the proposal for approval with a breakdown of requests for funding from Union County in the amount of $3,270, to support transportation for summer activities.

There was a reduction in how Community Connection delivers services for Union County Fair, and no longer doing the Shriners. Over the last few years the program has massively declined.

Commissioner Scarfo inquired about the funds to honor the request. Shelley Burgess relayed that there is a line item named Special Transportation with a budget of $5,000 for a request like this.

Commissioner Scarfo moved approval of the Union County Summer Activities Support Transit Proposal. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chair called a short recess at 8:50 am.

PUBLIC HEARING: Solid Waste District Budget FY 2019-20

Staff Report
Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Solid Waste District staff report to the Commissioners.

The Union County Solid Waste District Budget Committee met on May 22, 2019 and approved the proposed budget. The LB1 was published in The Observer on June 5, 2019.

There were no comments or recommended changes to the proposed budget following the publication.

Public Testimony
David Thiesfeld, Resident of the Urban Growth Boundary, S. 12th Street, La Grande, introduced himself to the Commissioners.

Mr. Thiesfeld received several notices from Waste-Pro stating their recycling was not being disposed of in the can properly. It became a hassle for the Thiesfeld's to recycle and opted out of recycle. They were told that the City of La Grande is required to recycle, even if they did not choose to. Mr. Thiesfeld attempted to explain that they did not reside in city limits, and requested the can be removed from their residence. He was informed that they were not authorized to do so. He would like someone from the county to look in to having the fees removed from their bill that are tacked on due to living close to the city of La Grande.

Commissioner Beverage asked Shelley Burgess to follow up for Mr. Thiesfeld.

Mr. Thiesfeld also requested the possibility of reestablishing a county landfill for residents. Mrs. Burgess relayed at one time there was a landfill on Fox Hill Road, however due to DEQ requirements caused the county to close the facility. The requirements to establish a new landfill are very stringent and the county found it was more feasible to send solid waste out of the county.

Mr. Thiesfeld asked that it still be reexamined and looked at.

Commissioner Scarfo moved approval of Resolution 2017-07 Adopting the Union County Solid Waste District Budget for FY 2019-20. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Union County Budget FY 2019-20

Staff Report
Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer presented the staff report to the Commissioners.

Mrs. Burgess presented the staff report to the Commissioners. The Union County Budget Committee met on May 21 & 22, 2019, and approved the proposed budget. The LB1 summary was published in The Observer on June 7, 2019 and also posted on the county website.

There were no comments or recommended changes to the proposed budget following the publication.

Public Testimony
There was no public testimony at this time.

Commissioner Anderes moved approval of Resolution 2019-08 Adopting the Budget, Appropriating Funds Levying Ad Valorem Taxes and Categorizing Taxes for Union County for the FY 2019-20. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Irene Gilbert, 2310 Adams Avenue, La Grande provided concerns to the Commissioners for consideration regarding Boardman to Hemingway (B2H).

Ms. Gilbert discussed several impacts that the county should consider regarding B2H. A few of her concerns are weed control, noise level, and roadways once the transmission lines are placed.

Elected Official, Department Head & Employee Comments

Child Support Contract
Kelsie McDaniel, Union County District Attorney, addressed the Commissioners with the Child Support Contract for approval.

Mrs. McDaniel presented the contract between Union County and Department of Justice to continue child support services. The contract is the same as each contract they've signed every biennium.

The Child Support agreement would commence July 1, 2019 and expire on June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Scarfo moved approval of the Department of Justice Cooperative Agreement for Child Support Services. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Hot Mix Bids

Doug Wright, Union County Public Works Director, presented his recommendation of the bid to the Commissioners for approval.

The Public Works Department received two (2) quotes from two local suppliers for Asphalt. The following quotes were received from:

R.D Mac:	Class "C" at $79.50/Ton	**Class "D" at $79.50**
Hamptons:	**Class "C" at $79.00/Ton**	Class "D" at $89.20

Mr. Wright's recommendation is that both quotes be accepted.

Commissioner Anderes moved approval of Asphalt Hot Mix bids as proposed. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Scarfo moved approval of the May 29 & 30 and June 6, 12 & 13 claims journals and meeting minutes from the May 21-22 and June 5, 2019 Commissioners meeting as presented on the consent agenda. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Jail Medical Services Agreement

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Personal Services Contract for Medical Services in the Union County Jail for approval.

The agreement is a standing agreement and is up for renewal.

Commissioner Anderes moved approval to accept the Personal Service Contract for Medical Services in the Union County Jail as presented. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Court Order 2019-26: Appointment to STF Advisory Committee

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented Court Order 2019-26 to the Commissioners for approval.

Nora Croucher has been serving on the STF Advisory committee, with her term up for renewal. Ms. Croucher has been an active member and would like to continue serving.

Her term will expire on June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Scarfo moved approval of Court Order 2019-26; In the Matter of Appointment to the Union County Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-09: Transferring Appropriated Funds
Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented Resolution 2019-09 to the Commissioners for approval.

This is the resolution authorizing the transfer of appropriated funds.

Mrs. Burgess went over the appropriations with the Commissioners.
Commissioner Anderes moved approval of Resolution 2019-09; In The Matter of Transferring Appropriated Funds. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Agreement between Union County & AFSCME Local 834
Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the agreement to the Commissioners for approval.

The committee came to a 3-year term agreement from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022. There was an increase to the maximum allowed accumulation of vacation to 280 hours, with a hard cap. There was an addition of one bereavement leave day, from 2 to 3 days. Cost of Living Allowance for FY 2019-20 at 2.5%, minimum of 2% and a maximum of 4% based on February CPI for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22. A sixth step to the salary schedule effective FY 2020-21.

Commissioner Scarfo moved approval of the agreement between Union County and AFSCME Local 834. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners thanked Mrs. Burgess for her dedication in completing the agreement.

FY 2018-19 Audit Engagement
Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Audit Engagement to the Commissioners for approval.

Connected Professional Accountants, LLC; formerly known as Lewis, Poe, Moeller, Gunderson and Roberts, LLC, provided a contract for engagement of services to complete the Union County 2018-19 audit.

The increase that they are proposing is very minimal at $785 more this year than it did last year.

Commissioner Anderes moved approval to accept the proposal for audit as presented. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FY 2018-19 Solid Waste Audit Engagement

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Solid Waste Audit Engagement to the Commissioners for approval.

Connected Professional Accountants, LLC; provided a contract for engagement of services to complete the Solid Waste District 2018-19 audit.

Total fee for services are $2,655, which is an increase of $55 from last year.

Commissioner Scarfo moved approval of the Solid Waste Audit Engagement. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ODOT Agreement 33602 – 5310 Funds
Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented ODOT Agreement 33602 to the Commissioners for approval.

The agreement is between State of Oregon, Rail and Public Transit Division and Union County. The agreement shall become effective July 1, 2019 and expire June 30, 2021.

The grant amount for the biennium is $474,324.00.

Commissioner Anderes moved approval of the Rail and Public Transit Division agreement. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session
The Chair called an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a).

PUBLIC HEARING: ATV Ordinance
Doug Wright, Union County Public Works and Sean Chambers, Union County Parks Coordinator addressed the Commissioners.

Mr. Wright discussed the steps taken for Union County to be in the position of adopting an ATV ordinance. Union County is not the only county considering an ordinance, and believes we are on the right track.

Commissioner Scarfo inquired on the allowance of dirt bikes, which are listed as Class III in the ordinance.

Commissioner Anderes noted in the ordinance, an exception for agricultural use allowance, exception for transportation between jobs, for commercial use such as snow removal.

Commissioner Anderes also commented on non-applicable roadways.

Mr. Chambers expressed the importance of adopting the ordinance in representation of MERA.

Commissioner Anderes commented on the helmet requirement for those under 18 and speed limits put the responsibility on the user.

Public Testimony
David Thiesfeld, 708 S. 12th Street, La Grande, addressed the Commissioners in regards to the ATV Ordinance. He spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Thiesfeld asked if the ordinance goes through, that there be rules and guidelines taken into consideration. He made a few suggestions to consider adding to the ordinance.

Page 3, item E, he would like an exception for vehicle safety. Oregon code does require motor vehicles on public roads to have a horn. Most ATV's do not have horns.

Page 3, item K, the ordinance states "headlights and taillights". Mr. Thiesfeld would recommend amending the section to say, "at least one headlight and taillight".

He also commented on Forest Service roads which are not addressed in the ordinance. Oregon State Law does not allow ATV use on paved roads, or double lane gravel roads. He stated there is an exception to that law, if the local county Commission decides to open county roads. He agreed to provide the statute to Commissioner Anderes for follow up with the Forest Service.

Kavin Loveland, 2301 E. N. Court, La Grande, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Loveland requested enforcement in regards to rules and regulations for the ordinance. He commended the Public Works department and Commissioners for working diligently on the creation of the ordinance. He commented that this will also bring a boost in the economy.

Ray Clements, 115 Polk Street, La Grande, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Clements spoke as an ATV user, telling of the roadways he has ridden on the other side of Union that link into Baker County roads that are now open. He commended the county for considering the ordinance and opening up connections.

Art Chase, 64678 Cherrywood Road, La Grande, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Mr. Chase commented that he was working with Cody Vavra when MERA was established, and assisted in building trails. He believes this ordinance would be very beneficial for the county.

Mrs. Burgess relayed that this was the first reading of the ordinance. The Commissioners could approve the first reading, and schedule the second reading during the next Commissioners meeting on July 17, 2019.

Commissioner Anderes moved approval of adopting the First Reading of the ATV Ordinance with the amendment of removing the "S" from "headlights and taillights" under Section K, to read "headlight and taillight". Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The second reading was scheduled for July 17 at 10 am.

Commissioner Beverage commended Doug Wright and Sean Chambers for the work it took to get here.

Next Commissioners Meeting

The next work session is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019.

The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019.

Adjournment

Commissioner Beverage adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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