

**Union County Board of Commissioners**  
Joseph Building Annex Conference Room  
Emergency Commissioners Meeting  
Monday, April 20, 2020

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

Commissioner Anderes opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given with all three Commissioners present.

**Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of La Grande for CDBG funds for COVID-19 Emergency Funding**

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, provided a brief staff report to the Commissioners regarding the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of La Grande.

The agreement would authorize the City of La Grande to serve as the applicant for CDBG funds available to Union County businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19. The information has come through the Northeast Oregon Economic Development District (NEODD).

There was a previous discussion that the entire district would be represented by NEODD and would make one application for the funds to be distributed within the district. There was a change in NEODD's discussion; the counties that are represented Union, Wallowa and Baker will apply for the funds individually.

The City of La Grande has agreed to apply for funding in partnership with Union County.

Mrs. Burgess requested the Commissioners to consider an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of La Grande and Union County. Although the City of La Grande would act as the applicant for Union County, it would provide funding, if awarded, to business throughout Union County. NEODD will review the applications, and make the recommendation for funding.

The amount of funds that are potentially eligible to Union County are \$150,000.00. There is only \$1.2 million available to the State of Oregon; which is the reason for urgency.

Commissioner Scarfo recused himself from the discussion due to conflict of interest as he is a business owner.

Commissioner Beverage commented that it is a wise move and a benefit to Union County business owners. She relayed the grant would fund technical assistance, grants, loans and other financial assistance that would stabilize the business. She

believes that it is very important and thanked the City of La Grande for applying for the funds, without charging a fee.

**Commissioner Beverage made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of La Grande and Union County for CDBG Funds. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Anderes adjourned the meeting at 9:06 AM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allison".

Allison Moore  
Senior Department Specialist