

Board of Commissioners Meeting  
May 23, 2012

Present: Commissioner Steve McClure  
Commissioner Mark D. Davidson  
Commissioner William D. Rosholt

Chairman Rosholt called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. All three Commission members were present.

Public Comments

Fireworks Committee

Bruce Weimer, 1605 Foley St. La Grande, and Steve Combs, 505 Jefferson Ave. La Grande, came to the Commissioners with a request from the Fireworks Committee. They explained that the Commissioners have helped with funding for the fireworks show on July 4<sup>th</sup> in the past. They are requesting that the Commissioners give the same funding as in the past which is \$2500. The fireworks show is a free event and for a one day event they feel it is one of the largest attended events in Union County. It is not just a City of La Grande event but it is a countywide event. They put on not only the fireworks show but they also have some musical entertainment, games, firetruck rides and other family events on the EOU campus. **Commissioner McClure moved approval to sponsor the Union County Fireworks Show in the amount of \$2500. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

USDA Wildlife – Predator Control Program Update

Curt Mattson, Wildlife Specialist, introduced the new District Supervisor, Patrick Smith to the Commissioners. He gave the Commissioners an update on the Predator Control Program in Union County and the services that have been provided this year. The Commissioners thanked Curt for coming and welcomed Patrick to the area.

Non-Partisan Commissioner Vote

Ray Randall, 765 S. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Union, came to the Commissioners to request that they put a measure on the November ballot to make the Commissioner position nonpartisan.

Follow-Up Questions from Requests

Irene Gilbert, 2310 Adams Ave. La Grande, came to the Commissioners to discuss a letter that she sent to the Commissioners regarding the Elkhorn Wind Farm. She believes they are not doing the mitigation that was required. She is concerned that someone isn't following up on the mitigation. Since the County issued the permit she wanted the County to follow up on the situation. She also wanted to be notified of all meetings open to the public related to Antelope Ridge or the Travel Management Plan.

Irene asked the Commissioners why Union County is purchasing merchandise and alcohol for the golf course. She asked if the golf course is not self sustaining. She asked why the golf course is not a private self sustaining entity that keeps its own inventory based on what it sells and not the County paying for it.

Shelley Burgess explained that the expenditures that Irene is looking at are coming from the Buffalo Peak Golf Course fund. The coding numbers indicate that it is charged to that fund. The revenues that are generated from the sale of those items goes into that fund as well.

Commissioner McClure stated that the County received a letter from Irene asking for information on the Riverside Pavillion project and he explained that is a City of La Grande project so if there are questions she has the City should be able to answer them.

#### Court Order Correcting Legal Description

Court Order 2012-26, In the Matter of Correcting Legal Description in Court Order 2012-08, was presented for consideration. Scott Hartell, Associate Planner, explained that this Court Order would make changes to the legal description provided in Court Order 2012-08. The legal description was 105 feet short so this Court Order would rectify that. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Court Order 2012-26 as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Fund Exchange Agreement Amendment 1

Doug Wright, Public Works Director, brought Amendment 1 of the 2011 Fund Exchange Agreement to the Commissioners for consideration. He explained that the funds are being exchanged from Federal funds for State funds to the Oregon Department of Transportation. Within the first agreement there is a paragraph that allows the County to purchase equipment with the funds. He is recommending the agreement be amended to purchase a walk and roll compacter. That piece of equipment would hook on behind a motor grader and while the operator is grading the road it will do some compaction. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Amendment 1 of the 2011 Fund Exchange Agreement. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Surplus Items

Doug Wright explained that he would like to surplus some equipment and vehicles owned by the County that are located out at the Public Works Department yard. There are pieces of equipment that are no longer being used. There is a varying degree of maintenance that is needed that would not be worth the cost.

**Commissioner McClure moved approval of the surplus items as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda

**The April 26, 30 and May 3 and 10 claims journals; the April 27 and May 2 and 9 Public Works claims journals; were approved as presented on the consent agenda.**

Unanticipated Funds Court Order

Court Order 2012-25, In the Matter of Appropriating Unanticipated Funds, was presented to the Commissioners for their consideration. Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained that this Court Order would allow acceptance of funds for the Cultural Resources Survey to be done on MERA into the current year as well as an expenditure of that amount. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2012-25 as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Department of Agriculture Lease Extension Building

Shelley brought a lease agreement between the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Union County 4-H and Extension Service District to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that this is a lease for 140 sq. ft. of office space in the Ag Services Building for a two year period. The payment is \$178.50 a month that would go to the Extension District. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of the lease agreement as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

FY 2011-12 Audit Agreement

Shelley brought the FY 2011-12 Audit Agreement for the performance of the Union County audit to the Commissioners for consideration. She stated that the agreement outlines the services that will be provided which include the audit in compliance with requirements for both State and Federal grants and the budget law. The cost for this Fiscal Year audit will be \$33,960. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of the FY 2011-12 Audit Agreement as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

FY 2011-12 Solid Waste Audit Agreement

Shelley brought the FY 2011-12 Solid Waste Audit Agreement to the Commissioners for consideration. This agreement would be for the solid waste district because it is a separate district. The fee is \$2,265. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of the FY 2011-12 Solid Waste Audit Agreement as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

AFSCME Contract Amendment

Shelley brought the AFSCME Union Contract to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that the Union has accepted the tentative agreement that was negotiated. They have signed the agreement. The agreement that was in place for July 1, 2009 and expired June 30, 2012 has been extended for one year and there was one amendment to the language for insurance. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the AFSCME Contract Agreement as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Second Reading – Ordinance 2012-01

Ordinance 2012-01, In the Matter of Amending Article 23.00 Land Use Regulation and Land Use Plan Amendments of the Union County Zoning, Partition & Subdivision Ordinance, was presented for consideration. Scott Hartell, Associate Planner, explained that this is the second reading of Ordinance 2012-01 and this Ordinance would change the Land Use Zoning Ordinance to allow the County to put changes within State law administrative rule or revised statute without going through public hearings. The County is required to implement them at the County level. Since it is something that is required to implement it would be a smoother process to be able to amend the zoning ordinance without public hearing because there is nothing anyone can say to change the situation.

Commissioner McClure stated that there are some concerns in the community that these changes are being made and people are not aware of them. He would like to sit down with the Planning Department and talk about the Planning Commission agenda and discuss putting an item on the agenda that specifically talks about the changes that are occurring on a Statewide basis.

**Commissioner McClure moved approval of Ordinance 2012-01 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Roll Call: Commissioner Davidson – No, Commissioner McClure – Yes, and Commissioner Rosholt – Yes. Motion passed.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm  
Sr. Dept. Specialist II