Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 15, 2012

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

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

Fox Hill Road
Danny Webster, 62018 Fox Hill, La Grande, stated that he is concerned about the MERA park and Fox Hill Road. He explained that he has been to a few MERA meetings but nothing is being done on the dangers of Fox Hill Road. He is tired of the wrecks on the road. The road is marked at a 17% grade but he believes it is 21% grade. People ride ATVs on the MERA property and there is a fatigue factor when they come down from the park. He feels the park is a good thing but the road is dangerous and needs to be fixed. He thinks they can put a switchback in it and it would take the high grade out of it. He doesn't want them to put the motor cross track in until the road is taken care of.

Non-Partisan Position
Terry Edvalson, 700 H Avenue, La Grande, explained that he is representing the "citizens for good Union County government" which is a non-partisan group of Union County voters independent of any political party or other organization sponsorship or interest. The Group's goal is to make all Union County elected officials non-partisan so all registered voters have an opportunity to vote for the candidates. The first strategy is to give the current Board of Commissioners the opportunity to pass an Ordinance putting the question of election of County Commissioners on a non-partisan basis before the voters this November. If that is unsuccessful the second strategy is that the group will undertake the process of sponsoring a ballot measure to put the question before the voters in the primary election in 2014. They have an ongoing survey which will confirm the level of support for the issue. The preliminary response demonstrates strong agreement that opening the election process is rational and will provide all citizens a sense that their voting does make a difference. It will increase confidence in local government and will help avoid unhealthy partisan conflict in local government policy decisions. He explained that he will have a final report on their survey by the next Commission Meeting in September.

Solar Hot Water Heater Program
Mike Snow, Wallowa Union Federal Credit Union, 3 Depot St., La Grande and Bridget, Oregon Rural Action, stated that there has not been very much participation in the loan process for the solar hot water heater program. The Board of Directors at the Credit Union agreed to increase the total dollar amount

for each loan to make it easier for the members to participate in the program. Mike wanted to make sure the Commissioners agreed to the increase from $4000 to up to $6300.

Commissioner McClure thought that it was important to have a responsible financial institution overseeing the loans. He has no problem with the increase of the amount for the loans.

Commissioner Rosholt thought that it was good to have more involvement in the program by making it more affordable for people. Commissioner Davidson agreed.

Bridget explained that there have been 7 installations to date and no one took advantage of the loan for those installations. There have been 30 site assessments and the number one reason that they have not purchased the equipment is finances.

Shrine BBQ
Donna Patterson thanked the Commissioners for the donation to the east-west shrine BBQ and encouraged the Commissioners to come to the BBQ next year. She explained that it was more successful this year than in past years and is very important to the players to have past players come to talk to the current players and encourage them.

Karpel Contract
Kathie Powell, Computer Services Director, brought a contract with Karpel to the Commissioners for approval. She explained that this is a hosted system that would take away a server and a program that is no longer supported by anyone. She stated that this program is from a company that has been investigated and she talked to another County who has been using this program and it works well for them.

Commissioner Rosholt asked if the system will be up and running and everyone trained within 60 days. She said that is the hope. The training will be both local and through webinars.

Commissioner McClure asked about the infrastructure. She explained that she has a meeting with Jeff Cruse from EONI and will discuss the short term and long term fixes.

Kathie stated that she has had discussions with Malheur County. The District Attorney’s office and Kathie went to Malheur County to view the new system and see how it works for them. They are paperless and can pull up documents and print documents right in Court and not have to do it at a later date.

Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the Karpel contract as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Airport Filter Quote
Doug Wright, Public Works Director, brought filter quotes to the Commissioners for consideration. He explained that the Airport is required to change out their filters on the tank and the trucks annually. They obtained four quotes for filters. The low bid is from Fluid Control Company from Boise, ID for the filters and Gary Jones, Grande Ronde Petroleum, would install the filters. He is recommending to accept the low bid for $7,336.88. **Commissioner McClure moved to award to the lowest bidder as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Hot Mixed Asphalt Pavement Bids
Doug Wright brought bids for hot mixed asphalt concrete pavement class b and class c to the Commissioners for consideration. He explained that he requested bids for 500 tons of the product to do patchwork prior to chip sealing. The low bid is High Desert Aggregate at $78 per ton. **Commissioner Davidson moved to award the bid to the lowest bidder as recommended. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

1”- Rock Bids
Doug brought 1”- rock bids to the Commissioners for consideration. He explained that he requested bids for the material to be hauled on an “as needed” basis. Three bids were returned and the low bid was R.D. Mac at $4.50 per ton. He is recommending awarding the bid to R.D. Mac. **Commissioner McClure moved to award to the low bidder as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda
The March 15 and 22 claims journals; the March 14 Public Works claims journals; were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

Solid Waste Refuse Collection Franchise Agreement Renewal
Resolution 2012-10, In the Matter of Replacing Union County Solid Waste Service District Refuse Collection Franchise Agreements & Fees, and Repealing Resolution 2001-18, was presented for consideration. Hanley Jenkins, Planning Director, explained that the Solid Waste District was formed in April of 1976 and the first franchise Ordinance established the first requirements for franchise collection and disposal. It required that the District adopt the collection rates that are set for the franchise haulers. The County is currently divided into two geographic areas. There is also currently a $25 fee per truck per year to be collected by the District for the franchise. The Resolution that is being presented to the Commissioners does not suggest any increase in fees. **Commissioner**

McClure moved approval of Resolution 2012-10 as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

USDA Wildlife Services Agreement
Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the USDA Wildlife Services Agreement between Union County and the USDA Wildlife Services office to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that this is a work plan and a financial plan for wildlife services preformed within Union County. The budget committee approved funding to renew the predator control program. This agreement identifies the goals and plans of action for the wildlife services.

Commissioner Davidson asked if the funds include the contribution from the cooperating agencies. Shelley stated that it does include those funds.

Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the USDA Wildlife Services Agreement as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Title III Funding Applications
Shelley Burgess brought a Title III Application before the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that this is an application that falls under the original Title III funds that have been received and are within the County budget. The funds that the County has been utilizing are the second and third round of funding because there are expirations on those sources of funding. There was 45 days notice of consideration of the application given and there were no comments received. The application is for updating the rural addressing posts within the County. This project would be done in cooperation with the Rural Fire Districts. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of the Title III funding application as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

National Forest Payment Resolution
Resolution 2012-11, In the Matter of the FFY 2012 Elections for National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess explained that this would accept the SRS funding that was extended for one year. It also shows the designations for the funding. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Resolution 2012-11 as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Wolf Depredation Compensation Plan
Shelley Burgess brought the Wolf Depredation Compensation Plan to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that this is a result from HB 3560 which was adopted to establish such a program under the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The County received a grant for $9,000 under the category for compensation of the cost of livestock management techniques or

non-lethal wolf deterrent techniques designed to limit wolf/livestock interactions and discourage wolf depredation of livestock. In order to be able to distribute those funds to any approved applications the plan needs approved.

Commissioner Davidson explained that if any depredation occurs the County will apply for reimbursement in the next funding cycle.

Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the Wolf Depredation Compensation Plan as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session
The meeting went into an executive session under ORS 192.660(1)(d)

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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