

Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 30, 2014

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

Chairman McClure opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. with all three Commissioners present.

FY 2014-15 Union County 4-H & Extension District Budget Hearing
Resolution 2014-09, In the Matter of Adopting the Budget, Appropriating Funds Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Categorizing Taxes, for the Union County 4-H & Extension Service District for the Fiscal Year 2014-15, was presented for consideration.

Commissioner McClure opened the public hearing for testimony. There was no testimony received. The hearing was then closed.

Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of Resolution 2014-09 as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Sharon Evoy, 204 Spring, La Grande, asked what it would take to move the site for the courthouse and what would it take to go to plan B.

Jeri Watson, 1906 Foley, La Grande, stated that she is concerned. She explained that she moved here because people take care of others here. She feels that there is a great pressure because of the grant money that is available but money itself is amoral. It is up to humans to decide to use the money in a moral way. How can it be a moral way to use money and how can justice be served when we put the most victimized women and children at risk of a less secure situation than they have now. She remembers when the Shelter was in the basement of the old courthouse. She remembers when things were in the newspaper about what a woman was doing after dark by herself anyway. There are that faction of people here that really don't understand that women are half of the population that is under represented. She was not born a feminist, she is a humanist. She grew up in a conservative household. Her father was a police officer who was the head of Juvenile. She taught in public schools all her career and she knows what happens to children. She knows what happens to women and she knows what happens to children who see their mothers beaten up. Ownership of property gets you certain legal right but legal rights aren't always what is just and right. She doesn't believe that when the money was spent by tax payers to provide a shelter that they ever dreamed that the County would decide to dismantle that shelter. It is tax money. How can the tax money that was given for that purpose be used for a different purpose. She has been in the court rooms and knows that victims have to sit right behind the supporters of the perpetrators. She knows it is a terrible situation but she can't believe that this is the way

to go even if it requires reapplying for grants. It seems like a very wrong way to go about doing this.

Commissioner Davidson wanted to clarify that the building in question is not the shelter building where victims are housed. It is offices and not the actual shelter.

FY 2014-15 Union County Budget Hearing

Resolution 2014-08, In the Matter of Adopting the Budget, Appropriating Funds Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Categorizing Taxes, for Union County for the Fiscal Year 2014-15, was presented for consideration.

Commissioner McClure opened the public hearing for testimony. There was no testimony received. The hearing was then closed.

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained that the total budget is \$32,430,999. The tax rate to be imposed on taxable property within Union County is 2.9668 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The total rate is within the general government limitation.

Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Resolution 2014-08 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FY 2014-15 Union County Solid Waste District Budget Hearing

Resolution 2014-07, In the Matter of Adopting the Union County Solid Waste District Budget 2014-15, was presented for consideration.

The Hearing was closed with no testimony received.

Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of Resolution 2014-07 as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

The June 3, 5, 12 and 19 claims journals; and the June 5, 11 and 18 Public Works claims journals; and April 16 and May 7 Board of Commissioner minutes were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

Unanticipated Funds Court Order

Court Order 2014-32, In the Matter of Appropriating Unanticipated Funds, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess explained that this Court Order would appropriate unanticipated funds into the 2013/14 budget. These funds came to the County from Oregon Department of Education for programs for children and youth. It was initially anticipated that the funds would go to an Early Learning HUB.
Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2014-32 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Unanticipated Funds Court Order

Court Order 2014-35, In the Matter of Appropriating Unanticipated Funds, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess explained that these funds come to the County from the Oregon Department of Transportation Public Transit Division. The Commissioners approved new applications throughout the year under the Special Transportation Fund because the legislature increased the funding twice. The County needs to increase the appropriation in the current budget by \$25,000 in order to accept and distribute those funds. **Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of Court Order 2014-35 as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Court Order Transferring Appropriated Funds

Court Order 2014-34, In the Matter of Transferring Appropriated Funds, was presented for consideration. Shelley explained that this is done each year at the end of the fiscal year to transfer authorized appropriations to make sure that all funds are within approved appropriations at the end of the fiscal year. Many are transferring categories within the same fund. **Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of Court Order 2014-34 as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Healthy Start Program

Shelley brought an amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement #9766 with the State of Oregon to the Commissioners for consideration. Shelley explained that Union County contracts with the Umatilla-Morrow Head Start for the Healthy Start Program. The County received notification that since the HUBs are not in place in all counties at this time the State is requesting that the County receive the funding for the Healthy Start Program for the upcoming fiscal year and contract for the entire fiscal year for that program. It would increase the funding from \$62,639 general fund and \$496 federal funds to \$139,952 general fund and \$992 federal funds and extend it through June 30, 2015. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Amendment A-3 to Intergovernmental Agreement #9766 with the State of Oregon as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Livestock District Annexation

Court Order 2014-33, In the Matter of Annexing Land Into Union County Livestock District #1, was presented for consideration. Hanley Jenkins II, Planning Director, explained that they received an application to annex 240 acres into the Union County Livestock District #1. They received the petition on May 8th. They have 100% of the land owners that have signed the petition for the annexation. The Commissioners adopted a Court Order on May 21st to initiate the Livestock District Annexation procedures. The Planning Department provided the notice in the newspaper and adjacent land owners on June 16th and 23rd. At this hearing the Commissioners will consider the annexation.

Commissioner McClure opened the public hearing. With no testimony received he closed the hearing.

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**Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2014-33 as presented.
Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm
Sr. Dept. Specialist II