

Board of Commissioners Meeting  
July 16, 2014

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

Chairman McClure opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with all three Commissioners present.

Partition Platt

Rick Robinson, Bagett, Griffith and Blackman, brought a Partition Platt to the Commissioners for consideration. He explained that the purpose of the partition is to separate a small house parcel away from the Agricultural land parcel on Sandridge Road. Since it borders Sandridge Road Planning requires that the right of way be re-dedicated. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the Partition Platt as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Airport Building Lease Agreement

Doug Wright, Public Works Director, brought an Airport Building Lease to the Commissioners for consideration. He explained that this would update Valley Air's Lease Agreement for a 10 year lease of office space for \$50 a month.

Commissioner Rosholt asked if there is anything in the Lease for an increase through the years. Doug stated that it can be revisited if the Commissioners would like. He explained that the Airport is going through the Master Plan update and are going to take a look at the lease agreements by doing comparables with other airports throughout the region. He stated that the County could shorten the timeframe on the lease.

Commissioner McClure explained that the County is in the process of doing a Master Plan for the Airport and one of the grant assurances the County has to give FAA is that they are charging commercial rates for the property. He thinks it is important to go through the process to determine what those rates are. He suggested giving an interim extension on the lease until the Master Plan project is finished. He would like to give a one year extension to the existing lease with the understanding that when the Master Plan is through there will be a discussion on lease rates.

Commissioner Davidson feels that the 10 year lease is not appropriate at this time. He would support an interim lease. Doug explained that the planning process would take 14-18 months.

Commissioner McClure doesn't want the leasee to think that they don't approve what he is doing at the Airport, but he does feel that commercial rates need to be charged.

Commissioner Davidson explained that if the Plan update will not be done within a year then it should be a two year extension.

**Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of a two year extension on the existing lease with Valley Air (Jesse Bliss). Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda

**The June 26 and July 3 claims journals fiscal year 2013-14; and July 3 claims journals fiscal year 2014-15; and the June 25 Public Works claims journals; and May 21 Board of Commissioner minutes were approved as presented on the consent agenda.**

Cancellation of Uncollectable Taxes

Court Order 2014-39, In the Matter of Cancellation of Uncollectable Personal Property Taxes, was presented for consideration. This Court Order would cancel the property taxes presented for cancellation. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2014-39 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment to Northeast Oregon Housing Authority

Court Order 2014-36, In the Matter of Appointment to the Northeast Oregon Housing Authority Board of Directors, was presented for consideration. This Court Order would appoint Commissioner William Rosholt to the Northeast Oregon Housing Authority. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2014-36 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment to Wallowa Union Railroad Authority

Court Order 2014-37, In the Matter of Re-Appointing Members to the Wallowa-Union Railroad Authority, was presented for consideration. This Court Order would re-appoint Gene Hardy and Commissioner Mark Davidson to the Wallowa-Union Railroad Authority. **Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of Court Order 2014-37 as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment to Farm Advisory Board

Court Order 2014-38, In the Matter of Appointment to the Union County Farm Advisory Board, was presented for consideration. This Court Order would re-appoint Pete Nilsson to the Farm Advisory Board. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2014-38 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Environmental Health Services Fee Schedule

Resolution 2014-10, In the Matter of a Resolution Adjusting Fees for the Union County Public Health Authority Environmental Health Licensing, was presented for consideration. Rico Weber, Center for Human Development, 2301 Cove Ave, La Grande, explained that they are requesting an increase in the Environmental Health Service fees. The last increase happened in 2007. The fee increase is necessary due to

increased cost primarily in payroll and travel. The increase is 4.3% and falls within the parameters of ORS 624.490 and 624.510. The fees are slightly higher than the fees charged by Baker County but lower than the fees charged by Umatilla County.

Commissioner Rosholt asked when Baker County raised their rates the last time. Rico explained it was July 1, 2013.

Ryan Zastrow, Environmental Health Specialist for Center for Human Development, 2301 Cove Ave, La Grande, explained that the Baker County Environmental Health is a joint force for Baker and Malheur counties and are based out of Vale, Oregon.

**Commissioner Rosholt moved to accept the recommendation to increase the 2014/15 Health Services fee schedule. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of Resolution 2014-10 as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Executive Session

An executive session was held under ORS 192.660(h) for pending litigation.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm  
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