

Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 6, 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.

Public Comments

Proposed Signal on McAlister

Doug Wright, Public Works Director, came to the Commissioners to give an update on the traffic signal project on Hwy 30 and McAlister. He explained that the money from this project is coming from ODOT safety and ODOT Rail Division money. This is one of the high priorities for ODOT Rail and Union Pacific Railroad. This is a State project so there is no County money invested in the project. In the project there will be a portion of McAlister that will be realigned which will effect Tom Bowman's property. Doug stated that ODOT is including sidewalks in this project. There is also an island for pedestrians to get across the road. He was not in favor of sidewalks because of the maintenance. ODOT has a mandate that any time a signal goes in around railroads the pedestrian component is added to the project. Doug explained that one concern that Tom has is when the new alignment and intersection is put into place more water would come onto his property. ODOT has it set up to have a ditch that would drain the water South and then come back to the culvert to take across the road. Doug talked to Ken Patterson from ODOT about the water and that Tom is requesting a culvert to keep some of the water onto ODOT property. Ken stated that ODOT would plan on putting an 18 inch culvert underneath the road. This is a signal project and is not a project to address all of the drainage on Highway 30.

Tom Bowman, 60388 McAlister, La Grande, stated that he feels the State needs to put a bigger culvert in and eventually put culverts in along the Highway. His land will flood even more than it does now.

Boardman to Hemmingway Line

Jeffrey Maffuccio, P.O. Box 70, Boise, ID, gave an update on the Boardman to Hemmingway project. He does not anticipate any changes to the current plan in Union County.

Lease Agreement

Postponed to next meeting

MERA Fencing Adjustment

Sean Chambers, Parks Coordinator, came to the Commissioners to discuss a fencing adjustment on MERA. He explained that the County received notice from Brad Hayes a

neighbor of MERA pointing out that the fence line is off the property line by several feet. Sean explained that he has not seen it in person and attempted to contact Brad to view the site and come to a clear understanding of what he is looking at. Brad is asking for acknowledgment of the fence line being off. Sean would like to see the fence line and boundary line before he recommends moving in any direction or making any decision.

Commissioner McClure explained that the Commissioners received a letter requesting the County sign to acknowledge that the fence line is off. He is not comfortable with that until Sean investigated it and then they can go from there. They need confirmation of the fence line error before they can acknowledge it.

Consent Agenda

The July 10, 17 and 24 claims journals fiscal year 2013-14; and July 10, 17, 23 and 24 claims journals fiscal year 2014-15; and the July 9, 16 and 23 Public Works claims journals fiscal year 2013-14; and the July 23 Public Works claims journals fiscal year 2014-15 were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

UCLEA Labor Union Contract

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, brought the UCLEA Labor Union Contract to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that this contract is similar to the previous contract. She provided the Commissioners with a summary of the changes to the existing agreement. **Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of the UCLEA Labor Union Contract as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment to the Ambulance District Advisory Committee

Court Order 2014-40, In the Matter of Appointment to the Ambulance Advisory Committee, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess explained that this Court Order would reappoint Scott Abernathy and appoint Debra Hanson as the at-large representative on the Ambulance Advisory Committee. **Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of Court Order 2014-40 as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

CDBG Intergovernmental Agreement

Shelley Burgess brought a CDBG Intergovernmental Agreement to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that this agreement is between Baker, Union and Wallowa counties. It is regarding the Oregon Business Development Department and the Community Development Block Grant funds. It is the microenterprise assistance program that the County has been partners with the neighboring counties on for a while. For a few years Union County was the lead County that received and administered the grant. This year Baker will take the role as lead County. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the CDBG Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution Designating Local Workforce Investment Area

Resolution 2014-11, In the Matter of Supporting the Designation of a New Local Workforce Investment Area Including: Union, Malheur, Grant, Wallowa, Harney, Baker, Umatilla and Morrow Counties, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess explained that this Court Order seeks the formation of the local workforce investment board. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Resolution 2014-11 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Blue Mountain Plan Revision

Resolution 2014-12, In the Matter of the Blue Mountains National Forests Proposed Revised Land Management Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess explained that the comment period for the Plan Revision ends on August 15th. In order for the County to submit comments the Commissioners need to do so before that time. This Resolution along with a letter would be submitted to the Forest Service for comments. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Resolution 2014-12 and accompanying comments as amended to submit to the Forest Service. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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