

**Union County Board of Commissioners
Special Session
December 22, 2014**

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

Call to Order & Flag Salute

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three Commissioners present. The pledge of allegiance was given.

Executive Session

Executive Session was held pursuant to ORS 192.660(h) Pending Litigation. Legal Counsel Brent Smith was in attendance.

Approval of Agreement with Shelter From the Storm

Following Executive Session, regular session was resumed. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the Settlement Agreement and Mutual General Release between the Shelter From the Storm and Union County. Commissioner Rosholt seconded.**

Commissioner Davidson stated that he and Administrative Officer Shelley Burgess had been meeting with representatives of the Board of Directors from Shelter From the Storm for several months trying to reach an agreement on them accepting the county's offers of help to relocate their operations and we have arrived at such an agreement. He stated he believes it is mutually beneficial to both the Shelter and the County and the community as a whole that they are going to refocus on their mission of providing services to sexual assault and domestic violence victims and move forward with a relocation. The County will supply them with funds to help with that relocation which are in an amount that the County would have expended, in his opinion, if they had accepted the County's original offer of assistance for temporary location and a permanent move into the Joseph Building. He is pleased that the parties have been able to arrive at a mutually beneficial position.

Commissioner Rosholt stated that he applauded Commissioner Davidson and Shelley's work on this. He noted that he and Shelley also met with the Board of Directors and staff previously and feels that if some God given common sense had been used in this procedure, it would have been done a long time ago.

Commissioner McClure stated that he would absolutely concur. He also concurred with what Commissioner Davidson stated. In his opinion, with what the County had to deal with this is part of the cost of doing the project. With the parameters that were given with the \$2 million, he believes the County did the best it could do. The Commissioners were not in ultimate control, but he does agree with Judge Dretke's position that if you are going to do something like this that is long term that you should certainly do it as right as possible or regret it later. That does not

mean that the Shelter is not important to Union County or that the County would not support them. As difficult as this has been, he believes the proper outcome has been reached for the community.

Commissioner Rosholt stated that he believes this Agreement is just following through with a commitment that was made to the Shelter From the Storm, January 15, 2014, that the County would help them relocate.

Commissioner McClure stated that he agreed and that is a very important point. Even as contentious as the matter became all summer long, the County maintained the position that help would be provided to the Shelter From the Storm.

Roll call on motion: Commissioner Rosholt – yes, Commissioner Davidson – yes, Commissioner McClure – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Burgess
Administrative Officer