

Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 2, 2011

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

Call To Order

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three Commission members present.

Public Comments

Irene Gilbert, 2310 Adams Ave. La Grande, explained that she came to the Commissioners to talk about the fact that the Commissioners have received three requests for information asking why Hanley Jenkins continues to represent Union County in matters related to Antelope Ridge Wind Farm and why the Commissioners continue to spend public money on that. She read some reasons why she believes Hanley should not be involved in the Antelope Ridge Wind Farm and submitted her reasons and explanations in writing. She suggested to the Commissioners that even though they did not find criminal conduct on the part of Hanley Jenkins the fact is that he erased public records. He had a relationship with Horizon Wind that he did not want the public to be aware of. He is not an appropriate person to represent Union County. If she was in the Commissioners shoes she would look at whether or not the public will want to rehire them at their positions based on relying on someone like Mr. Jenkins. She would be inclined to meet the requests that have been made by the public that they identify another resource to re-evaluate and do an unbiased evaluation of the Antelope Ridge Wind Farm.

Unclaimed Checks

Court Order 2011-50, In the Matter of Transfer of Outstanding Warrants and Checks, was presented for consideration. Donna Marshall, Treasurer/Accounting Manager, explained that this Court Order is required by ORS 98.304. The County has to send the State all of the checks that are unclaimed and two years old. She provided the Commissioners a list of the checks. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2011-50 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

2011-12 Partner Contracts

Tressa Seydel, Assistant Director of Commission on Children and Families, brought the 2011-12 Partner Contracts for the Commission on Children and Families to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that these contracts are extensions primarily for the current service providers. There were some additional funds after the extensions were given. There was an RFP process for the additional funds. There are two new programs whose contracts are also presented for the Commissioners consideration. **Commissioner**

Rosholt moved approval of the 2011-12 CCF partner contracts as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

The October 13 and 20 claims journals; the October 12 and 19 Public Works claims journals; the August 17 and September 7 Board of Commissioners Minutes were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

Amendment to Public Transit STF Agreement

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, brought an amendment to the Oregon Department of Transportation Public Transit STF Agreement to the Commissioners for consideration. This is amendment #1 to agreement 27614. That agreement was for the STF funding that the Commissioners approved for the biennium. After the process was complete the County received notification that the State would make available additional funds under the STO program in the amount of \$30,000. The Commissioners approved the recommendation from the STF Advisory Committee on utilization of those funds. Rather than having two agreements, the State decided to amend the STF agreement to include the STO funding. The amendment increases the funding the County will receive by \$30,000. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Amendment #1 to ODOT Grant Agreement 27614 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Bid Award

Shelley presented a bid award for the front steps to the main Joseph Building to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that she gave the Commissioners the drawings that were utilized when the bids were solicited. There were two bids received. The bids were from Martin's General Construction and Summit Construction. The bids are broken out into sections. One section is for the front entry concrete and the other is for the roof cover. She stated that the bids for the concrete were \$12,395 from Martin's Construction and Summit Construction was \$10,216.87. Summit Construction included handrails in their bid which brought the total bid to \$12,073.87. The bids for the roof were \$14,100 from Martin's Construction and \$5,140 from Summit Construction. Shelley stated that she was not sure if the Commissioners wanted to award both of the bids or just one at this time.

Commissioner Rosholt explained that there was a presentation by Dennis Ferguson, Lead Facilities Worker, on how the County wanted things done. There were seven contractors at the presentation but only two contractors submitted bids. Summit's bid for the roof is significantly lower than Martin's Construction so he felt it would be better to award both of the bids and do the project all at one time.

Commissioner Davidson stated that there appears to be some differences in what is being bid for the roof. Martin's bid is more detailed so it seems that they have expanded the scope of the project. He explained that he is not pleased with the design of the roof. He believes that the Dutch Hip will dump the run off and the snow right at the base of the steps and in his view it will drastically alter the character of the main entrance of the building. He thinks there is a way of building the roof structure so water drains away from the steps and still maintains the character of the building. He can support funding the roof as it is currently designed, but he can support awarding the contract to Summit Construction for the replacement of the steps. **Commissioner Davidson moved to award the bid for the front entry concrete work to Summit Construction in the amount of \$12,073.87. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Rosholt explained that when the construction of the roof was looked at and the design was decided on the idea was to keep it similar to the roofs around the buildings. There are some problems with a flat roof. He stated that they need to figure out a way to get the water not to stand on the flat roof. He is not sure that the roof can be completed any cheaper than \$5,100.

Commissioner Davidson asked if he understood his point about the slope that drops right in front of the end of the steps. When it is raining people will walk through the runoff and when it is snowing and the snow slides off it will pile at the bottom of the steps. The idea behind putting a roof over it and expanding the roof so it covered all of the steps was to reduce maintenance but the runoff will just be concentrated directly in the walkway. He has a design that will maintain the look of a flat roof, have a sloped roof and will drain it off directing the runoff out of the foot path. As he has considered it more he has come up with an idea utilizing something that he has seen at Short Stop on their island roof. There is a pitched roof that drains off to the sides and there is a facade that can be tight to the outer truss on the front and then when it goes around the end it can be spaced out so the runoff goes on the sides. It would leave the impression of a flat roof but it has the functionality of the sloped roof and eliminates any damning and build up but also doesn't have the runoff right on the steps.

Commissioner Rosholt stated that the County can do whatever type of roof needed by redesigning it but it needs to be done because the steps do need a roof over them.

Commissioner McClure suggested tearing down the existing roof, developing a new design and then putting the roof out to bid.

Commissioner Davidson stated that it does make sense to demolish the roof prior to beginning construction of the steps. If not, there will have to be temporary support and work done around that support.

Commissioner McClure asked Shelley if the Commissioners can accept the roof bid and enter into modification with the contractor. Shelley explained that if the Commissioners think that it is similar enough it would be allowable. She is not a building person so she does not know if it would be considered a huge alteration or whether it would be a minor modification. Once a bid is awarded the County can negotiate the contract as long as it is not a significant change.

Commissioner Davidson stated that he does not believe it is a significant change. Commissioner McClure stated that it is still a roof and he only thinks it would be a significant change if it was something other than a roof. The design of the roof is not significant because it is the same type of structure just with a different design.

Commissioner Rosholt moved to award the bid for the Joseph Building entry roof to Summit Construction with modifications. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm
Sr. Dept. Specialist