

**Union County Board of Commissioners  
June 3, 2009**

Present: Commissioner Steve McClure  
Commissioner R. Nellie Hibbert

Absent: Commissioner Mark D. Davidson

Call to Order

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Hibbert and Chairman McClure present.

Public Comments and Concerns

Major Partition Plat

Rick Robinson, surveyor, presented a major partition plat on Fruitdale Lane, to the Commissioners for approval. Every year Valley Rentals partitions 2 parcels off which requires a major partition plat to be filed. The Commissioners approval is needed because a road runs down the middle of them. This plat has already been approved by the City of Island City and the Tax Assessor. **Commissioner Hibbert moved to approve the Major Partition Plat as presented. Chairman McClure seconded. Roll Call: Commissioner Hibbert – yes; Commissioner McClure – yes. Motion approved.**

Elected Official, Department Head & Employee Comments

Community Corrections Plan

Jane DeClue, Director of Union/Wallowa County Community Corrections presented the biennium plan to the Commissioners for approval. This plan is required by the State of Oregon for every Community Corrections program and will cover the time period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. The State of Oregon gives budget figures to County Community Corrections Directors to use when drafting their plan. These figures are subject to change based upon non-approval of the State budget but if it is still under advisement on July 1, the counties can plan on receiving their first allotment of funds based upon last years figures. If the state budget is not approved the counties will need to go back and change their service levels, during which Union/Wallowa County Community Corrections would look at decreasing funding for the work crew leader. Community Corrections will be getting an increase in funds from supervision fees and is still receiving funding from drug court, which will help make up the difference if the State has to cut back on funding.

Ms. DeClue also presented the Intergovernmental Agreement between Union County and the State of Oregon for the Commissioners to review and sign. **Commissioner Hibbert moved to Approve the Intergovernmental**

**Agreement between Union County and the State of Oregon. Chairman McClure seconded. Roll Call: Commissioner Hibbert – yes; Commissioner McClure – yes. Motion carried.**

#### Fireworks Committee

Steve Combs, Fundraising Coordinator for the Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration, requested a \$2,500 donation from the County for the fireworks fund. The Fourth of July Celebration is a free event to the community and is well attended. **Commissioner Hibbert moved to approve a \$2,500 donation to assist the Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration. Chairman McClure seconded. Roll Call: Commissioner Hibbert – yes; Commissioner McClure – yes. Motion carried.**

#### Intergovernmental Agreement

Jim Brougham, Juvenile Director, presented an Intergovernmental Agreement between Union County and Walla Walla County as it pertains to housing juvenile offenders. Currently Union County contracts with Umatilla County for housing of juveniles, but Umatilla County has shut down their juvenile facility. Mr. Brougham has been working with Michael Bates, Juvenile Director for Walla Walla County and they have put together an Intergovernmental Agreement which has been approved by Tim Thompson, Union County District Attorney. Prior to contracting with Walla Walla County, Mr. Brougham explored housing juveniles in Ada County, Idaho and Wasco County, Oregon. Going with Walla Walla County, Washington will be more cost effective and provides a back-up plan where, if needed, juveniles can be housed at Wasco County. **Commissioner Hibbert moved to approve the Contract between Union County and Walla Walla County in Regards to Housing Juveniles. Chairman McClure seconded. Roll call: Commissioner Hibbert – yes; Commissioner McClure – yes. Motion carried.** Mr. Brougham also recommends that if Umatilla County re-opens, Union County continue to contract with Walla Walla County because of the way Union County was informed of Umatilla County's closure.

#### AS400 Quotes

Kathie Powell, Computer Services Manager, received three quotes from IBM vendors for a re-certified AS400. Ms. Powell recommends going with Integrated Information Solutions out of Montana because they are the cheapest and Union County already has a good business relationship with them. Commissioner McClure expressed concern about the amount of money currently left in the budget and if it would cover this purchase. Administrative Officer, Shelley Burgess, has already spoken to Kathie about checking with Integrated Information Solutions to see if Union County can secure this machine and purchase it when the new budget year begins. Ms. Powell confirmed she has already talked to Integrated Information Solutions and confirmed that they will hold the equipment until after July 1, 2009. **Commissioner Hibbert moved approval to purchase a re-certified AS400 from Integrated Information**

**Solutions for \$400. Chairman McClure seconded. Roll call: Commissioner Hibbert – yes; Commissioner McClure - yes. Motion carried.**

Bid Award Recommendation – High Desert Aggregate

Richard Comstock, Public Works Director, presented a recommendation for a bid award to High Desert Aggregate for the Taxiway A&D Project at the Airport. Union County has been selected to receive federal stimulus money in the amount of \$750,000 and has worked with consulting engineers, Precision Approach, to complete this project. The total bid package and additive alternates is contingent upon the amount of funds that is granted to Union County. **Commissioner Hibbert moved to award the Taxiway A&D Project to High Desert Aggregate based upon acceptance of grant. Chairman McClure seconded. Roll call: Commissioner Hibbert – yes; Commissioner McClure – yes. Motion carried.**

Bid Award Recommendation – Elgin T.V. Association

Linda Hill, Assessor/Tax Collector, updated the Commissioners on the Omega Cable asset sale. Omega Cable operated out of North Powder and Cove and is 5 years delinquent on their personal property taxes. A sale on all Omega Cable Assets was held on June 28, 2009. At the initial sale statute states, only bids that cover the cost of taxes, interests, and fees, which equal \$3,684.22, can be accepted. A representative from Elgin T.V. was present but was not willing to pay the full amount for the assets. If there is not a buyer willing to pay the full amount the sale will close and the County will take ownership without any user encumbrances. After ownership is transferred to the County, they can the sell the assets to any interested buyers for an undesignated amount. Elgin T.V. Association Board has offered \$1,000 for all of Omega's assets and is willing to disassemble and haul the equipment away. **Commissioner Hibbert moved to approve the bid from Elgin T.V. Association to purchase the property from Omega Cable Company Equipment that the County has possession of for \$1,000. Chairman McClure seconded. Roll call: Commissioner Hibbert – yes; Commissioner McClure – yes. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

**The May 14 and May 21 claims journals; May 13 and May 21 Public Works claims journals; February 23 commission minutes were approved as presented on the consent agenda.**

Administrative Matters

May Park Ditch Company Dissolution Resolution

Continued to a later date.

Community Dispute Resolution

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Community Dispute Grant Program recommendations for 2009-2011. The commissioners previously

adopted Resolution 2009-06 which notifies the University of Oregon, School of Law of its desire to be a participant in the expenditure of funds for the community dispute resolution programs within Union County. An advertisement requesting proposals for this grant program was ran in the local newspaper as required, with one proposal being submitted. Eastern Oregon Mediation Center submitted a proposal and qualifies for the grant. Ms. Burgess is requesting acceptance of Eastern Oregon Mediation Center's proposal for \$29,014 for the biennium to provide mediation services for Union County. **Commissioner Hibbert moved approval of 2009-2011 Community Dispute Grant Program to Eastern Oregon Mediation Center. Chairman McClure seconded. Roll call: Commissioner Hibbert – yes; Commissioner McClure – yes. Motion carried.**

#### ATV Grant Program Agreement

The Mt. Emily Recreation Area (MERA) ATV Grant #09-08 was presented to the Commissioners for consideration. This grant awards \$29,725 to Union County for the 2009-2010 fiscal year with an in-kind match by Union County for \$17,518.67. These funds will be used for trails and signage development on MERA. **Commissioner Hibbert moved to approve the ATV Grant Program Agreement between the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and Union County. Chairman McClure seconded. Roll call: Commissioner Hibbert – yes; Commissioner McClure – yes. Motion carried.**

The meeting was recessed until the 10:00 a.m. Mt. Emily Recreation Area Timber Harvest report.

#### Mt. Emily Recreation Area (MERA) Timber Harvest

Hanley Jenkins II, Planning Director, introduced Joe Justice and John Warness of Forest Capital and gave a quick overview of the county's role in the MERA Timber Harvest. Union County has been providing information to adjacent land owners and the general public of area closures due to timber operations. Livestock grazing activities will still continue in conjunction with the timber management.

John Warness and Joe Justice, Forest Capital Representatives, informed the Commissioners that timber operations should begin June 22, 2009 on Fox Hill. This is the largest area and will hopefully be completed around the start of August. Forest Capital is expecting approximately 20 to 30 loads of logs hauled off of MERA a day from the Fox Hill area. The logging will be conducted Monday thru Friday from daylight to dark. Because the logging equipment will be left on site they will have someone patrolling the area. After finishing the Fox Hill section, that same contractor will begin on the face section. On July 15, another logger will come in and begin the Baxe and Trail areas, closing off the majority of the face of Mt. Emily. The approximate finish date for the timber operation is September 15, 2009. Forest Capital is in discussions with Oregon Department of Forestry, exploring options to remove slash piles, besides burning. Forest

Capital will be working in conjunction with Union County Road Department in regards to posting road closure signs during the week when the loggers are operating. These signs will be removed on the weekends.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held under ORS 192.660(1)(d) Labor Negotiations.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kylee J. Ingerson  
Department Specialist