

Union County Board of Commissioners
August 29, 2018

Present: Commissioner Steve McClure
Commissioner Jack Howard
Commissioner Donna Beverage, Chair

Commissioner Beverage opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given with all three Commissioners present.

Public Comments

Union County Fire Defense Board

Larry Wooldridge, Union County Fire Defense Board Chief, presented the Release of Complete Burn Ban.

The Union County Defense Board is requesting to release the complete burn ban. With the cooler weather and a return of resources to the area, with a return to regulated closures, as stated in Union County Ordinance 2018-01.

**Commissioner McClure moved approval of the Release of the Burn Ban.
Commissioner Howard seconded.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Elected Official, Department Head & Employee Comments

2018-19 VOCA Expansion Grant

Valerie Schlichting, Victims Assistance Program Director, presented the grant expansion proposal to the Commissioners.

The total amount of the grant expansion is \$13,600. The expansion will cover Emergency Legal Services for victims in the amount of \$12,000 for the 2 year cycle. The remaining \$1,600 will be for Emergency Services for victims of crime.

**Commissioner McClure moved approval of 2018-2019 VOCA Expansion Grant.
Commissioner Howard seconded.**

Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner McClure moved approval of the August 9, 15, 16, 18, 22 & 23 Claims Journals. Meeting minutes from the August 15, 2018 Commissioners meeting as presented on the consent agenda. Commissioner Howard seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Housing Rehabilitation Grant – Sub Grantee Agreement

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Housing Rehabilitation Sub Grantee Agreement to the Commissioners.

The sub-grant agreement is between Union County and Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, Inc. (CCNO).

Union County was successful in obtaining the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) earlier this year for the Housing Rehabilitation Program. As part of the process Union County sub-contracts with CCNO to implement the program.

Commissioner McClure moved approval of the Sub-Grantee Agreement between Union County and CCNO. Commissioner Howard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PILT Lawsuit

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented and provided the lawsuit information to the Commissioners.

Union County has received inquiries from the attorneys who are representing many counties in a federal lawsuit regarding PILT. The deadline to opt in is September 14, 2018.

Currently there are 29 Oregon counties opted in to the PILT Lawsuit from Baker County to Wheeler County.

Commissioner McClure moved approval of opting in to the PILT lawsuit. Commissioner Howard seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

With authorization from the Commissioners, Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, will take the steps to opt Union County in to the PILT Lawsuit.

Next Commissioner's Meeting

The next regular Commission meeting will be held on September 12, 2018.

Adjournment

Commissioner Beverage adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Rhyner
Senior Department Specialist