

Union County Board of Commissioners
Joseph Building Annex Conference Room
Regular Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Present: Commissioner Paul Anderes, Chair
Commissioner Donna Beverage
Commissioner R. Matthew Scarfo

Commissioner Anderes opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given with all three Commissioners present.

PUBLIC HEARING: 4-H & Extension Service District Budget FY 2020-21

Staff Report

On behalf of Robin Maille, OSU Extension Service and Natalie Kinion, Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer presented the 4-H & Extension Service District budget staff report to the Commissioners.

The proposed budget was approved for publication by the budget committee on June 10, 2020. The appropriate information was advertised in the Observer indicating the budget in the total amount of \$638,752 would be considered in a Public Hearing for adoption and appropriation.

There are no changes to the proposed budget at this time.

Public Testimony

There were no public comments at this time.

Commissioner Scarfo moved approval of Resolution 2020-11-A; In the Matter of Adopting 4-H & Extension Service District budget for FY 2020-21. Commissioner Beverage seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Solid Waste District Budget FY 2020-21

Staff Report

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Solid Waste District Budget staff report to the Commissioners.

The Solid Waste budget was reviewed by the budget committee and approved on May 18 & 19, 2020. The total proposed budget is \$848,510. This particular budget does not include levying of taxes since it is supported by revenues generated by services provided.

There are no changes to the proposed budget at this time.

Public Testimony

There were no public comments at this time.

Commissioner Beverage moved approval of Resolution 2020-12 Adopting the Solid Waste District Budget for FY 2020-21. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: Union County Budget FY 2020-21

Staff Report

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer presented the Union County budget staff report to the Commissioners.

A summary of the budget that was approved by the Budget Committee on May 19, 2020, was published in the La Grande Observer on June 6 and posted on the Union County website with a notice of the public hearing.

Since the time of the budget committee meeting, additional information has become available which indicates the need to make a few adjustments prior to the final adoption. Local budget law allows changes to be made after publication, prior to adoption up to 10% in any fund. These requested changes all fall within the allowable limit.

The first proposed change is within the General Fund (101) to add new revenue and expense line items in our Special Accounts department in the amount of \$750,000. This is proposed to allow for receipt and expenditure of funds that may be received from the Cares Act in response to COVID-19.

The second proposed change is within the Project Fund (205), to add a new revenue and expense line item in the amount of \$36,000. This would allow for receipt of funds and payment for services in preparation of the socio-economic study. This has to do with Union County serving as the fiscal agent of the Eastern Oregon Counties Association.

The third proposed change is within the Community Corrections fund (240) to add a new revenue line item of \$37,250 for IMPACTS grant funding. Add new revenue and increase personnel services by \$37,250, which would allow for employment of a .6 FTE Peer Support Specialist who will be assigned to the transitional housing sites that Parole & Probation operates.

The fourth proposed change is within the Human Services fund (268) for the same IMPACTS grant in the amount of \$287,700 where the bulk of the grant funds will be expended. There will be quite a bit of contracting with providers for mental health counseling, etc. The purpose of the IMPACTS grant program is to address the shortage of comprehensive community support and services for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders leading to their involvement in the criminal justice systems.

The proposed changes would bring the total Union County budget for FY2020-21 to \$47,851,644.

Public Testimony

There were no public comments at this time.

Commissioner Beverage moved approval of Resolution 2020-13 Adopting the Union County Budget for the FY 2020-21. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, read the public comments submitted to the Commissioners by email.

The first comment was received on June 22nd from Cathy Webb in La Grande regarding COVID-19.

The second comment was received on June 23rd from Margaret Mead regarding a meeting in Prairie City and the Commissioners action on COVID-19.

Kevin Mallory, La Grande, addressed the Commissioners with his concerns regarding the Commissioners response to the Coronavirus outbreak in Union County. He is also upset about the Commissioners traveling to Prairie City.

There were no more public comments.

Elected Official, Department Head & Employee Comments

COVID-19 Update

JB Brock, Emergency Services Manager, addressed the Commissioners with an update regarding the response to COVID-19.

The Incident Management team held a drive thru testing Thursday and Friday which turned out to be very successful. Between Thursday and Friday there were over 600 tests that were conducted. Approximately, 250 results came back on Monday, of those there were 15 positives released in Tuesday June 23rd numbers.

The results are coming in rapidly, which makes it hard to predict new numbers. Currently, there are four different call centers that assist with scheduling tests and taking phone calls for initial testing. The results received from the drive thru testing are encouraging.

Let Them Play Oregon

Commissioner Scarfo addressed the Commissioners with the letter of support addressed to the Governor which was postponed during the last Commission meeting.

Commissioner Scarfo would like to see that the Governor Brown lifts the executive order lockdown to allow kids to play sports this coming school year to maintain their mental health during COVID-19.

Commissioner Beverage moved approval of the Let Them Play Oregon letter of support to Governor Brown. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

21-inch Rule Comment Letter

Commissioner Anderes asked Shelley Burgess to read the comment letter addressed to Shane Jeffries regarding the 21-inch rule related to the Eastside Screens Plan Amendment.

The Forest Service is proposing amendments to the 21" inch rule established under the guidelines commonly referred to as the Eastside Screens. The guidelines and 21-inch rule were developed over 25 years ago with limited engagement. We hope that this process will yield a well-informed amendment that is supported by the majority of the interested public in Eastern Oregon, including those affected by activities on the Umatilla and Wallowa Whitman National Forests.

Current forest conditions are concerning to us and we are supportive of any modification and modernization that will accelerate science-based active management to improve forest health.

Commissioner Scarfo made a motion to approve the Comment Letter addressed to Shane Jeffries regarding the 21-inch rule. Commissioner Beverage seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Cyber Security Services

Jason Fouts, IT Manager, presented the Intergovernmental Agreement to the Commissioners for their consideration. He explained that this agreement will enhance Union County's security and monitoring at no cost to the County.

The agreement is between the State of Oregon Enterprise Information Services, Cyber Security Services, and Union County. The State of Oregon has offered to cover the cost of the security, which can cost up to \$20,000 annually.

The agreement is effective on May 15, 2020 or the date of the last signature for a 12-month period.

Commissioner Scarfo made a motion to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement with Cyber Security Services for a 12-month period. Commissioner Beverage seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Scarfo moved approval of the June 11, 2020 claims journals as presented on the consent agenda as amended. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Resolution 2020-14: Appropriating Unanticipated Funds

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented Resolution 2020-14 to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Unanticipated grant funds from the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division have become available for COVID-19 active monitoring after the adoption of the FY 2019-20 budget.

Total grant funds are in the amount of \$135,548.

Commissioner Beverage moved approval of Resolution 2020-14 in the amount of \$135,548 available for COVID-19 monitoring. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-15: Transferring Appropriated Funds

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented Resolution 2020-15 to the Commissioners for their consideration.

This is the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds.

Mrs. Burgess went over each appropriation transfer with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Scarfo moved approval of Resolution 2020-15 Transferring Appropriated Funds. Commissioner Beverage seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Court Order 2020-18: Appointment to Hospital Facility Authority

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented Court Order 2020-18 to the Commissioners for their consideration.

The term of Wyatt Baum has expired, and he has served the maximum amount of terms allowed under the bylaws.

Eric Valentine has submitted an application expressing interest in serving and has been recommended by the Union County Hospital Authority Board.

His term will expire on April 30, 2023.

Commissioner Beverage moved approval of Court Order 2020-18 Appointing Eric Valentine to the Union County Hospital Facility Authority. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Court Order 2020-19: Appointment to Ambulance Advisory Committee
Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented Court Order 2020-19 to the Commissioners for their consideration.

The term for Deb Stubblefield is due for renewal. She has been an active member of the Union County Ambulance District Advisory Committee and is interested in continuing to serve.

Her term will expire on June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Scarfo moved approval of Court Order 2020-19 Reappointing Deb Stubblefield to the Ambulance Advisory Committee. Commissioner Beverage seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Good of the Order

Commissioner Beverage commented on the difficult times Union County is facing at this time, and the Commissioners care about the outcome of the virus.

Next Commissioners Meeting

The next regular Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 9 AM.

Adjournment

Commissioner Anderes adjourned the meeting at 10:16 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Moore
Senior Department Specialist