

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Joseph Building Annex Conference Room
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 6, 2024

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

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

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no additions made to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Scarfo asked that public comment be limited to two-minutes per comment.

There were no public comments at this time.

Fee Waiver Request

Michael Boquist, City of La Grande Planning Department, addressed the Commissioners with the City of La Grande's Fee Waiver Request for their consideration.

The La Grande City Council is scheduled to meet the evening of March 6, 2024 to adopt an ordinance that repeals, modifies and replaces the City's Comprehensive Plan Ordinance 3255, Series 2022. Once adopted by the city, an application will be filed with the County Planning Department for adoption within the UGB. As a part of the Union County Planning Department application, a fee of \$300 is required. In the past the fee has been waived.

In consideration of the request, Mr. Boquist has had conversations with Union County Planning Director Scott Hartell who supports the fee waiver as the city will provide all necessary copies.

Commissioner Anderes made a motion to approve the Fee Waiver Request from the City of La Grande Planning Department. Commissioner Beverage seconded.

Commissioner Anderes appreciates how well the Union County Planning Department and the City of La Grande Planning Department work together.

Motion carried unanimously.

Imbler FFA

JD Cant, Imbler FFA Advisor, and students introduced themselves to the Commissioners and provided a brief presentation to practice for their upcoming FFA State Competition. The presentation was regarding the history and future of the mint industry in Union County.

Each Commissioner provided feedback on the presentation and thanked them for taking the time to come in and present.

ELECTED OFFICIAL, DEPARTMENT HEAD & EMPLOYEE COMMENTS

There was nothing to report at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Beverage moved approval of the consent agenda which included the February 21 & 27, 2024 claims journals and meeting minutes of February 7 & 14, 2024 as presented.

Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There was nothing to report at this time.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Beverage has been following the legislative session and is happy to see a couple of the bills that have passed.

Commissioner Anderes is happy to see that one of the bills he has been working on the last five years has passed the Senate and hopefully on the desk of the Governor. He expressed his thanks to Senator Findley, and the rest of the crew for their hard work this short session. He also reported on the Veteran's Ski Day at Anthony Lakes last week which was well attended.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 9 AM

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Scarfo adjourned the meeting at 9:41 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Moore
Senior Department Specialist