

Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 23, 2013

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

Chairman Davidson opened the meeting with all three Commissioners present.

Public Comments

Federal Financial Report for DFC

Vicky Brogoitti, Director of Commission on Children and Families, brought the Federal Financial Report for the Drug Free Communities Grant to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that the Commissioners have seen this document at a previous Commission meeting but there was a change that needed to be made on the report. Any match that the drug free communities coalition earns above the required match of \$125,000 can be carried forward to the second year. Union County was selected to continue as the fiscal agent by the Safe Communities Coalition. Match funds are one of the concerns for year two but there is \$20,000 that can be carried forward. The loss of the contribution of the Commission on Children and Families is significant so the \$20,000 carried forward will be helpful. **Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of the Federal Financial Report as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Reallocation of Funds for CCF

Vicky Brogoitti brought a reallocation of professional services funding for the Commission on Children and Families to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that there is a situation where the community youth action project at Training and Employment Consortium is under expending their funds. They issued an expedited RFP process. There were three proposals received. One is the Alternative Education Cycling Program, another is Strengthening Families at the Center for Human Development and the last is the Gay Straight Alliance at La Grande High School. Since the time that the packet was submitted to the Commissioners the program at La Grande High School has explained that they no longer need the funds. She is recommending that the Commission allocate funds to the Center for Human Development and the Alternative Education program. She stated that there is a balance remaining of \$4,150 that will still need to be allocated before the end of June.

Commissioner Rosholt asked why the cycling program feels that they need to take the kids to the Redwoods to ride the bikes. Vicky explained that the ride has been made several times. They could select a ride closer to home but there would have to be more investigation done as to the route and where the stops would be made and where to place people on blind corners or hillsides. Many of the kids have not been outside of Northeastern Oregon and it would be an experience to be able to go to the coast and see the Redwoods. All of the money will be spent in Union County with the exception of renting the campsites. They intend on purchasing their food and gas cards locally.

Commissioner Rosholt explained that the other concern he has is that the kids have this great experience the first year in the program and what will happen in the future with no funds to cover the cost of the trip again. Vicky explained that the group is positive and the Juvenile Department is happy with the results they are seeing. She can't answer his question but she knows they are looking at entering into some regional cycling events and the interest is growing. Commissioner Rosholt explained that everyone that he has talked to is impressed with the program.

Commissioner Davidson asked how many kids they are taking on the trip. Vicky explained that they plan to take 15 kids on the trip but they will be purchasing some new bikes and equipment with the money as well. The trip would cost \$3500 and the rest will be used for equipment needed for the program.

Vicky explained that these are the projects that responded and funds that are not expended will go back to the State. The money is for prevention and are restricted to at risk adolescent youth.

Commissioner Rosholt moved to accept the recommendation of the Union County Commission on Children and Families to fund the Alternative Education Cycling Program for \$7500 and the Strengthening Families Group Sessions at CHD for \$300. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

The March 25, 28 and April 4 claims journals; and the March 27 and April 3 Public Works claims journals; and the February 6 and March 5 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

CAFFA Grant

Resolution 2013-04, In the Matter of a Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Assessment & Taxation Grant, was presented for consideration. Linda Hill, Assessor/Tax Collector, explained that this grant funds a portion of the Assessment and Taxation program. When the Commissioners approve the grant it is approved for the expenditure level for the department so she included her department budget. There are not any significant changes in her budget. Her Personnel Services line item will decrease this year due to new hires coming in at a lower level than the retired employees. She explained that she has budgeted to fill an open position she has in her office but they are not filling it yet. Their office has had a lot of turnover and they are doing a lot of training right now.

Commissioner McClure asked when Linda would fill the position if she felt she needed the position filled. She explained that she would either hire by August or wait until after tax season.

Commissioner McClure asked how the GIS contract with Wallowa County is going for Linda. Linda explained that she is pleased with the work that is being done for her department and she knows the person has made herself available to the other departments that may need GIS services.

Linda explained that the CAFFA Grant also has funds for the Board of Property Tax Appeals, Tax Collection and Distribution, Cartography and Data Processing.

Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of Resolution 2013-04 as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discretionary Grant Recommendation

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, brought the Discretionary Grant recommendation to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that the Discretionary Fund Advisory Committee is recommending that the Commissioners award \$2,500 to the Union County Fair for the Tank Replacement Project. She explained that the Fair Board requested \$3,000 for the project.

Commissioner McClure asked what the project is for. Commissioner Davidson explained that they need to replace the holding tank for the barn.

Commissioner Rosholt moved to award the Union County Fair with \$3000 towards the Tank Replacement Project. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to Vector Control District Board of Directors

Court Order 2013-22, In the Matter of Appointing members to the Union County Vector Control District Board of Directors, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess explained that this Court Order would appoint Shaneen Bergette, Doug Homan, Carrie Lane and Marlene Perkins to the Vector Control District Board of Directors.

Commissioner McClure moved approval of Court Order 2013-22 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to Fair Association Board of Directors

This Court Order was postponed to a future meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm
Sr. Dept. Specialist II