

Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 12, 2013

Present: Commissioner Steve McClure
Commissioner William D. Rosholt

Commissioner McClure opened the Special Session meeting at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioner Rosholt present. Commission Chairman Mark Davidson was absent, as he was attending to County business in Washington D.C. regarding PILT funding and other timber resource related issues.

Commissioner McClure explained the main reason for this special meeting was to review the grant offer from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the overlay project on the airport runway. The federal fiscal year-end is September 30, 2013, so FAA needs an acceptance from Union County so money can be committed prior to year-end.

Administrative Matters

Doug Wright, Public Works Director, explained the county had recently requested bids for the Runway 12-30 Rehabilitation Airport Overlay project. The bid was recently received from High Desert Aggregate & Paving, Inc., and this is a continuation of that bid acceptance process. FAA has presented Union County a grant offer in the amount of \$3,300,450, which needs to be signed and returned by Friday, September 13, 2013. **Commissioner Rosholt moved approval and acceptance of the Federal Aviation Administration grant. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McClure presented a Resolution supporting the Hastings Bill, HR1526, which addresses Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act. The Commissioners have been told that this bill will probably be on the Sunday night schedule for consideration next week by the U.S. House of Representatives. Commissioner McClure stated that he normally does not like to rush items through and would prefer a situation where both proponents and opponents are available to comment. Another option, although a time consuming solution, would be for all parties involved to write individual letters or email comments to the appropriate representatives.

Commissioner McClure supports HR 1526, and has been told the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) currently has a letter of support for this bill circulating for signatures. The AOC has asked for the support of Eastern Oregon Rural Counties, O & C Lands, school administrators and a group of others to support this letter which will be sent on Friday, September 13, 2013 to show Congress the overall support from Oregon for this bill. The passing of Union County Resolution 2013-10 is a way to urge all members of the U.S. House of Representatives to support the passage and implementation of this important

legislation. Commissioner Rosholt stated his understanding is that they would like to read this Resolution on the floor of the House of Representatives. Commissioner McClure confirmed that and stated that this proposed Resolution is wanted for the one-minute speeches during the morning sessions next week. Commissioner Rosholt added that he felt Commissioner Davidson would agree with Commissioner McClure and Commissioner Rosholt on the importance of this Resolution and that time is of the essence. **Commissioner Rosholt moved approval of Resolution 2013-10, In the Matter of a Resolution Supporting H.R. 1526, Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Powers
Department Specialist