

**Union County Board of Commissioners
June 30, 2009**

Present: Commissioner Steve McClure
Commissioner R. Nellie Hibbert
Commissioner Mark D. Davidson

Call to Order

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all three commissioners present.

FY 2009-10 Union County 4-H & Extension District Budget Hearing

The budget hearing for the 4-H & Extension District FY 2009-10 budget was opened. An opportunity for public testimony was offered with none given.

The hearing was then closed to further testimony and the Commissioners took Resolution 2009-17 under advisement. **Commissioner Hibbert moved to approve Resolution 2009-17 In the Matter of Adopting the Budget, Appropriating Funds Levying Ad Valorem, Taxes, and Categorizing Taxes, for the Union County 4-H and Extension Service District for the Fiscal Year 2009-10. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was recessed until the 9:00 a.m. FY 2009-10 Union County Budget Hearing.

FY 2009-10 Union County Budget Hearing

The Union County budget was advertised, as approved by the budget committee, in the newspaper of record along with a notice of the June 30, 2009 hearing. Resolution 2009-15 was presented to the Commissioners for adoption. There were no proposed changes to the budget and only one letter, received from Peggy Brown, asking for the budget to be reviewed.

An opportunity for public testimony was offered with none given.

The hearing was then closed to further testimony and the Commissioners took the matter under advisement. **Commissioner Hibbert moved to approve Resolution 2009-15 In the Matter of Adopting the Budget, Appropriating Funds Levying Ad Valorem Taxes, and Categorizing Taxes, for Union County for the Fiscal Year 2009-10. Commissioner Davidson seconded.** Chairman McClure informed the Board that they could take care of Peggy Brown's request for funding support for the Water and Stream Health Committee through the Resource Development line items in special accounts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

FY 2009-10 Union County Solid Waste District Budget Hearing

Solid Waste District Matters (see separate minutes).

Public Comments & Concerns

No public comments or concerns were presented.

Elected Official, Department Head & Employee Comments

Consent Agenda

The June 11 and June 18 claims journals; June 10 and June 17 public works claims journals were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

Administrative Matters

Airport Fuel Truck Surplus

Richard Comstock, Public Works Director, asked the Commissioners to move to dispose of a 1972 Fuel Truck that is currently at the airport. The fuel truck has two tanks, one of which is rusted, creating a liability risk for the airport.

Commissioner Hibbert moved to approve the county to dispose of the 1972 Airport Fuel Truck as surplus. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Court Order Appropriating Unanticipated Funds

Court Order 2009-27 In the Matter of Appropriating Unanticipated Funds, was presented to the Commissioners for approval. Unanticipated grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 have become available to Union County from the Federal Aviation Administration for a project being conducted at the airport. This project will not officially start until after July 1, 2009 but the preliminary engineering has already been completed. **Commissioner Hibbert moved to approve Court Order 2009-27 In the Matter of Appropriating Unanticipated Funds. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Court Order Transferring Appropriated Funds

Court Order 2009-28 In the Matter of Transferring Appropriated Funds, was presented to the Commissioners for approval. Adjustments need to be made for transferring appropriating funds within the 2008-09 budget. **Commissioner Hibbert moved approval of Court Order 2009-28 In the Matter of Transferring Appropriated Funds. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Engagement Letter Proposal from Seydel, Lewis, Poe, Mueller & Gunderson

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented an engagement letter proposal from Seydel, Lewis, Poe, Mueller & Gunderson to conduct the 2008-2009 audit to the Commissioners for approval. The engagement letter details the process that the auditors will use to conduct the audit in compliance with state and federal regulations. The cost for their services is going to be \$30,950, which is a 4.25% increase over last year. If the county prepares their own financial statement the auditors will negotiate a fee decrease to reflect the savings in time.

Commissioner Davidson moved to authorize the chairman to enter into an agreement letter with Seydel, Lewis, Poe, Mueller & Gunderson. Commissioner Hibbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Extension for Shelter From the Storm Advocacy Center Agreement

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented an extension on the Agreement between the Shelter from the Storm Advocacy Center and Union County. The original agreement was for 5 years and expired in 1998. At that time Union County renewed the agreement for an additional five years, which expired on August 28, 2008. It is important to reflect that the operation of the shelter has continued during the time that the agreement has been expired. Ms. Burgess is proposing to amend the agreement to extend the original terms through August 28, 2010. It's important for that to be completed today for tax exemption purposes. The intent of this extension is to work out the details of a new agreement so the renewal period is longer and to not jeopardize the tax exempt status. After consulting with the tax assessor it is estimated the taxes would total \$4,500 for this tax year. **Commissioner Hibbert moved approval of the agreement extension for the operation of the Shelter from the Storm Advocacy Center. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was recessed until the 10:00 a.m. Vacation of a Portion of Mill Creek Lane Hearing.

Vacation of a Portion of Mill Creek Lane – Hearing

Hanley Jenkins, II, Planning Director, presented the second step in the process of vacating a portion of Mill Creek Lane, as per ORS 368, which was initiated by a bridge replacement project. The vacation will give the land back to Forest Capital who was the original landowner. This vacation was initiated by a petition that was received by Union County on May 18. A notice was sent to the local newspaper for publication on June 9 and June 23, along with letters to all adjacent landowners and Richard Comstock, Public Works Director. Upon Court Order 2009-26 being signed by the Commissioners, Forest Capital will perform a boundary line adjustment with the north half of the existing road going to Cove and the south half staying in Forest Capital's possession.

Chairman McClure opened the hearing to the public for testimony.

An opportunity for public testimony was offered with none given.

The hearing was then closed to further testimony and the Commissioners took the matter under advisement with Chairman McClure suggesting that Court Order 2009-26 be held until the next Board of Commissioners meeting, which is currently scheduled for July 15.

The meeting was recessed until the 10:30 a.m. Baker/Union/Wallowa Coordinated Transit Plan Amendment.

Baker/Union/Wallowa Coordinated Transit Plan Amendment

Brian Cole presented the Amended Baker/Union/Wallowa Coordinated Transit Plan to the Commissioners. The original Transit Plan was created in September, 2007 by Donna Betts. Updating the Transit Plan allows area transit organizations and the three counties to continue to be eligible for public transit funding. Doris Penwell, Association of Oregon Counties representative, informed Mr. Cole in January, 2009, that an updated Transit Plan needed to be created. The original plan was sent to Nelson Nygard Consulting Company, a consulting firm contracted by the State of Oregon, for review and findings of deficiencies. There were two deficiencies found in the original plan. 1.) A lack of broad public involvement providing input into what the public wants from their area public transportation services, 2.) No prioritized process. Mr. Cole and Community Connection addressed these problems by putting a survey in each county's primary newspaper: The Baker City Herald, The Observer, and The Wallowa County Chieftain. They also reviewed information from a series of public hearings. The results were documented and incorporated into the updated plan presented for consideration at this time. **Commissioner Hibbert moved approval of the Amended Baker/Union/Wallowa Coordinated Transit Plan. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kylee J. Ingerson
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