

Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 2, 2011

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

Call To Order

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all three Commission members present.

Scott Stevens, 62817 Buchanan Lane, La Grande, came to the Commissioners to discuss the enforcement of their decision on his appeal hearing on the Fregulia's trucking company. Commissioner Davidson had given him an agreement and he had a question on a section. Section 7 states that "Land use decisions of the City involving the urban growth boundary area shall be appealed to the Union County Court". Scott asked if that meant he needed to take his appeal to the Circuit Court. Commissioner Davidson explained that when the agreement was signed instead of it being a Commission it was a Court with a Judge and two Commissioners.

Scott asked the Commissioners if they were aware of Island City's decision to annex the property. Commissioner McClure asked if they made that decision or if it was just a consideration. Scott explained that as far as he knows they are just considering it at this point. Scott asked if the City does annex the property would it take the Commissioners out of the process completely. Commissioner McClure stated that it would.

He stated that the reason he came to the Commissioners was to ask them to revoke Island City's Intergovernmental Agreement removing them from control of the Island City Urban Growth Boundary. He feels that Island City does not have the best interest of its citizens in mind and have proven that special interests are the driving force behind their decision making. The lack of their residential zoning integrity is an embarrassment to the people of Island City. It is also the inability for the County to enforce. They can continue to side step the Commissions ruling every time and annex the property. They have shown that they reinterpret and redefine their own rules to fit their needs and will go to any means to make sure it happens. He stated that Island City is not following zoning laws and are not following the will of the people as much controversy as there was over the last item. He has spent a lot of money to go through and do things the right way. Island City has decided to go ahead and avoid it and go through the back door to do it anyway. It puts him back to starting over again with his lawyer. Island City is paying the legal bills for the trucking company. They have been backing the trucking company ever since they have been fighting the appeal. He feels that they have handled it incorrectly.

Scott read a letter from David Clemens who was also part of the appeal hearing requesting that the County terminate the Agreement with Island City. He submitted the letter into the record.

Renewable Energy Application

Nella Parks, Oregon Rural Action, and Maxine Hines, 701 D Ave. La Grande, brought a Renewable Energy Application to the Commissioners for consideration. Nella explained that the Renewable Energy Committee is recommending to the commissioners that their grant application for \$5,000 for the Solarizing Union County Project be approved. She explained that this project is modeled after projects that have been done all over the country. She stated that Pendleton is now the most solarized city per capita in the Country. Oregon Rural Action would like to duplicate that success in Union County. This would be a group buy of solar panels and the installation. They would put out an RFP for a certain number of home owners and business owners who would like to put solar thermal panels which are the hot water panels on their homes. By doing a group and guaranteeing a certain number of homes they can leverage that by reducing cost. In Pendleton that reduced cost by 80%. Oregon Rural Action received an Americorp participant who will be working on the first phase of this project and within a year be ready to start implementing it. They think that more people will be able to participate with the solar thermal panels since they are less expensive than electric solar panels. The \$5,000 will be used to cover part of the Americorp participant that will be used for this project. **Commissioner Davidson moved to approve the grant request from Oregon Rural Action for \$5,000 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

CCF Workload Adjustment

Vicky Brogoitti, Director of Commission on Children and Families, gave the Commissioners a review of what changes will be made to the workload of the County CCF staff. She explained that once they received the news of the cuts that will be handed down from the State the staff made some decisions about what changes they will make to modify their workload and be within the reduced budget.

Consent Agenda

The July 14, 21 and 28 claims journals for fiscal year 2011-12; the July 12, 14, 21 and 28 claims journals for fiscal year 2010-11; the July 20 and 28 Public Works claims journals for fiscal year 2011-12; and the July 13, 20 and 28 Public Works claims journals for fiscal year 2010-11 were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

OSU Proclamation

Proclamation 2011-01, In the Matter of a Proclamation Declaring the Year 2011 as the 100th Anniversary of Oregon State University Extension Service, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained

that this Proclamation has come to the Commissioners at the request of the Extension office. It is a Proclamation related to the 100th year anniversary of Oregon State University Extension Service. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Proclamation 2011-01 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

DOJ Intergovernmental Agreement (D.A. Juvenile Services)

Shelley brought an agreement between the Department of Justice and Union County to the Commissioner for consideration. She explained that this agreement has to do with the services that the District Attorney's office provides to the Department of Justice dealing with juvenile dependency matters. It allows for the County to be reimbursed up to \$7,020 each year. This is a biennial agreement so the total amount is \$14,040 which is reflected in the District Attorney's budget. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon Department of Justice as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

2011-12 Community Corrections Plan

Shelley brought the 2011-12 Community Corrections Plan to the Commissioners for consideration. She explained that this plan was prepared by Travis Miller, Community Corrections Director, and the difference in this plan is that it is only for Union County. This plan outlines how the funding that will be provided by the State will be expended to provide the Community Corrections services. It has been approved by the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council and is recommended for approval. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the 2011-12 Community Corrections Plan as presented and authorizing the Chairman to sign the letter. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

2011 Intergovernmental Agreement for Community Corrections

Shelley brought the 2011 Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of Corrections and Union County to the Commissioners for approval. This agreement is necessary for the County to received funding based on the previously approved plan. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the 2011 Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Cancellation of Uncollectable Personal Property Tax Court Order

Court Order 2011-41, In the Matter of Cancellation of Uncollectable Personal Property Taxes, was presented for consideration. Shelley explained that this Court Order came to the Commissioners from the Assessor/Tax Collector's office. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2011-41 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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