

Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 19, 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 Commissioners present.

Public Comments

Scenic Bikeway

Anita Metlen, 65208 Hull Lane, Imbler, from the scenic bikeway brought some committee members to the Commissioners to explain where they are in the process of getting a scenic bikeway. Anita gave the Commissioners information about the proposed scenic bikeways prior to the meeting. Commissioner McClure asked if both of the proposed bikeways have been approved. Anita explained that nothing has been approved. There are several steps before they are approved. The first step is to look at the application, the next is they review it and it has passed, they then tour the proposed bikeways and the Grande Tour is the bikeway that is being officially pursued. The one with the Gold Rush needs to have a road repaired before it can go further. The Hells Canyon Scenic Bikeway committee was told they needed to do some work on the mapping. Anita is not sure what the status is on that route but they are still moving forward with the project. Anita thanked the Commissioners for their support and she shared the vision statement that they will submit with their next round which is the management and the marketing of the route.

Anita stated that she contacted Alex Phillips from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department and asked her some questions about who would be responsible for doing what and what the expectations are of the County. The project is run by Oregon State Parks and Recreation in conjunction with ODOT and Cycle Oregon. ODOT will approve the signage that Oregon State Parks and Recreation will put together and they want the road jurisdictions to help with the installation of the signage. The County would need to supply the posts and the labor. Oregon State Parks is willing to reimburse any expenses that are incurred when putting up the signs. The road jurisdictions are under no obligations to do anything they would not normally do.

Ken Metlen, 65208 Hull Lane, Imbler, stated that the Grande Tour is the one that is ready to go forward. Gold Rush may be two years but the State is very interested in it. The Hells Canyon Tour is going forward once the changes are done which should be within two years. He can't see any detriment to this project. It gives people a target and a reason to be in Eastern Oregon.

Commissioner McClure stated that the Commissioners will try to write a letter of support as quickly as they can for the project.

Judy Hector, 102 Elm St. La Grande, stated that the Chamber of Commerce is definitely on board with doing the promotion for this project and recreation is the top area of focus that the Chamber is moving toward. It is a direction that they are moving in and she emphasized that Travel Oregon is putting a focus on bicycling in the State of Oregon and for Eastern Oregon to put the bicycle routes in place it will help to leverage what can be done locally. Judy explained that there has been research done that shows that bicyclists spend at least \$100 a day when they are traveling.

Shelter from the Storm and Takemusukai Contract Amendments

Vicky Brogoitti, Director of Commission on Children and Families, brought contract amendments from Shelter from the Storm and Takemusukai to the Commissioners for consideration. Vicky explained that this is the fourth contract modification for Shelter from the Storm and Takemusukai. These are increases to the allocations that have been made to both of the programs. The increases came about because one of the projects that was funded which was girls circle at the Mt. Emily Safe Center ended up returning some funds. After reductions were already made to the programs they were able to add some money back. The recommendation is that for the biennium Shelter from the Storm would be receiving \$37,687 for their After the Storm project and Takemusukai would be receiving \$7,151 that is used as scholarship money for children and adolescence who are taking martial arts classes that David Tift offers. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the contract amendments to Shelter from the Storm and Takemusukai as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment to Commission on Children and Families

Court Order 2011-05, In the Matter of Appointment to the Commission on Children and Families, was presented for consideration. Vicky Brogoitti explained that there are two members that will be extending their terms on the Commission on Children and Families Board. This Court Order would re-appoint Patrick Knight and Mary Ann Miesner to the Commission on Children and Families as Lay Representatives with terms to expire December 31, 2014. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2011-05 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda

The December 23 and 30 and January 6 claims journals; and the December 23 and 29 and January 5 Public Works claims journals; and the December 15 Board of Commissioners minutes were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

Appointment to Planning Commission

Court Order 2011-07, In the Matter of Appointment to the Planning Commission, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess explained that Pete Caldwell and Randy McKinnis' terms have expired and they have both expressed interest in continuing to serve. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2011-07 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Shelley asked the Commissioners to approve a motion to temporarily extend the term of Jed Farmer on the Planning Commission until he is either re-appointed or replaced. She explained that there needs to be more time to get the recommendations for the remaining positions available on the Commission. This would allow him to continue to serve at this time. **Commissioner Davidson moved to give a temporary appointment to Jed Farmer to the Planning Commission until the selection process is completed. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment to Oregon Consortium Board

Court Order 2011-06, In the Matter of Appointment to the Oregon Consortium Board of Directors, was presented for consideration. This Court Order would appoint Commissioner Rosholt on the Board to replace former Commissioner Nellie Hibbert's position on the board. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2011-06 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Airport Hangar Lease Renewals

Shelley presented hangar lease renewals for the building that the County owns at the Airport. There are six hangars located in the building and those spaces are leased out to individuals with airplanes. The leases are for five years at \$100 a month. The renewals up for approval by the Commissioners are for Russell Kilpatrick and Jess Bliss. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the airport hangar leases as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm
Dept. Specialist