

Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 5, 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 Mentlen, 65208 Hull Lane, Imbler, came to the Commissioners to give them an update on the scenic bikeway. She is on the agenda for the next Commissioners meeting and their plan is to bring some maps and scope out what is being done. The scenic bikeway program is a collective effort between Oregon State Department of Parks and Recreation, ODOT, Travel Oregon and Cycle Oregon. There was an application submitted and the group is presently working on The Grande Tour. She stated that the scenic bikeway would promote tourism and would be beneficial economically. As a collective effort there will be 670 miles of scenic bikeways in Eastern Oregon. MERA is not included in the mileage but would be contributing to bicycle tourism. The Grande Tour is 136 miles and they need a letter of support from the County because there is a portion that includes County roads. The Hells Canyon Scenic Bikeway will also need a letter of support from the County because a portion of it is also located on Union County roads. The responsibility of the County would be to maintain the roads which are currently being done and help to install signage. The signs will be supplied by ODOT. Alex Phillips of the Oregon State Parks and Recreation has put in a grant to ODOT that would help pay the expenses of the signs and the installation.

Commissioner McClure asked if the State committee has come and toured the bikeways. Anita stated that they had toured the bikeways in mid-June. Once they toured the bikeways they gave the modifications and the modifications have been made. The Grande Tour, the Gold Rush and the Hells Canyon Scenic Bikeway tours need letters of support from the Commissioners for the projects.

Commissioner McClure asked Anita to bring maps for all three bikeways to the next Commission meeting so they can see exactly which roads will be used and the Public Works Department can make comments before the letter of support is given.

Community Relations Staff Introduction

Tammy Dennee who is serving as a new community relations contract staff for Horizon Wind Energy came to the Commissioners to introduce herself to them

and told them she looks forward to working with them as the Antelope Ridge Project is pursued.

Commissioner McClure asked when the public comment on the plan starts. Tammy explained that as of last week the application was deemed complete and she hasn't heard anymore other than the application being complete.

Consent Agenda

The December 9 and 16 claims journals; and the December 8 and 16 Public Works claims journals; and the November 30, December 1 and December 8 Board of Commissioners minutes were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

Airport Hangar Lease Renewals

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, brought three airport hangar lease renewals before the Commissioners for approval. The County owns a hangar building at the airport that has six hangar spaces in it. The County has those leased out to aircraft owners. The current leases expired December 31st. All six of the current tenants were offered lease renewals and they have all indicated that they do wish to continue their leases. The three renewals that were signed and returned to the Commissioners for approval are from Steve Weishaar, Philip Robinson and Ross Bingaman. They pay the County a monthly rent of \$100 a month and the renewals are for five years. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the airport hangar leases as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Selection of an Official Newspaper

Court Order 2011-01, In the Matter of Selection of an Official Newspaper, was presented for consideration. Shelley explained that the County is required to do this so that the budget notices and other publications that have to be done by statute go in the official newspaper. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2011-01 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment of Engineer

Court Order 2011-02, In the Matter of Appointment of an Engineer of Record for Union County, was presented for consideration. Shelley explained that since Union County does not employ a county engineer ORS 371.605(2) gives the County an opportunity to select and appoint an Engineer of Record. There is an RFP process and Anderson Perry & Associates has been selected as the Engineer of Record. Howard Perry is the individual that the County works with. This Court Order puts it on record so as the County has engineering needs he can be utilized for those services. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2011-02 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment of Budget Officer

Court Order 2011-03, In the Matter of Appointment of Budget Officer, was presented for consideration. Shelley explained that the budget process needs to begin for next fiscal year that doesn't start until July but the first step in the process is the appointment of a budget officer. This order would appoint Shelley as administrative officer to serve as the budget officer for Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2011-03 as presented. Commissioner Rosholt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment to the Tourism Committee

This Court Order was postponed to a later meeting.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held under ORS 192.660(1)(e) Real Estate Transaction Discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm
Dept. Specialist