

Union County Board of Commissioners
Special Session
April 28, 2008

Present: Commissioner R. Nellie Bogue Hibbert
Commissioner Colleen MacLeod
Commissioner Steve McClure

Call to Order

Chairman Hibbert called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with all three commission members present.

Re-Appointment of Mayors for North Powder and Summerville

Commissioner Hibbert explained that the special session was called for one issue which was that the legislature modified the requirements for the ethics reporting last year. It was modified to include some information that the City Councilors and Mayors of some of the Cities found very offensive and invasive. As a result there were three entire City Councils who resigned along with their Mayors. The three Cities are North Powder, Summerville, and Elgin. The Mayors of North Powder and Summerville resigned with the assurance that there would be a quick response from the Commissioners for re-appointment. The Commissioners received letters for re-appointment from both Bonita Hebert, North Powder Mayor and Shari Rogers, Summerville Mayor. On advise from legal council the most expeditious procedure according to Statute and the respective city charters was that if all of the City Council plus the Mayor resigned then the Commissioners would appoint a Mayor and a quorum so the Cities could resume their business on a daily basis such as paying bills and taking care of other matters. The Commissioners are appointing the Mayor of North Powder, Bonita Hebert and the Mayor of Summerville, Shari Rogers. The Commissioners are taking applications for appointments of a quorum for each of the three Cities and the deadline for submitting applications will be May 5, 2008. It is the Commissioner's intent that they will make an appointment for a quorum in each; North Powder, Summerville, and Elgin during their regular commission meeting on May 7, 2008. The Commissioners will also appoint a Mayor for Elgin at that time. The Commissioners make these appointments with the understanding that the appointees are aware of the requirements to file quarterly reports to the Oregon Government Standards and Practices Division.

Commissioner MacLeod asked why Carmen Gentry, Mayor of Elgin, is not being appointed at this time. Commissioner Hibbert explained that she understood that there is not a City Manager in either North Powder or Summerville but there is a City Recorder in Elgin that can conduct the city business. Commissioner McClure stated that he believes the problem with Summerville and North Powder is that they don't have anyone right now and the City of Elgin can still function because they have Joe Garlitz, Elgin City Recorder.

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Commissioner MacLeod moved for re-appointment of Bonita Hebert, Mayor of North Powder and Shari Rogers, Mayor of Summerville. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm
Department Specialist