

Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 19, 2010

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

Call To Order

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

Public Comments

Bob Joseph, Union, stated that he is concerned about what the Commissioners think about the wind generators. He stated that he looked at the map of where the wind generators will be placed and they will be all over the Valley.

Muller Major Partition

Rick Robinson, Bagett, Griffith and Blackman, came to the Commissioners with a Major Partition Plat. He explained that it encompasses land that is in the City and the County. It was jointly processed. It also contains a road dedication. There was an easement created for the parcel that is within the County. **Commissioner Hibbert moved approval of the Major Partition Plat as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Veterans Service Officer

Byron Whipple is the new Veterans Service officer for CHD. He came to the Commission meeting to introduce himself to the Commissioners.

Commissioner McClure asked if he had a chance to do some training. Byron stated that he did go to Salem for some training and still has more training ahead. He has filed 22 new claims since he has started.

Commissioner Hibbert stated that she has worked with Byron in a number of meetings and he is very helpful and knowledgeable.

Renewable Energy Solar Fair

Howard Butts, 69873 Summerville Rd. Summerville, came to ask for the Commissioners support for the Solar Fair that the Renewable Energy Committee is putting on along with other agencies. They are asking the Commissioners to provide funding for the fair in the amount of \$1782. Commissioner Davidson asked if they are asking for the County to provide \$1782 and with the money that is made from the fair pay the County back the money that was given. Howard explained that there will be a charge for vendor space to try and make some money to cover some of the costs. They will reimburse the County the money that is collected in

sponsorships and fees. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of supporting the Solar Fair in the amount of \$1782 knowing that reimbursement will be given to the County for any revenues collected. Commissioner Hibbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Funding Recommendation

Vicky Brogoitti, CCF Director, came to the Commissioners with a funding recommendation. She explained that these funds were held in reserve until the State budget was finalized. The remaining funds were allocated by the CCF Advisory Committee. When the original allocation was presented it was agreed upon that if the funds remained at the County level they would be spread across the contracts that were entered into as long as the funds were appropriate for the services that were being provided. She is recommending that the contract amount for Community Action Program be increased by \$6,509. Increase the allocation for the After the Storm Program to \$1,675. Increase the allocation for Kids Skills by \$980 and increase the allocation for Girls Circle/Boys Counsel allocation by \$3,798. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of the funding recommendations as presented. Commissioner Hibbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointment to Commission on Children and Families Board

Court Order 2010-24, In the Matter of Appointment to the Union County Commission on Children and Families, was presented for consideration. This Court Order will appoint AdriAnna Tyler-Hall as a youth representative on the Board. Vicky Brogoitti explained that they are encouraging the youth to use their membership on the board to further their education requirements. **Commissioner Hibbert moved approval of Court Order 2010-24 as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Computer Services RFQ

Kathie Powell, Computer Services Manager, explained that she recently sent out an RFQ for two PCs. There is a new ORS 459(a) in effect that requires manufacturers to be registered with DEQ. Beaver State Computers is in compliance with the ORS and met the specifications for \$738.50. At this time they were the only ones that submitted quotes under the specifications.

Commissioner McClure asked Kathie to explain ORS 459(a). Kathie explained that the State is now requiring that a business has to be on DEQ's compliance list in order to sell computers. The components have to be approved as recyclable. There is an application process that the vendor has to go through which states that the computers have to have a label so they can be identified as to who put them together. Kathie stated that there were quite a few vendors that the County has used in the past that did not know about the new law. She sent them out an email giving them a link to DEQ so they can get registered. **Commissioner McClure**

moved approval of the quote award to Beaver State Computers as presented. Commissioner Hibbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

The April 30 and May 4 and 6 claims journals; and the May 5 Public Works claims journals; and the January 20 and 29 Board of Commissioners minutes were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

Building Department Fee Schedule

Resolution 2010-06, In the Matter of a Resolution Adopting a Fee Schedule and Valuation System for Building Permits & Inspections, was presented for Consideration. David Kloss, La Grande/Union County Building Inspector, explained that this fee schedule is to bring the local fee schedule up to the State minimum fee. The State put in place an Administrative Rule that requires all jurisdictions had to comply with the State minimum fee requirements. Proof that this was done was due Jan. 1st 2009.

Commissioner McClure asked if this followed the work that was done in the work session that was held between the City of La Grande and the County. David stated that he did try to make the fees as revenue neutral as possible. He explained that there was a 60 day public review of the new fee change schedule and there were no inquiries.

Commissioner McClure asked if the fees will cover the revenues. David explained that he was able to reduce the budget for the next fiscal year. He was able to reduce and remove some line items that he didn't feel were necessary. He stated that he is on track for an Aug. 1st start for the quick permit program through the State that would allow people to purchase multiple permits online.

Commissioner Hibbert asked if he had contacted the contractors so they are aware of these changes. He stated that he did look into the cost of mailing a notification to contractors but it is difficult to know what contractors from outside the area frequently get permits locally. In Union County there is no builders association which is a good way to get information. David thinks that a builders association is a valuable group to get information to and receive input from

Shelley Burgess stated that the City of La Grande did pass the fee schedule in a prior meeting. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Resolution 2010-06 as presented. Commissioner Hibbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

David explained that he received a letter of notice of retirement from the electrical inspector. He would like to hire a staff person full time rather than having a contracted inspector.

Commissioner Davidson asked if David could send the Commissioners a copy of the Building Department budget. David stated that he would send the Commissioners a copy of his budget.

Consulting Engineer Recommendation

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, brought a Consulting Engineer Recommendation to the Commissioners for consideration. Since Union County does not have an Engineer on staff the County went out for a request for qualifications to appoint a consulting engineer so that when an opportunity for bridge or road projects come up there is an engineer already identified. It expedites the process. The last time that the request was made Anderson Perry and Associates was chosen to be the Consulting Engineer with a contract expiring June 30, 2010. The County went out for request for qualifications and there was one submittal from Anderson Perry and Associates. The Public Works Director has reviewed the submittal and is recommending a contract with Anderson Perry and Associates. The recommendation is to enter into a three year contract with them with an opportunity to renew for two more years. The fees are negotiated as each project comes up so it is not a monetary value at this time only a designation.

Commissioner McClure moved approval of appointing Anderson Perry and Associates as the Consulting Engineer for Union County as recommended. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Roll Call: Commissioner Hibbert: abstain, Commissioner McClure: yes, Commissioner Davidson: yes. Motion carried.

Title II and III Resolution

Resolution 2010-05, In the Matter of the FFY 2010 Elections for National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess explained that this is an annual Resolution where the County agrees to except funding for Title II and Title III projects and designate the percentage for each category. The recommendation included in the Resolution is that 15% be allocated and that it be split so 8% would be for Title II and 7% for Title III. This is the same percentage and allocation the County has done for the entirety of the program.

Commissioner Hibbert moved approval of Resolution 2010-05 as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to Health and Human Services Advisory Committee

Court Order 2010-19, In the Matter of Re-Appointment to the Union County Health & Human Services Advisory Committee, was presented for consideration. This Court Order will re-appoint Melinda Davis to the Advisory Committee.

Commissioner McClure moved approval of Court Order 2010-19 as presented. Commissioner Hibbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to Ambulance Advisory Committee

Court Order 2010-20, In the Matter of Re-Appointment to the Union County Ambulance District Advisory Committee, was presented for Consideration. This

Court Order will re-appoint Lani Blaylock and Rob Shanks to the Advisory Committee. **Commissioner Hibbert moved approval of Court Order 2010-20 as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Grande Ronde River Greenway

Hanley Jenkins, Planning Director, brought an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Grande Ronde River Greenway between the City of Island City, Union County, the City of La Grande and the Grande Ronde Model Watershed to the Commissioners for consideration. He explained that the County has been pursuing grants for land acquisition along the two mile segment of the Grande Ronde River Greenway. In conversations with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department related to a local government grant that was submitted they thought it would be beneficial to have an Intergovernmental Agreement between the parties involved in the land acquisition projects. This Intergovernmental Agreement states that the County will cooperate with the City of La Grande, Island City, and the Grande Ronde Model Watershed in acquisition, master plan development and future maintenance of the Grande Ronde River Greenway.

Commissioner Davidson stated that he wanted it noted that the County is not taking responsibility for the management and long term maintenance of this facility. He asked if any of the property is in the County's ownership. Hanley stated that there is a small strip that the County received as part of the May Park Ditch Company Dissolution. Commissioner Davidson asked if the County could divest themselves of the land. Hanley explained that the Dissolution process did say that if the County no longer is interested in maintaining that property they have to first offer it to a City which would be the City of La Grande since they have adjacent property. Commissioner Davidson stated that he believes that is action that the Commission should take at some point. Hanley explained that the other reason the County is involved in the process is because the property is out of the Urban Growth Boundary for both cities.

Commissioner McClure moved approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Grande Ronde River Greenway as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Roll Call: Commissioner Hibbert: abstain, Commissioner McClure: yes, Commissioner Davidson: yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm
Department Specialist