

**Union County Board of Commissioners**  
**July 28, 2009**

Present: Commissioner Steve McClure  
Commissioner Mark D. Davidson

Absent: Commissioner R. Nellie Hibbert

Call to Order:

Chairman McClure called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with Commissioner McClure and Commissioner Davidson present.

Parking Closure Authorization

The Commissioners were presented with a letter from the fair manager asking for authorization to put up no parking signs on Blackhawk Trail, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Fox Hill Road during the Union County Fair.

Mike Sandford, Union County Fair Representative, explained to the Commissioners that last year was the first year they did not charge people to get into the fair, but rather charged for parking. Blackhawk Trail, Second Street, and Fox Hill Road became a safety hazard with people parking along these roads rather than having to pay to park. The Fair Association attempted to fix the problem by setting up temporary barricades but feel that no parking signs would be more effective. Commissioner McClure asked Mr. Sandford how far down they wanted the signs to go on Second Street.

Stephanie Myers, Howard Lane, explained that they need signs to be set up from the north end of Second Street to the top of the viaduct because last year they ran into the problem of vehicles having trouble seeing while entering the roadway from the fairgrounds parking lots. Ms. Myers feels that although Second Street is the most dangerous, Blackhawk Trail and Fox Hill Lane are also problematic. Last year people were parking on both sides of Blackhawk Trail Lane leaving room for only one lane of traffic. Stephanie feels that by putting no parking signs on Blackhawk Trail from the fairgrounds to the third house, which belongs to Mike and Patty Gooderham, they may decrease this hazard. Because of logging on Fox Hill Road the log truck drivers were having problems with visibility and Ms. Myers would like to see no parking signs go to the corner where it turns west on Fox Hill Road for safety reasons.

Commissioner Davidson pointed out that the county can only put no parking signs to the city limits. Commissioner Hibbert is concerned about fair goers being made aware of the areas that they are not able to park. Stephanie says that she has run an ad in the paper every day this week and that they are attempting to get no parking signs from the City of La Grande. Commissioner McClure expressed that he feels the important thing is getting the authorization

into place so the Fair Board can have the authority to enforce the no parking. Last year Stephanie talked to Sheriff Rasmussen about the parking problem and he informed her that he did not have authority to do anything. **Commissioner Davidson moved to not allow parking on Blackhawk Trail Lane from the east of the Fairgrounds to Mike and Patty Gooderham's residence; Fox Hill Road from north of the Fairgrounds to the corner where it turns west; and on Second Street south of the Fairgrounds to the north edge of the Second Street Viaduct where it crosses Interstate 84 annually for the period of time the Union County Fair is going on. Commissioner Hibbert seconded.** Ms. Myers wanted to know the protocol they should take concerning vehicles parked in the no parking zone. Commissioner McClure would like to see them at least attempt to notify the owner of the vehicle so that they have the option of moving it first, if they meet resistance then the Sheriff should be called. Mr. Sandford suggested that they announce the vehicle plates and information over the P.A. system first. **Roll call on motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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