

Union County Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 22, 2008

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

Call to Order

Chairman Hibbert called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with all three commission members present.

Supplemental Budget Hearing (MERA Fund)

Resolution 2008-19, In the Matter of Adopting & Appropriating a Supplemental Budget for Union County for FY 2008-09, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained that this Resolution would be an approval of a supplemental budget that would add an additional fund; the Mt. Emily Recreation Area (MERA) Fund. This fund would allow receipt and expenditure of the two grants that have been awarded to Union County for the MERA project. When the FY 2008-09 budget was adopted it was not certain that Union County would receive the grants so it was not included in the budget process. The rules that govern the budget process allows Union County to make changes by going through the supplemental budget process which is publication of a notice that shows the revenues and expenditures, there has to be a hearing held, and adopt a Resolution.

Ed Shaul, 62079 Starr Ln. La Grande, OR 97850, stated his concern about the purchase and management of the Mt. Emily Recreation Area. He had no comments about the supplemental budget for the MERA Fund.

**Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of Resolution 2008-19.
Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Major Partition Plat

Greg Blackman, Bagett, Griffith, & Blackman, came to the Commissioners with a final subdivision plat of The Ridge off of "B" Avenue. It has gone through the City of La Grande's process and the Commissioner's signatures are the final step.

Commissioner McClure moved approval of the plat for The Ridge as presented. Commissioner MacLeod seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NaCo Prescription Discount Card

This was moved to another meeting pending further discussion.

Consent Agenda

The October 2 and 9 claims journal, October 1 and 8 public works claims journal, and the May 29 budget meeting minutes and the June 3 solid waste budget meeting minutes were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

MERA Parks & Recreation Area Designation

Court Order 2008-42, In the Matter of an Order Declaring the Mt. Emily Recreation Area (MERA) a Public Park & Recreational Area, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained that this Court Order is requested in order to allow the property to be designated as a public park and recreational area which will allow it then to qualify for some of the programs available through the parks and recreation funding system. This is consistent with the applications that were made for the grants. This will still allow the land to be used for natural resource management purposes as well as developing a management plan for the entire property. **Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of Court Order 2008-42. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Blue Mountain Habitat Restoration Council Grant Agreement

Hanley Jenkins, Planning Director, explained that Union County received a grant from the Blue Mountain Habitat Restoration Council who had special interests that they wanted to be addressed. Their concern was wildlife habitat protections on the rim of the mountain down to the lower slopes of the parcel. They do not want to have any activity that harasses wildlife on the property preventing them from being in that area and in the valley floor causing damages to the agricultural fields. Hanley is asking the Commissioners to appoint either one or more Commissioners to sign the agreement on behalf of Union County when the agreement is received. This authorizes one of the Commissioners to be the signer. Commissioner MacLeod stated that she believed Commissioner McClure should be the Commissioner to sign all of the documents related to the MERA transactions. Commissioner Hibbert agreed. **Commissioner MacLeod moved to designate Commissioner McClure to sign all official documents related to MERA. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Truck Bid Approval Request

Richard Comstock, Public Works Director, explains to the Commissioners that in FY 2007-08 budget there were funds to replace a truck tractor that is used to pull the water tank. Public Works has been searching for a truck tractor to replace the existing one. They have found three trucks, two are from Eagle Freightliner and one is from Woodpecker in Pendleton, Oregon. The only truck that meets all of the requirements that Union County Public Works has is the truck at Woodpecker. Richard has been negotiating with them and they have come to an agreement for \$37,500 with \$7,500 for the trade in truck so the total cost would

be \$30,000 which was budgeted. Richard is recommending that the bid award go to Woodpecker truck. **Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of bid request from Woodpecker for a 1998 Kenwood Truck. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appointments to Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA)

Court Order 2008-44, In the Matter of Appointment to the 2008 Board of Property Tax Appeals, was presented for consideration. All of the current members have agreed to serve again in 2008. **Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of Court Order 2008-44. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Industrial Park Agreement

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Commissioners with a Sales Agreement for Lot 4 of the Airport Industrial Park to Ron Nash. Dennis Spray, Director of General Services, explained to the Commissioners about the new project that Ron Nash has so that he can purchase this property. He is moving forward with his project currently. This agreement is a standard agreement. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of the Sales Agreement and Receipt for Earnest Money between Union County and Ron Nash for Lot 4 of the La Grande/Union County Commercial/Industrial Park. Commissioner MacLeod seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Canceling Uncollectible Personal Property Tax Warrants

Court Order 2008-45, In the Matter of Cancellation of Uncollectible Personal Property Tax Warrants, was presented for consideration. This would cancel two warrants to Alliance Oil Co. requested from the Union County Tax Assessors office. **Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of Court Order 2008-45. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Appropriating Unanticipated Funds

Court Order 2008-43, In the Matter of Appropriating Unanticipated Funds, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained that an additional grant was received from the Federal Aviation Administration for additional work on the project on the runway at the Union County Airport. This would appropriate those funds into the Airport Capital Improvement fund so the grant can be received and the project can be completed. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Court Order 2008-43. Commissioner MacLeod seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

FFY 2008 Elections for National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments

Resolution 2008-20, In the Matter of the FFY 2008 Elections for National Forest Related Safety-Net payments, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained that this is a Resolution that is done every year

for Title II and Title III project designations. **Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of Resolution 2008-20. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Oregon Economic and Community Development Department Application
Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained that the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD) has told Union County that they may have an opportunity to receive funding through them for the U.S. Forest Service Cache Building at the Airport. Shelley is working on finalizing the application and it would request the full funding for the building construction from them in the form of a loan. Shelley asked the Commissioners for authorization to submit and application and for the Chairman or Commissioner McClure to sign the application once it is completed. **Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of filing an application with OECDD and authorization of Chairman or Commissioner McClure to sign an application to the OECDD. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm
Department Specialist