

Board of Commissioners Meeting
December 15, 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 Commissioner Davidson and Commissioner McClure present. Commissioner Hibbert joined the meeting shortly after it began.

Commissioner Davidson opened the meeting by letting the public know that Commissioner Hibbert is at a meeting because there has been a bomb threat called in for 11:00 a.m. at the Joseph Building.

Public Comments

Section 125 Plan Amendment

Resolution 2010-16, In the Matter of a Resolution Amending the Union County Section 125 Flexible Compensation Benefits Plan, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained that Kathie Powell, Computer Services Director, administers the Section 125 plan for the employees. She stated that the County's Section 125 Plan has an annual open date of January 1st. There were several amendments that are necessary as a result of the health reform act. Those amendments have incremental implementation dates. The items that need to be addressed for January 1st are that the maximum withholding for medical reimbursement will be reduced to \$2,500 beginning January 1, 2011. Over the counter medications will no longer be reimbursable and the event of Union County's health insurance carrier allowing open enrollment of children who are under age 27 shall trigger a change in election to those employees who enroll their children. Shelley explained that in August when the health insurance renews there was an adjustment in the health reform act that allows for the employees to re-enroll any children that are under age 27 that meet certain benefit criteria. Any time the plan allows a change like that then the Section 125 also allows a change.

Commissioner McClure asked if the \$2500 includes the premium or if it is just the medical portion. Shelley stated that it is just the medical portion. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Resolution 2010-16 as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Roll Call: Commissioner McClure – yes; Commissioner Davidson – yes. Motion carried.**

Buffalo Peak Winter Operations

Bill Rosholt, Director of Golf Promotions and Economic Development, explained that he is asking for the Commissioners to consider closing Buffalo Peak Golf Course during the months of January and possibly February in 2011. He stated that because of the

weather there is not much golf played during those months and it would save the Course money to be closed.

Commissioner McClure asked if he meant that the pro shop and the whole course would be closed. Bill stated that the pro shop and club house would be closed. Commissioner McClure asked if anyone would be in the shop. Bill explained that Rich Goodrick would still be on site working on the equipment. The closure would be dependent on the weather.

Commissioner Davidson stated that he thought it made good sense. Commissioner McClure thought the important thing was to still have someone going there to check on the course.

Union County Safe Communities Coalition Request

Tressa Seydel, Commission on Children and Families, submitted a letter requesting financial support from the Board of County Commissioners. The Commission on Children and Families in partnership with a number of other community partners are the Union County Safe Communities Coalition that are in the process of pursuing a Federal grant that is called the Drug Free Communities Grant. It would bring \$125,000 to the community each year for five years with an option to renew for years six through ten. The funds are designated solely for the purpose of substance abuse issues. This is an issue that is reflected in the County plan as the community focus issue for youth and adults. In order to write a competitive grant they need to secure a grant writer and the cost for the grant writer is \$5,000. She will not write a competing grant and the grant writer they are hoping to work with has been successful in the past. They are asking the County for a donation as well as each City in the community. There have been several cities as well as local agencies that have committed to donating funds for the project including Commission on Children and Families, Center for Human Development, OTEC, the City of Island City and the Union County Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Davidson stated that he thinks it is a worthwhile cause and it would show positive benefits to the communities and he thinks that the County should support it. Commissioner McClure agreed. **Commissioner McClure moved that the County Board of Commissioners make a donation of \$1,000 to the Drug Free Communities Grant as requested. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Roll call: Commissioner McClure – yes; Commissioner Davidson – yes. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

The November 14 and December 2 claims journals; and the December 1 Public Works claims journals were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

Appointment to Fair Board

Court Order 2010-43, In the Matter of Appointment to the Union County Fair Association Board of Directors, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained that there were three people that resigned from their positions on the Board and one term had expired. Notice was given of the vacancies and applications

were accepted. This Court Order would appoint Randy Mai, Shelley Batty, Reed Stewart, and Jessica Fisher to fill the vacant positions. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Court Order 2010-43 as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Roll call: Commissioner McClure – yes; Commissioner Davidson – yes. Motion carried.**

4-H & Extension Lease Agreement Amendment

Shelley Burgess brought a lease amendment between the State of Oregon Department of Agriculture and the 4-H & Extension Service District to the Commissioners for consideration. This is for an office space at the Ag. Services building. She is asking for approval of the Commissioners on this lease in the capacity of the 4-H and Extension Service District since they are the owners of the building. The Department of Ag leases an office space in the building and this amendment would extend the existing lease for a one year period from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a rental amount of \$180.17 a month which is only adjusted by a few cents. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of the 4-H and Extension Lease Agreement Amendment as presented. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Roll call: Commissioner McClure – yes; Commissioner Davidson – yes. Motion carried.**

Commissioner Davidson asked J.B. Brock, Emergency Services Officer, to give a report. J.B. explained that there has been a bomb threat to the Courthouse. At this point Commissioner Hibbert and the Chief of Police have determined that they should evacuate the Joseph building as well as the Chaplin building. They have determined that the Joseph Annex building does not need to be evacuated. He stated that he would be briefing the rest of the staff on protocol that they will need to do.

MERA Management Plan Adoption

Commissioner Davidson announced that Commissioner Hibbert has joined the Commission meeting.

Resolution 2010-17, In the Matter of a Resolution Adopting the Mt. Emily Recreation Area Master Plan, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess explained that this Resolution would officially adopt the Mt. Emily Recreation Area Master Plan. Hanley Jenkins II, Planning Director, had prepared a summary of the changes that were a result of the public hearings that were held on November 30th and December 8th. Shelley read all of the changes that were on the summary sheet that was given to the Commissioners. The Resolution is ready for adoption if they are satisfied with all of the changes. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Resolution 2010-17 as presented. Commissioner Hibbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner McClure stated that the Bowman 100 acre lease is going to take some work to get everything done that needs to be done there. The ability of other users to go across needs to be coordinated. It will take a lot of work and coordination but he thinks it can be done. He thinks the plan is good. There will be two trails that will go across that archery range that will allow people to go back and forth through the archery range

which will be the biggest issue. The other issue will be the Eastside access which is not in the plan but is something that the Commissioners have to finalize. He stated that he has had some preliminary discussions with ODOT about using bike money to put an extra lane or widen Mt. Glen. Initial indications are that it would be an appropriate use of the money so there would be a funding source to do some of that work but he thinks that is one thing that needs to be resolved this Winter and if there is money to plan on doing something next Summer for the Eastside access. That will entail allowing ATVs on certain roads but if it is controlled it can work. That is a decision that the Commissioners will have to make. The Committee pushed that to the Commissioners because they felt that was the level that decision should be made at. He stated that the committees have been great and have hung in there when there were a lot of people commenting on the process. The Committee worked through the issues that came up in the committee meetings. He thinks it is a good start and the document will need to be changed as the process moves forward. He encourages the adoption now with the understanding that as the process moves along there will have to be other parts added to it. There is still a lot of work to do but this is a great first step. He thinks that State Parks is please with the effort that has gone into the Plan.

Commissioner Hibbert stated that the Plan is a good first step and she sees the document as a dynamic document that will be amended periodically with the needs and uses that develop. It has been a gratifying process to see because of the involvement and taking to heart the concerns of the users and trying to implement their concerns as well as possible.

Commissioner Davidson agreed with all the comments and he thinks the committees really worked hard and have done an excellent job.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:10a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm
Department Specialist