

Union County Board of Commissioners Meeting
December 17, 2008

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

Call to Order

Chairman Hibbert called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with all three commission members present.

Major Partition Platt

Rick Robinson, Bagett, Griffith and Blackman, presented a Major Partition Platt to the Commissioners for approval. This is a major partition of some property in Island City which extends the right of way of Walton Road further North.

**Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of the Major Partition Platt.
Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Cove, Union and North Powder (C.U.P.) Health District Formation

Walt Brookshire, Chairman of the Cove, Union, Powder (C.U.P.) Medical Association, and Bill Lindsley, Vice Chair of C.U.P., came to the Commissioners seeking a special services district status for the Health District that is being created. Walt explained that there is good support for the Health District. Since there was support for the health district they decided to go to the next step which was to go through the process of forming the health district. The health districts can only be voted on in an even year which is two years from now. C.U.P. has been working with Commissioner McClure about the possibility of Union County forming a special services district that would allow them to pursue a serial bond to fund it for the next five years. The board and citizens would rather have this done as opposed to other options. Walt explained that this would be a good trial period whereas if a tax base is set it is more permanent and the serial bond would give the South County Health District a chance to prove itself. Walt explained that they are asking for the County Commissioner's support and help in forming the special services district.

Commissioner McClure explained that he has had some discussions with Terry Edvalson from C.U.P. and suggested getting key players together such as the Assessor and the Clerk that know the districts well. He stated that the issue that came up was that the district cannot go to a permanent tax levy except in a general election. They can do a non-permanent serial levy that would work for this situation. Commissioner McClure offered himself to head up the group to find out what is needed to go ahead with the process. The other Commissioners agreed.

CCF Membership

Court Order 2008-55, In the Matter of Appointments to the Union County Commission on Children and Families, was presented for consideration. Vicky Brogoitti, Director of Commission on Children and Families, came to the Commissioners with an appointment schedule for new commission members to the Commission on Children and Families. She explained that there are six new members coming onto the Commission. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Court Order 2008-55 as presented. Commissioner MacLeod seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Fireproof Vault at Public Works

Richard Comstock, Public Works Director, came to the Commissioners to talk to them about putting a fire proof vault in at the Public Works Department building. There is no fire proof vault presently for the historical documents, vehicle titles, etc. Richard explained that a nearby building caught on fire and threatened the Public Works building which prompted a renewed attention to needing a fire proof vault. Richard put together a set of specifications for the project and had legal counsel review it. He is asking the Commissioners for the ability to put the project out for bid.

Commissioner McClure stated that the county has looked at putting a fire proof vault in at public works for many years and he believes this is a good time to do so.

Commissioner Hibbert asked if there would be room for other records along with the road department records. Richard stated that they have file cabinets full of maps and other records that they want to store in the vault. There will be some extra room for other documents as well. Commissioner Hibbert suggested asking other departments if they have documents that they would like archived into the fire proof vault and if the size needs to be adjusted to have it done at this time.

Richard stated that he would see if other departments would be interested before he went ahead with the request for proposal.

Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of the request for a design/build proposal for a fire proof vault. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NaCo Prescription Discount Card

Commissioner Hibbert discussed the NaCo Prescription Discount Card information with the other Commissioners. She explained that this is something that is supported by the National Association of Oregon Counties and is through their participation and Union County's participation as NaCo members. This is a card that will be available to anyone in the county that doesn't have insurance.

People that have insurance can use the card if it is cheaper to use the card rather than their prescription card. Commissioner Hibbert has contacted all of the pharmacies within the county and they are in agreement that this needs to be done. Once the contract is signed then a certain amount of applications will be requested and left on the pharmacy counters. The citizens can fill the application out and be given a discount number that will stay with the citizen. Commissioner Hibbert explained that this will also benefit Union County within the Jail for those that are in need of prescription drugs. It is typically about a 20% discount but if they get a three month prescription filled it can save up to 50%. Legal Council has looked over the contract and they have no problems going further with the contract. **Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of the application for the NaCo prescription discount card. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Consent Agenda

The November 25 and December 4 claims journal and the December 3 public works claims journal were approved as presented on the consent agenda.

MERA Motorized Advisory Committee

Court Order 2008-51, In the Matter of Appointment to the Mt. Emily Recreation Area Motorized Advisory Committee, was presented for consideration. Hanley Jenkins, Planning Director, explained that there was a resolution adopted that created the two advisory committees and outlined the responsibilities the committees would have. The positions were advertised and recommendations have been made and are reflected on the Court Order. **Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of Court Order 2008-51 as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

MERA Non-Motorized Advisory Committee

Court Order 2008-52, In the Matter of Appointment to the Mt. Emily Recreation Area Non-Motorized Advisory Committee, was presented for consideration. **Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of Court Order 2008-52 as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Adopt Buffalo Peak Golf Course Rates for 2009

Resolution 2008-23, In the Matter of a Resolution Adopting Rates for Buffalo Peak Golf Course for 2009, was presented for consideration. Bill Rosholt, Director of Golf Promotions and Economic Development, explained to the Commissioners that the Advisory Committee of Buffalo Peak Golf Course is recommending a rate change for annual passes. The change is a reduction in the price for all annual passes. **Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of Resolution 2008-23 as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Refunding Property Taxes

Court Order 2008-53, In the Matter of Refunding Real or Personal Property Tax, was presented for consideration. Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained that this is a request for a refund authorization that has come from the Assessor's office. The reason for the refund is a value reduction. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Court Order 2008-53 as presented. Commissioner MacLeod seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Amendment to Oregon Intergovernmental Agreement

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented an Amendment to the State of Oregon Intergovernmental Agreement which is an agreement that the county has entered into on behalf of Community Connections. Union County serves as the fiscal agent for contract services that are provided to Non-Medical Medicaid Transportation. The State was able to offer an increase in funding so this amendment would change the funding from \$240,000 to \$330,000.

Commissioner McClure moved approval of the Amendment to the State of Oregon Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. Commissioner MacLeod seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Road Legalization (Mill Creek Lane)

Court Order 2008-54, In the Matter of Legalizing a Portion of Mill Creek Lane, was presented for consideration. Hanley Jenkins, Planning Director, explained to the Commissioners that the Planning Department processes the road legalization applications and there are statutes in ORS 368.201-368.426 that apply to the legalization process. It is required that notice is given and a reason should be found to pursue the legalization. The road has been used for ten years or more and does not conform to the location of the road described in the county records.

Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of Court Order 2008-54 as presented. Commissioner Hibbert seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Hibbert noted that Commissioner McClure was excused.

Plan Zone Amendment – Yeo Aggregate Site

Ordinance 2008-03, In the Matter of Amending the Union County Land Use Plan Aggregate Inventory & Land Use Plan/Zoning Map (YEO) & Declaring an Emergency, was presented for consideration. Hanley Jenkins, Planning Director, explained that an application was received in the Planning Department requesting to create a 100 acre aggregate removal site. In order to do that the site has to be placed on the county's comprehensive land use plan inventory for basalt aggregate resources. The applicant is required to demonstrate that the site is a significant aggregate site in order for it to be included in the inventory of basalt resource sites. They have to meet two different criteria in order to do that which is the volume size and the quality. The applicants also submitted a site plan application because aggregate extraction is an out right use and the surface mining zone plan requires them to go through a site plan review process so

things such as access are addressed. The Planning Commission did go through the site plan process. The site plan is only required to be approved by the Planning Commission but because there is no approval for putting it on the plan inventory the site plan request has been sent to the Board of Commissioners. The Planning Commission held two hearings. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to approve including the site on the plan inventory, approve putting it in the surface mining zone, and made recommendations with conditions for the site plan.

Hanley stated that ODOT has issued a temporary approach permit to the land owners. The issue that was raised by the Planning Commission after several of them toured the site was that it is connected to a State Highway. If there are trucks loaded down with rocks they need to have as much speed as possible before reaching the highway. The Planning Commission felt comfortable that there was visual distance but a concern at the speed at which the rock trucks would be going once they got onto the highway. The grade leaving the property needs to be level with the highway so the trucks weren't trying to climb up onto the highway.

Commissioner Hibbert asked about the condition in the documents that states the land will be turned back into a timber and grazing zone. Hanley explained that once the land is reclaimed it must be turned back into a timber and grazing zone because the surrounding land and this property has traditionally been timber and gazing land.

Chuck Anderson, contractor in Elgin, came to the Board of Commissioners meeting in support of the Yeo's application. He stated that there is a need for this type of site in the area that will be open during the winter months. He explained that it is very accessible to trucks on heavy snow months or when it is really wet and muddy.

Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of Ordinance 2008-03 as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, explained that the Statutes regarding Ordinance adoption by the Commissioners requires two readings unless it is done by emergency clause but still requires two motions. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Ordinance 2008-03 as presented. Commissioner MacLeod seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner MacLeod moved approval of the Site Plan for the Yeo Aggregate Site. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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MERA Presentation

Hanley Jenkins, Planning Director, explained that Mt. Emily Recreation Coalition would like to thank some of the people that helped make the Mt. Emily Recreation Area happen and make it a success. He presented Forest Capital and the Board of Commissioners each with a picture of Mt. Emily as a Thank You for their help and participation in the project.

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Wilhelm
Department Specialist