

Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 6, 2016

Present: Commissioner Steve McClure
Commissioner Mark D. Davidson
Commissioner Jack Howard

Public Comments

Baggett, Griffith & Blackman – Partition Plat

Jeff Hsu, 2006 Adams Avenue, presented a plat that requires a road dedication and extension of Delta Avenue in Union, Oregon. The plat was distributed for the commissioners' review. Commissioner McClure asked if they were dedicating a portion of the street that required the commissioners' approval and signing. Mr. Hsu stated that was correct. Commissioner McClure noted that it was a 40 foot extension of Delta Avenue. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the partition plat as presented. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Baum Industrial Park Public Comment

Lois Barry, 60688 Morgan Lake Road, stated that she reviewed the Economic Development fund budget and noticed that for the past two years there was \$2,665,000 budgeted for infrastructure improvements. She noted that the grant was for \$1.4 million and Union County would provide \$334,000; she is hoping it will cover the entire amount needed to complete the project. She is also hoping that the Union County Economic Development Corporation was involved in the process. She looked at their website and thinks the cyber presentation to the rest of the world is a negative. She thinks that it may be a good time to discuss the \$35,000 that Union County has appropriated to them. She stated that under the "What's Happening Now" section of their website lists the summer 2014 newsletter. She added that the current photo under "Downtowns" is of a girl riding a horse and she does not see that as a good representation of Union County in 2016.

Constituent Inquiries

No constituent inquiries were presented.

Elected Official, Department Head & Employee Comments

Resolution 2016-06, Authorizing Participation in the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant

Linda Hill, Union County Assessor / Tax Collector, stated that she had provided the CAFFA Grant to the commission for their review. This grant assists with the expense of assessment taxation. Commissioner McClure stated that he did not see a lot of changes; Ms. Hill stated that there really were not many changes. **Commissioner**

McClure moved approval of Resolution 2016-06. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Davidson moved approval of the Consent Agenda, which included Meeting Minutes from March 2 and Claims Journals for March 3, 16, 17, and 24. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Court Order 2016-14, Appointment to the Transient Tax Discretionary Fund Advisory Committee Lorcinda Johnston, Department Specialist, read Court Order 2016-14 in its entirety; this would appoint the following individuals with expiring terms as indicated: Mark Davidson, term expires 12/31/2019; Carrie Brogoitii, term expires 12/31/2018; Ruth Rush, term expires 12/31/2019; Tracy Christopher, term expires 12/31/2017; Dave Campbell, term expires 12/31/2017; Jessie Bowman, term expires 12/31/2018. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2016-14. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Court Order 2016-15, Appointment to the Union County Chamber of Commerce Board Mrs. Johnston read Court Order 2016-15 in its entirety; this would appoint Mark Davidson to the Union County Chamber of Commerce Board. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Court Order 2016-15. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Court Order 2016-16, Appointment to the Union County Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee Mrs. Johnston read Court Order 2016-15 in its entirety; this would appoint Mark Davidson to the Union County Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee with a term expiration date of July 31, 2017. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Court Order 2016-16. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Court Order 2016-17, Appointment to the Blue Mountain Conference Center Board Mrs. Johnston read Court Order 2016-17 in its entirety; this would appoint Mark Davidson to the Blue Mountain Conference Center Board. **Commissioner McClure moved approval of Court Order 2016-17. Commissioner Davidson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Court Order 2016-18, Appointment to the Union County Community Advisory Council for the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization Mrs. Johnston read Court Order 2016-18 in its entirety; this would appoint Danny E. Seulean to the Union County Community Advisory Council for the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization with an term expiration date of April 6, 2019. **Commissioner Davidson moved approval of Court Order 2016-17. Commissioner McClure seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

Highway Safety Improvement Program Agreement #31232

Mrs. Johnston stated that this agreement would allow Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to place signage on behalf of Union County. ODOT determined where signage was needed based on safety hazards that they identified; there is no cost to the county as ODOT received federal funding for the project.

Commissioner McClure stated that this is a federal program. ODOT looked at statistics from accident reports throughout the state and are distributing funds to all the communities on a prorated basis. They will hire a contractor to complete the work; it will not be the responsibility of Union County. The project includes Hunter Road and Foothill Road. **Commissioner Davidson moved to approve HSIP Agreement #31232. Commissioner McClure seconded.**

Commissioner Howard asked if the county had the opportunity to provide input to ODOT for signage. Commissioner McClure stated no; the project is based on accident report statistics.

Roll Call: Commissioner Davidson, yes. Commissioner McClure, yes. Commissioner Howard, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant Agreement #RS1610 with OBDD for Baum Industrial Park Infrastructure Project

Mrs. Johnston stated that this agreement was between the Oregon Business Development Department and Union County; it would allow the release of funds to complete the project. The Oregon 2015-17 Legislatively adopted budget includes authorizations for Regional Solution projects, including \$1,066,000 to be granted to Union County for activities necessary to install improvements to the Union County Baum Industrial Property Site outside of La Grande, including sewer, water, franchise utilities, and roadways to support industrial and development at the site. County owns the land comprising the Union County Baum Industrial Property site, valued at \$750,000. **Commissioner McClure moved to approve Grant Agreement #RS1610. Commissioner Davidson seconded.**

Commissioner Davidson stated that this would be a portion of funding needed. Union County requested \$1.3 million through Regional Solutions. Estimation by the engineers for the total improvements in 2012, which including extensive rail sitings, was \$2.6 million; the project has been scaled back to a loop road in the associated underground utilities and franchise utilities to connect Industrial Lane and Landmark Lane and to create shovel ready sites at the Industrial Park. Further funding will be pursued to install rail infrastructure as necessary for developments. The project is currently under design and further refinement of the engineer's estimates; Union County will be pursuing additional funds from the Immediate Opportunity fund with ODOT. The hope is to improve and pave the entire loop from Pierce Road back to Pierce Road.

Commissioner Howard stated that the grant was a little over \$1 million and Union County has about \$300,000 to contribute to the project, which could also include in-kind contributions.

Roll call: Commissioner Davidson, yes. Commissioner McClure, yes. Commissioner Howard, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting and Location

Next meeting will be on April 20, 2016 at the Joseph Annex Building.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorcinda Johnston
Sr. Dept. Specialist II