

Union County Board of Commissioners
June 27, 2018

Present: Commissioner Steve McClure
Commissioner Jack Howard
Commissioner Donna Beverage, Chair

Commissioner Beverage opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given with all three Commissioners present.

Public Hearing: 4-H & Extension Service District Budget FY 2018-19

Commissioner Beverage opened the public hearing.

Robin Maille provided a staff report in regards to the 4H & Extension Service District Budget for FY 2018-19, requesting the approval of the budget in the amount of \$597,537.

Commissioner Beverage opened the public hearing for public testimony. There were no comments from the public at this time. Public testimony was closed.

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer read aloud Resolution 2018-07 for approval.

Roll Call on Resolution 2018-07 to adopt the FY 2018-19 Budget: Commissioner Howard, yes. Commissioner McClure, yes. Commissioner Beverage, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Commissioner McClure complimented the 4H District on their financial stability and also wanted to compliment the Board of Directors on the purchase of the building has truly benefitted the 4-H District. He also extended his appreciation on the prudence of spending.

Commissioner Beverage also stated her appreciation of frugality of funds.

Public Hearing: Union County Budget FY 2018-19

Commissioner Beverage opened the public hearing.

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer provided a staff report to the Commissioners. A summary of the budget that was approved by the Budget Committee on May 17, 2018 was published in The La Grande Observer on June 13, 2018.

After the approval of the budget, there were two requested changes.

First request would be a transfer of \$34,652 from the Materials and Services category into the Personnel category. This will allow for employment of a Maintenance II employee rather than a temporary employee.

The second request would be to move from the Economic Development category to increase Land Sale Revenue by \$142,000 and increase Loan Payable Expense Line by

\$142,000. This would allow for additional payment on the Baum Industrial Park purchase loan that we have with the Oregon Business Development department.

The third request involved a transfer of \$12,000 from the contingency within the Justice Court category to the Personnel category to allow for a part time employee to be hired based on increased activities within the Justice Court.

With the increase of \$142,000, the total budget is, \$39,746,801.00.

Discussion – Commissioner McClure stated that the addition of the Public Works employee has been necessary as they have been short staffed for some time. He feels the position will be sustainable through the approval of the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funds and the addition of the fuel tax.

Commissioner Howard asked how this will affect the overtime budget. Doug Wright stated that the overtime is dependent upon winter weather and plowing requirements. This position may help provide an advantage by providing additional assistance to the road crew.

Commissioner Beverage asked for public comment on the budget.

John Lamerou, 62890 Fruitdale Lane, La Grande, commented that there was a line item in the budget he was not aware of until recently which involves, People Helping People. Mr. Lamerou appreciates the community service program, which was available to him through People Helping People.

Roll Call on approving Resolution 2018-08 Union County Budget for FY 2018-19. Commissioner Howard, yes. Commissioner McClure, yes. Commissioner Beverage, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Commissioner McClure complimented Shelley Burgess for her continuous efforts with the budget. This is a compliment to all staff and department heads. Mrs. Burgess was able to secure a AAA rating on recent bonds secured for the county. He stated the county is well run, everyone gets along and works well together. The county should be proud of the operations as we move forward.

Commissioner Howard complimented Commissioner McClure and the appreciation of his knowledge over the last 28 years with the county.

Commissioner Beverage also complimented Commissioner McClure and his legacy in making the county frugal of using money wisely.

Public Hearing: Union County Solid Waste District Budget FY 2018-19

Commissioner Beverage opened the public hearing.

Shelley Burgess provided a staff report on the Solid Waste District budget. A summary of the budget was approved by the Budget Committee on May 17, 2018. There have not been any proposed changes since the budget was approved. Mrs. Burgess stated that

there is not a tax levy on solid waste as funds come from franchise fees for operations of garbage collection and disposal.

Total district budget is \$793,159.

There were no public comments at this time.

Roll Call on approving Resolution 2018-09 Union County Solid Waste District Budget for FY 2018-19. Commissioner Howard, yes. Commissioner McClure, yes. Commissioner Beverage, yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – McClure said that China has gone out of the recycle receive in the US. La Grande has received a waiver. Darrin Larvik said that he has met with the City to determine what. Question is what this county will do in the future. Still getting the products, but through a lessened process. Recycling is minimal. Commissioner Beverage said that the commission attending in dc and Greg Walden that helped to push the approval of SRS and PILT from Washington, DC.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Elected Official, Department Head & Employee Comments

Doug Wright, Union County Public Works Director, presented the 2018 Fund Exchange Agreement #32947 for approval.

Mr. Wright would like to request a fund exchange of \$295,443 of federal funds for \$277,716.42 for state funds.

The agreement will provide for crack sealing, chip sealing materials, sander and snowplow for Maintenance. The federal funds are received through gas tax and come through Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). The funds are then exchanged for state money. This will allow for ongoing road maintenance throughout the county. The exchange allows for a better value as federal dollars come with many more restrictions than state funds. This is a boiler plate agreement.

Commissioner McClure made a motion to accept the 2018 Fund Exchange Agreement #32947. Commissioner Howard, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wright received an amended Connect Oregon Agreement for the La Grande Repel Base reflecting a small reduction in the total square footage of the building. The Attorney General's office said that the agreement originally submitted was incorrect and so he is presenting the document again for signature approval. Shelley Burgess stated that she asked that it be brought to the Board of Commissioners as all three signatures were required.

Commissioner Howard did not have objection to the urgency of the presentation due to the details of a Scribner's error. The money stays the same but the square footage was diminished.

Commissioner McClure moved approval of the amended Connect Oregon Agreement #36136-01. Commissioner Howard, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner McClure moved approval of the June 6, 7, 13 & 14, 2018 Claims Journals and the Meeting Minutes from the April 18, May 2, May 15 and June 6, 2018. Commissioner Howard, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Matters

Intergovernmental Agreement

Shelley Burgess presented the Intergovernmental Agreement #3710-18 on behalf of Cody Vavra, Assessor for Union County who is giving a presentation today at the crop tour and was unable to be present at the meeting.

This agreement is between the Union County Department of Revenue that for Cartography services for the upcoming fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2018. The estimated staff hours that would be provided for mapping purposes by the Department of Revenue is 467 hours.

Total cost at maximum would be \$28,020. This figure is included in the budget and is available as an as needed line item.

Commissioner McClure moved approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement #3710-18. Commissioner Howard, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Court Orders

Shelley Burgess presented Court Order 2018-19, Appointment to the Ambulance District advisory committee. Reappointments include Tracy Christopher, Steve Henderson and Jay Moore. All terms are set to expire June 30, 2021.

Commissioner McClure moved approval of Court Order 2018-19. Commissioner Howard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2018-10, Transferring Appropriated Funds

Shelley Burgess presented Resolution 2018-10 In the Matter of Transferring Appropriated Funds for approval. Mrs. Burgess stated that these are only appropriations, not cash.

Commissioner McClure asked for clarification on the SRS and dispute resolution. Why funds were moved from those funds. Mrs. Burgess said that the funds came in late and

that the funds did not qualify. More revenue came in and therefore additional expenditures, just wondered why coming from contingency funds.

Commissioner Beverage inquired about Justice Court. Payment of fees and fines go to the state, but when collected they must be disbursed. Justice Court is doing well, and receiving state police citations.

Commissioner Howard moved approval of Resolution 2018-10 for Transferring Appropriated Funds. Commissioner McClure, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tri-County Cooperative Weed Management Association Intergovernmental Agreement

Shelley Burgess presented the Intergovernmental Agreement to the Commissioners. She stated that the agreement is between Baker, Union and Wallowa counties.

The agreement has been reviewed by the council and all three counties.

Commissioner McClure stated that as a county we were having issues with Tri-County and the involvement. Changes include having an executive committee for the weed board with one commissioner from each county as well as a backup. There is an advisory committee and a board. The agreement will make it the responsibility of the board to adopt policies and operating procedures, but also requires the Executive Director to put the policies into effect for all the counties involved.

Commissioner Howard moved approval of the Tri-County Cooperative Weed Management Association Intergovernmental Agreement. Commissioner McClure, seconded.

Commissioner Howard permitted the Scribner's errors and corrections, however would like to add some changes. Commissioner McClure recommended that he meet with Shelley to put the changes into effect.

Executive Session

Commissioner Beverage recessed the meeting for an Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (2)(e) and called it back to order.

Baum Industrial Park Subdivision

Commissioner Beverage stated that she would like to authorize Shelley Burgess to present to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner McClure moved approval. Commissioner Howard, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Commissioner Beverage adjourned the meeting.