

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 20, 2022
Bartholomew Building Upper Conference Room
Heppner, Oregon

Present In-Person

Chair Jim Doherty, Commissioner Don Russell, Roberta Lutchter, Sandi Pointer, Eric Imes, Kevin Ince, Ron McKinnis

Present Via Zoom

Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, Justin Nelson, Kelsey Crocker, Carol Mitchell, Patrick Collins, Lindsay Grogan, Jeff Wenholz, Mike Gorman, Antonio Sierra, SaBrina Bailey-Cave, Samantha Ramirez, Lisa Mittelsdorf, Kandy Boyd, Linda Skendzel, Greg Sweek, Kirsti Cason, Tamra Mabbott, Christy Kenny, Yvonne Morter, Lisa Pratt, Aaron Moss, Katie Imes, Paul Gray, Robin Canaday

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 9:00 a.m.

City & Citizen Comments: None

Open Agenda: Chair Doherty said a meeting was scheduled for tomorrow, “and if it’s ok with you guys, we’ll forego that one and move forward today.” Commissioners Russell and Lindsay agreed.

Consent Calendar

Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve the following items in the Consent Calendar:

1. *Accounts Payable and Payroll Payables*
2. *Minutes: November 23rd, December 7th, December 14th*
3. *Morrow County Personal/Professional Services Contract, Water Coordinator, with GSI Water Solutions, Inc.; effective December 20, 2022 to December 31, 2024; not-to-exceed amount \$140,000; and authorize Chair Doherty to sign on behalf of the County*
4. *Morrow County Personal/Professional Services Contract, Janitorial Services, North and South County Facilities, with Patriot Building & Grounds Maintenance; effective December 20, 2022 to June 30, 2023*

Commissioner Russell seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Request from Ron McKinnis to Sign Replat: “Sixth Street Replat”

Mr. McKinnis presented a “standard plat in the City of Irrigon” for signature by the Board. He said it removed lot lines on the lot being developed for multi-family dwellings.

Commissioner Russell moved to approve and sign the Sixth Street Replat. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Ione Gas Station Update

Commissioner Lindsay provided an update on work to be done by the Department of Environmental Quality at the former gas station in Ione. It was noted Eric Imes, Public Works Director, was up to speed on the project and will be able to work with DEQ going forward.

U.S. Forest Service 21 Road Discussion

Commissioner Lindsay

Eric Imes, Public Works Director

Morrow County signed a Public Road Easement with the Forest Service on November 13, 2018, essentially taking over maintenance of that road. At that time, grant money was anticipated to cover the County's expenses but that has not been the case, said Commissioner Lindsay.

Mr. Imes said he became concerned because of the time and expense to blade the 17-mile road. He said there was an avenue to back out of the agreement and enter into a new intergovernmental agreement. Discussion.

Commissioner Russell moved to direct the Public Works Director and Assistant Road Master to terminate the 21 Road Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and begin discussions into an intergovernmental agreement for acceptable maintenance. Commissioner Lindsay seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Compensation Board Appointment

Lindsay Grogan, Human Resources Director

Ms. Grogan said there was one vacancy on the Board and she received one letter of interest from Christine Gray. She outlined Ms. Gray's qualifications, which included 15 years of human resources/payroll experience. Discussion.

Commissioner Russell moved to appoint Christine Gray to a four-year term on the Compensation Board. Chair Doherty seconded. Discussion on the Oregon Revised Statute regarding the duties of county compensation boards. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Liaison Reports

Commissioner Lindsay provided a brief report.

Correspondence - None

Commissioner Reports – No reports provided

Signing of documents

Adjourned: 9:35 a.m.