

**Morrow County Court
April 15, 2015
Heppner, Oregon
Pioneer Annex Conference Room**

Present

Commissioner Leann Rea
Commissioner Don Russell
Karen Wolff, Executive Secretary/Personnel Director
Justin Nelson, District Attorney/Interim County Counsel
Mike Gorman, Assessor/Tax Collector
Gayle Gutierrez, Treasurer
Roberta Lutchter, Court Executive Assistant

Commissioner Rea called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

City and Citizen Comments – Boardman

No comments

New Business

Purchasing Pre-Authorization Requests

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Purchasing Pre-Authorization request for \$18,518.50 to replace a vehicle for the Motor Pool (2015 Ford Fusion). Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.

8:10 a.m. - Judge Tallman arrived

Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Purchasing Pre-Authorization request for \$19,218 to replace a vehicle for the Justice Court (2015 Chevrolet Malibu). Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.

ORDER – Affirming the Planning Commission Decision to Approve Conditional Use Permit – CUP-N-315 for Love’s Travel Stops and Country Stores

Carla McLane, Planning Director
Via telephone:
Bill Kabeiseman, Attorney for Love’s Travel Stops
Mike Connors, Attorney for Devin Oil

Ms. McLane said today’s Order is based on the Court’s decision from last week’s Public Hearing, during which commissioner Russell recuses himself due to a conflict of interest. All parties have received a copy of the order, she said, and there are two typographical errors that won’t affect the outcome of the document. Ms. McLane then read the Order by title.

Commissioner Rea moved to approve An Order Affirming the Planning Commission Decision to Approve Conditional Use Permit CUP-N-315 to Allow Development of Love's Travel Stops and Country Stores in the Airport Approach Zone and Allow a Truck Tire Repair Facility, Order Number OR-2015-3. Judge Tallman seconded. Aye: Judge Tallman, Commissioner Rea; Abstain: Commissioner Russell.

Subdivision Replat – Riley Replat

Mr. Gorman explained this subdivision is in Irrigon between Jewel Lane and Oregon Avenue and involves the reconfiguration of a few of the lots in that subdivision. Ms. McLane said there are old encroachment and lot line issues being cleaned up with this action, and the City of Irrigon is endeavoring to work on these issues throughout the City.

On the recommendation of the Assessor and the Planning Commission (City of Irrigon), Commissioner Russell moved to approve the Riley Replat, a Replat of Lot 1, "Rhonda Addition" and a Portion of Parcel 1 of Partition Plat 1998-13, in Block 13W, in the SW ¼ of Section 24, T 5 N, R 26 E, WM., Morrow County Oregon. Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.

Resolution – Dissolving the Umatilla Basin Water Commission

Commissioner Rea moved to approve In the Matter of Dissolution of Umatilla Basin Water Commission, Resolution Number R-2015-2. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Ms. McLane asked how the money will be divided. Commissioner Rea said it will be an even four-way split between Morrow County, Umatilla County, Westland Irrigation District and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. It will be received in this fiscal year and will probably require a supplemental budget action, she added.

Claims

Ms. Wolff said she has an Add-on to today's Accounts Payable for lunch at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce meeting for members of the Budget Committee and staff who will be accompanying them; the amount is \$90.

Commissioner Rea moved to approve the Accounts Payable dated April 16th, including a \$90 Add-on, for a total amount of \$154,061.52. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.

Miscellaneous

Ms. McLane said at last week's Military Airspace Advisory Committee (MAAC) meeting, she and Commissioner Rea became aware of a letter referencing their job duties as a Cooperating Agency written by Don Gonzales, Vale District Manager, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The letter said comments can be made to Morrow County as a Cooperating Agency but the BLM didn't tell us we were a Cooperating Agency, said Ms. McLane. She went on to say she didn't

appreciate being given a job and not being informed about it, and she also asked for copies of any letters the County should have been copied on and there are two or three letters coming. Ms. McLane said she told the BLM if they want a local conduit, they need to talk to the County, and was promised by the BLM they would do a better job, but she doesn't hold out much hope. She explained the comments received for the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) transmission line should be on the website by Friday, April 17th and they will be sorted in such a way as to let us know the comments related to Morrow County. Discussion. Ms. McLane offered to prepare a draft document for the Court's review to ensure we are on the record as requesting to be included in the comment process.

Possible Meeting Dates with Affected Landowners

It was noted Ms. Wolff received a letter from John Kilkenny requesting a meeting with the Commissioners to discuss the proposed route for the B2H transmission line. Commissioner Rea asked if there are dates available in June to meet with them and Ms. McLane said by that time, she might have a sense of the comments specific to Morrow County and suggested it take place June 2nd, the same time as the next MAAC meeting. Commissioner Rea said this would allow adequate notice so authorities can be in attendance...because we want them to hear directly from the landowners and not second-hand from us. Discussion. Ms. McLane said her hope is to find a route with which all affected landowners can be on-board, including the Navy, but she wasn't sure if June is enough time, adding we do have to have a conversation with BLM and Idaho Power in the room. Commissioner Russell said if we can draw that line on the map, it will be easier to get congressional staff behind it.

Correspondence Reviewed:

- Two notices from the Planning Department sent to adjoining landowners (County) for actions being considered during a Planning Commission Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, Boardman.

Adjourned: 8:56 a.m.