

**Morrow County Court**  
**July 15, 2015**  
**Boardman, Oregon**

**Present**

Judge Terry Tallman  
Commissioner Leann Rea  
Commissioner Don Russell  
Justin Nelson, County Counsel/District Attorney  
Roberta Lutcher, Court Executive Assistant

**Excused**

Karen Wolff, Human Resources Director

Judge Tallman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**City and Citizen Comments – Boardman**

Commissioner Russell commented the new Splash Pad will be opening in Boardman this Friday.

**Open Agenda**

No items

**Department Report**

Road Report

Matt Scrivner, Assistant Road Master

Mr. Scrivner reviewed the following in his report:

- Big Butter Creek Lane – Five new culverts installed. Thirty six tons of hot mix have been laid in the culvert replacement areas and to fix potholes. Two excavators and a backhoe have been working to add ditch lines on the east side of the road. The shoulder building operation was completed and moved west to Little Butter Creek Road.
- The Carty Lateral natural gas pipeline project and harvest have necessitated blade work in the Ione area.
- Paving schedule:

July 20-24:	Balm Fork Road paver patching
July 27-August 6:	Big Butter Creek Lane overlay
August 11-12:	Eighth Road W. overlay
August 13:	Third Street S.W. overlay
August 18-21:	Gilmore Street overlay (related to Bartholomew Building construction)
August 24-28:	Columbia Lane overlay
August 31-Sept. 4:	Balm Fork Road chip seal
- Mr. Scrivner said he will meet with Courthouse staff to discuss the impacts while paving Gilmore Street.
- Dust abatement is taking place in some areas of the County, most often at the expense of the landowner.

### Permit Application #199

*On the recommendation of Public Works, Commissioner Russell moved to approve Application #199 for an Approach Site for Bill Hancock to cross Garrison Lane at Wilson Lane.*

*Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.*

### Emergency Management Monthly Update

Steve Myren, Undersheriff

Undersheriff Myren reported:

- There have been a few fires in outlying areas, but no structural losses.
- He has been in discussions with the contractor for the Bartholomew Building to ensure the conference room is appropriately wired so it can be used as an alternate emergency operations center.
- In his capacity with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Operations Section Chief for the Incident Response Coordination Team, Undersheriff Myren will be in New Jersey from September 11<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> to be on-hand for the pope's visit.
- The Sheriff's Office is currently advertising two positions and Undersheriff Myren said he will return next week with a request to fill the positions.

### Juvenile Department Quarterly Update

Tom Meier, Director

Mr. Meier discussed:

- Detention Statistics (New Admissions) – first time in eight years there were no admissions to detention for an entire quarter (April 1-June 30, 2015).
- There were 15 Admissions for the entire year (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015), which is identical to the previous two years. The 15 admissions to detention break down to 11 kids, with four being admitted more than once.
- Youth Referrals to other services – 18 kids referred for 19 referral services.
- Dependency, Department of Human Services (DHS)-Child Welfare – increased by six for the quarter, which brought the total to 32 children, which is very high.
- Commissioner Russell asked if there is any seasonality to the number of offenses over time. Mr. Meier replied the busiest times are in the fall when schools starts and, again, in the spring when the school year is ending.

### Special Transportation Fund (STF) Update

Anita Pranger, STF Coordinator

In order to satisfy two of the critical findings from a State audit, Ms. Pranger reviewed the changes she made to the Morrow County STF Guidelines Manual and the Morrow County Driver Guidelines.

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve the updates, as presented, regarding two of the critical findings from the State audit – language changes on page 15 of the Morrow County Passenger Service & Operational Guidelines Manual and a deletion in the Special Transportation Driver Guidelines. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

Miscellaneous STF information reported by Ms. Pranger:

- There are \$4,084 remaining to expend by September 30<sup>th</sup> from the Highly Rural Transportation Grant from the Veterans Administration, which will not be a problem.
- Training for STF volunteer drivers will take place July 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> in Heppner. This will satisfy another of the critical findings.
- Ms. Pranger asked the Commissioners to think about options for covering the STF office when she is away for more than one day, since she is the only employee.

## **New Business**

### Resolution Supporting Second Amendment Rights

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve In the Matter of Supporting Second Amendment Rights, Resolution No. R-2015-10. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

### Resolution Urging the Delisting of Gray Wolves

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve In the Matter of a Resolution Urging the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission to Take Steps to Delist Gray Wolves Under the Oregon Endangered Species Act, Resolution No. R-2015-11. Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.*

### Liquor License Renewal – Willow Run Golf Course, Boardman

By taking no action, the liquor license for the Willow Run Golf Course will automatically renew with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

*Commissioner Rea moved to take NO ACTION on the Liquor License Renewal for Willow Run Golf Course. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

### Order Designating a Newspaper for Publishing the 2015 Morrow County Foreclosure List

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve In the Matter of Designating a Newspaper (Heppner Gazette-Times) for the Publication of the 2015 Morrow County Foreclosure List, Order No. OR-2015-6. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

## **Contracts**

### Twelfth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) 2013-2015 Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Financing of Public Health Services, Agreement #142023

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve the 12<sup>th</sup> Amendment to OHA 2013-2015 IGA #142023, showing an increase to the School Based Health Center in the amount of \$173, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

### OHA 2015-2017 IGA for the Financing of Public Health Services, Agreement #148023

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve the OHA 2015-2017 IGA for the Financing of Public Health Services, Agreement #148023, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

### Temporary Sales License Application

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve the Temporary Sales License Application from the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, to operate a beer garden during the Fair and Rodeo,*

*and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### County Counsel Service Contract

*Commissioner Russell moved to approve the contract for County Counsel Services with Justin Nelson and Richard Tovey (District Attorney and Deputy District Attorney, respectively); for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016; at a rate of \$2,300 additional monthly salary for each, but no medical benefits provided to Mr. Nelson. Commissioner Rea seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### **County Counsel Report**

Mr. Nelson provided draft ordinances for recreational and medical marijuana dispensaries generated by AOC (Association of Oregon Counties) Counsel, Rob Bovett, and asked the Commissioners to review for future discussion.

#### **Correspondence Reviewed:**

- Parole and Probation Report for June 2015.
- Notice from Columbia-Blue Mountain Resource Conservation & Development stating the member and alternate appointed by the County can participate in CBMRC&D meetings but not vote because the County opted not to pay the membership dues. (The Court previously decided not to pay the membership dues until such time that the CBMRC&D becomes more active.)

#### **Commissioner Reports**

##### Bartholomew Building Construction

Judge Tallman said Public Health Director, Sheree Smith, requested a larger 20,000 kilovolt (kV) generator for the Public Health offices in the new building at a cost of \$15,000. He said she has \$7,000 in a budget to contribute toward the cost. According to Judge Tallman, WC Construction can make the wiring changes without tearing anything up, but needs to have an answer today. It was discussed the current 8,000 kV generator used by Public Health isn't very old and, during a power outage, is adequate to power the refrigerator that stores medicines and vaccines. Judge Tallman said he told Ms. Smith he had problems with the request being introduced at this late date. The Commissioners decided to discuss this further during the afternoon Long Range Planning meeting.

##### Purchasing Pre-Authorization Request – County Court

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve the Purchasing Pre-Authorization Request for a docking station (\$130.89) for the Court Executive Assistant, and authorize Judge Tallman to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### **Minutes**

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve the minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup>, as presented. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

#### **Claims**

Commissioner Rea made note of a \$15 interest charge incurred by Community Corrections.

*Commissioner Rea moved to approve the July 2015 Retirement Taxes, dated July 10, 2015; and the Accounts Payable, dated July 16<sup>th</sup>, in the amount of \$827,207.83. Commissioner Russell seconded. Unanimous approval.*

**Break 11:55 a.m.**

**Resume 1:00 p.m.**

**Long Range Planning**

Rick Worden, Finance Department Director

Carla McLane, Planning Department Director

Tom Meier, Juvenile Department Director

Stephanie Loving-Harris, Associate Planner

Linda Skendzel, Veterans' Representative

Dave Fishel, Partner, Wenaha Group

Scott Rogers, Project Manager, Wenaha Group

Heath Gardner, Project Manager, Wenaha Group

The main topic of discussion centered on the possibility of a new facility in Boardman, Irrigon, or perhaps between the two communities. Mr. Worden reviewed his updated Long Range Planning spreadsheet. This spreadsheet primarily deals with future revenue and expenditures for Shepherds Flat Community Service Fees, and Carty 1 Community Service Fees. Commissioner Rea said these funds have a limited lifespan and she would like them to be used toward something tangible, such as a building that will last over the long-term. Commissioner Russell said the Court is opposed to funding programs that can't be sustained after the Community Service fees end. Morrow County is one of the few counties in eastern Oregon seeing continued growth and we need to plan for the next 25 years or so, he added.

Representatives of Wenaha Group listened to the needs expressed by department personnel and ideas were exchanged. It was decided future discussions will be necessary and Mr. Rogers said Wenaha Group will draft a proposal for the Court.

**Public Health Department Generator, continued**

*Commissioner Rea moved to not install a larger generator in the Bartholomew Building, as requested by the Public Health Department. Commissioner Russell seconded. Aye:*

*Commissioner Rea and Commissioner Russell; Nay: Judge Tallman.*

**Adjourned: 3:45 p.m.**