

## **MALHEUR COUNTY COURT MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

County Court met with Judge Dan Joyce presiding with Commissioner Don Hodge and Commissioner Larry Wilson present. Staff present was Administrative Officer Lorinda DuBois.

Also present was John Braese of the Malheur Enterprise.

### **MCOA&CS - COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

MCOA&CS (Malheur Council on Aging and Community Service) Executive Director Loni Debban met with the Court and reviewed the recently updated Malheur County Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan. The Plan was updated with the assistance of Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates Inc. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) requires recipients of FTA Section 5310 program funds and State Special Transportation Fund (STF) Program funds to engage in a coordinated planning process. FTA Section 5310 program funds and STF Program funds are focused on providing funding for the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities. The Coordinated Plan must be updated every five years. Transportation needs are addressed in Section 5 of the Plan; limited weekend service, limited funding, smart phone technology, and a need for more vehicles are some of the needs identified. The Court will review the Plan and consider adoption of the Plan at its next Court meeting.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Health Department Director Angela Gerrard and Nursing Supervisor Rebecca Stricker met with the Court. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Eighth Amendment to Oregon Health Authority 2015-2017 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Financing of Public Health Services. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment increases funding for Public Health Emergency Preparedness and WIC (Women, Infant and Children). A copy will be returned electronically for recording.

Ms. Gerrard explained that a Notice of Award was received for the Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) in the amount of \$87,708 to be used for teen pregnancy prevention activities through the Family Life and Sexual Health (FLASH) curriculum. The grant is federal funds administered through the Oregon Health Authority. Funding will be used to hire 1 FTE (Full-Time Equivalent) Health Specialist for 16 months, project materials, travel and training expenses, and some grant support staff costs. Ms. Gerrard explained that Malheur County has the highest rate of teen pregnancy in the state by a large margin (nearly double) and the highest rates of youth chlamydia infection in 3 out of 5 years from 2010-2014. Partnering agencies are the Juvenile Department; Boys and Girls Club; Ontario High, Middle, and Alternative Schools; and Nyssa High and Middle Schools. Goals of the program are to increase family involvement; decrease relationship violence; decrease teen pregnancy rates; and decrease sexually transmitted infection rates. Ms. Gerrard and Ms. Stricker answered questions from the Court members. It is hoped that the grant will be extended for possibly 5 years; if it is extended the program could be expanded to include other schools in the County. Commissioner Hodge moved to authorize the

hiring of 1 FTE Health Specialist with individual only benefits for the 16 month term of the grant. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Gerrard also noted that there will be a regional meeting held October 21, 2016 in Burns regarding public health modernization and invited the court members to attend it.

Mr. Brase left the meeting.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Road Supervisor Richard Moulton met with the Court. Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Crossing Permit #26-16 to Track Utilities to bore under Hyline Road to trench on the south side of Hyline Lane #1077; and Crossing Permit #25-16 to Track Utilities to bore and trench on Airport Road #1100 to provide telecom service to a solar farm. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Original permits will be kept on file at the Road Department.

Mr. Moulton visited with the Court about possibly purchasing the Wilcox gravel pit. Mr. Moulton explained that Nick Seubert from Seubert Excavators said he uses the pit and there is an extensive amount of product in it. The asking price for the property is \$150,000. Commissioner Wilson suggested a written offer be drafted and submitted for the property. Commissioner Hodge suggested that the landowner may be interested in carrying the contract; and if not financing could be obtained. Commissioner Wilson indicated he would work with County Counsel to prepare a written offer.

Mr. Moulton also mentioned that the water truck needs to have its tank replaced; he is exploring purchase options.

### **COURT MINUTES**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Court Minutes of September 7, 2016 as written. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (Judge Joyce was absent September 7, 2016)

Judge Joyce moved to approve Court Minutes of September 14, 2016. Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (Commissioner Hodge was absent September 14, 2016)

### **ORDER - APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION APPROVING LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT BETWEEN BENCH/SEUBERT**

Commissioner Hodge moved to approve Order GO-7-16, Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order, in the matter of the Appeal of Planning Commission's Decision Approving Lot/Property Line Adjustment between Bench (Assessor's Map 17S47 tax lot 600 ref. #6967) and Seubert (Assessor's Map 17S4719 tax lot 800 ref. #6948). Commissioner Wilson seconded and the motion passed. (Judge Joyce was not present for the appeal hearing.) The Court affirmed the decision of the Planning Commission. The property line adjustment between adjoining landowners Seubert Excavator and Bench of approximately 14 acres is approved. See instrument [#2016-3233](#)

### **UPDATED COUNTY POLICY 100 - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve updated County Policy 100 – Equal Opportunity. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. See instrument #[2016-3234](#)

### **EOCA INVOICES**

The Court authorized payment of Eastern Oregon Counties Alliance (EOCA) dues for fiscal year 2016/17 in the amount of \$15,800; and payment of EOCA debt retirement invoice of \$4,645. (Please note that in previous years the EOCA organization was known as EORCO (Eastern Oregon Rural Counties Organization).)

### **AMENDMENT - IGA #148074**

Commissioner Wilson moved to approve Amendment #1 to State of Oregon Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Financing of Community Developmental Disability Services. Commissioner Hodge seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The amendment modifies definitions, and financial terms and conditions in the agreement. A copy will be returned electronically for recording.

### **COURT ADJOURNMENT**

Court was adjourned.