

County Administration Workshop: January 21, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Board Conference Room

Attending: Commissioners Cherryl Walker, Keith Heck, and Simon G. Hare; Linda McElmurry, Recorder

Chair Cherryl Walker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. LEGAL COUNSEL

A. Ballot Title Advisory Question draft

Wally Hicks, Legal Counsel, presented **Exhibit 1**, and said at the Board's request a draft ballot title was prepared. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the ballot title and what could be included in the Explanatory Statement. Legal will bring forward the Explanatory Statement in two weeks. Wally will work with the District Attorney.

2. DEPARTMENT REPORTS & BUSINESS UPDATES

A. Planning Department

1) Intergovernmental Agreement with RVCOG for SORPP (Lewis)

Dennis Lewis, Planning Director, said they were ready to move this forward. Commissioner Hare made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with RVCOG for SORPP (Southern Oregon Regional Pilot Project), seconded by Commissioner Heck. Upon roll call vote motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes. Two IGA's signed, one original to the Clerk's office and one returned to RVCOG.

2) Ordinance No. 2016-001 Marvin Comprehensive Plan/Zone Change (Lewis)

Dennis Lewis said this Ordinance was ready to move forward and asked for the first reading to be on February 10, 2016. Staff was directed to make that happen.

B. Department Updates

1) Human Resources

JJ Scofield, HR Director, said the Forestry Program Manager candidate accepted the position at Step 6 and will start on February 15th.

2) Public Works

Rob Brandes, Public Works Director described three weather related situations from the storm that came in last week. On N. Applegate the majority seems to have been caused by a blow out of an irrigation ditch they might not be able to rebuild. Rob stated there were about two dozen irrigation lines in County culverts that they have asked property owners to remove with only one response, which will be removed when the County's ditch is repaired. He said the County has liability for infrastructure but if they have notified people it is now their responsibility. He said the Galice slide was overwhelming and they have decided to encourage a larger slide with a water cannon if possible. They are looking for the most inexpensive way to bring it down. He felt they could have one lane open within a day and the full road open within a week. They will try to have the bids in by next Tuesday so work can begin by the end of next week. The third issue is at Lake Selmac, ODOT is replacing the bridge but the spillway is collapsing. Rob outlined different approaches to fund the project. He was told to bring three scenarios with price, time frames and financial impact back to the Board. Rob said he would bring it next Thursday as ODOT needs to know by the end of the month. Commissioner Hare explained this is why he wants a formula developed for a minimum reserve for contingency funds.

3) Transit

a. Josephine County – Transit Service Changes/Transit Fare Changes (Chancey)

Scott Chancey, Transit Program Manager, explained he needed approval for Appendix G of the Title 6 policy before the Federal triennial review in April to ensure they were compliant. He then updated the Board on the Enhancement Proposal that RVACT approved and two projects that he is applying for. Commissioner Hare noted the drivers were great and very professional. Commissioner Heck made a motion to approve adding Appendix G to Title 6 policy, seconded by Commissioner Hare. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes. Motion only, no documents.

3. FINANCE REPORT & BUSINESS UPDATE

A. Economic Development Request – Josephine County Fairgrounds

Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director said he had an Economic Development request to replace the overhangs on the Commercial and Agriculture buildings. He stated the Fairgrounds were authorized to receive Economic Development Funds and there was \$130,000 available for projects. Mary Groves, Fair Board and Peggy Anderson, Fairgrounds Manager explained the project. The Board supported the project and authorized Arthur to run the request through the Board's signature folder.

Arthur noted that Charter has paid their annual PEG fee, the residual from the old contract was \$18,000 and \$15,000 for the new contract and both were deposited.

4. BOARD BUSINESS: *(ORS 192.640(1) “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”)*

A. Resolution No. 2016-010; In the Matter of a Reappointment to the Josephine County Board of Health Staff was directed to place the item on the Consent Calendar on next week's Weekly Business Session Agenda.

B. Matters from Commissioners

None heard.

C. Liaison Update

Commissioner Heck said he attended the Fair Board meeting and they are impressed by the tremendous progress that has been made by staff.

D. Miscellaneous Items

None heard.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

EXHIBITS:

1 Ballot Title Draft

Ballot Title Draft (2)

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Exhibit 1

Ballot Measure 2016-XXX

Caption (10 words max):

Advisory question on public safety agreements.

Question (20 words max):

In your opinion, should Josephine County enter into an agreement with the state for public safety services?

Ballot Summary (175 words max):

The outcome of the election on this advisory question will not be binding. It will provide information to the Board of Commissioners while the Board formulates policy.

Chapter 753 of Oregon Laws 2013 provides that the Governor may proclaim a public safety fiscal emergency if the Governor determines that a county is financially unable to provide an adequate level of public safety services. After making the proclamation, the Governor may enter into a written agreement with the county's governing body involving public safety services. The Board of Josephine County Commissioners would have discretion as to whether to approve the written agreement. If approved, the agreement would take effect upon adjournment of the next legislative session. The agreement would last for up to 18 months, and could potentially be renewed for an additional 18 months. Such an agreement can provide that the state would pay for half the cost of the agreed upon public safety services, and the county would pay for the other half.