

WEEKLY BUSINESS SESSION – May 11, 2016

5:30 p.m. – Anne G. Basker Auditorium
600 N.W. Sixth Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Present: Cherryl Walker, Chair; Keith Heck, Vice-Chair; and Simon Hare, Commissioner; Wendy Watkins, Recorder

These are meeting minutes only. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words.

Pursuant to notice through the media and in conformance with the Public Meeting Law, Cherryl Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Items discussed were as follows:

Commissioner Walker asked Trisha Myers, Josephine County Clerk, to give an explanation on how the election process works and efforts made assuring the secrecy of a ballot. Ms. Myers explained that as of today, for the May 17th election, there was approximately a 26% return on the ballots. She discussed that each ballot is mailed out to a voter with a bar code and when that bar code is returned it is scanned which will pull up the voters registration information and shows the voters signature. If the signature does not match, the voter will be contacted and has up to 14 days after the election to provide a valid signature and their vote will be counted. All of the ballots are in rooms that are double locked and sealed with video cameras that overlook the areas of where the Board works. The Board is made up of four ladies with different political party affiliation and after the Board verifies the signature, they start their first count and after that they remove the secrecy envelopes and then the ballot is removed thereby making the ballot anonymous and from there they get them ready to run through a tabulator. The results are kept confidential and not viewed until 8:00 p.m. on election night.

1. PROCLAMATION(S):

- a. In the Matter of Proclaiming the Week of May 15 – 21, 2016 as National Police Week** *(One original Proclamation filed with the County Clerk)*

Commissioner Heck read the proclamation and mentioned the Peace Officer Memorial will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 10 a.m. in front of the Courthouse.

- b. In the Matter of Proclaiming the Month of September 2016 as Be College Ready Month** *(One original Proclamation filed with the County Clerk)*

Commissioner Walker read and presented the proclamation to Susan Zottola, Director of Elementary Education for Grants Pass School District and Dave Valenzuela, Elementary School Coordinator for Three Rivers School District. Mr. Valenzuela thanked the Board for Proclaiming September 2016 as Be College Ready Month and said the school districts are focusing on kindergarten students now to make the idea of college a reality. One of the biggest roadblocks is the financial burden of going to college so the idea of partnering with the College Savings Plan through the State of Oregon is to start the savings plan now. College is an obtainable reality for every one of our students in Josephine County. Susan mentioned even having as little as \$250 in an account before students graduate from high school almost doubles their chances of finishing college.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN CONSIDERATION OF:

BOARD DECISIONS UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS WERE MADE AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED

- a. Approval of Order No. 2016-014; In the Matter of Authorization of Sale of County Real Property by Sheriff's Sale** *(One original Order and one original Report and Recommendation filed with the County Clerk)*

Michael Watson, County Property Manager, discussed he has undergone an extensive process looking at all County owned surplus properties. Mr. Watson first started by asking the Treasurer to provide a list of all the properties that have been deeded to the County since 1998, which was a list of 53 properties long. He said he focused on properties that have previously gone to auction and did not sell. There are 14 properties that are ready for auction, which will take place in the Anne Basker on June 16, 2016 promptly starting at 11 a.m. He advised that once this is approved, all the properties will be listed on the County website.

- b. Approval of Grant of Easement and Agreement with Robert W. Stumbo and Donna M. Mitchell nka Donna M. Stumbo** *(One original Easement returned to Legal for recording)*
- c. Approval of Grant of Temporary Easement and Agreement with Robert W. Stumbo and Donna M. Mitchell nka Donna M. Stumbo** *(One original Easement returned to Legal for recording)*
- d. Approval of Grant of Temporary Easement and Agreement with Brooke McCain and Willow McCain** *(One original Easement returned to Legal for recording)*

- e. **Approval of Grant of Temporary Easement and Agreement with Donald Holland and Delores Holland** (*One original Easement returned to Legal for recording*)
- f. **Approval of Grant of Reciprocal Easement and Agreement with Melba Carlson aka Melba Holland** (*One original Easement returned to Legal or recording*)

Commissioner Hare mentioned these Easements and Agreements are to facilitate the forest management operations to gain access into various properties for timber management purposes and to access the current timber sales.

- g. **Approval of Timber Sale Contract with Greg Liles Logging: Rock Creek Hardwood 2016T-9** (*Two original Contracts returned to Forestry for full execution*)

Commissioner Hare explained this is a firewood operation that totals \$14,413 for the sale of 285 chords of wood. He said this was part of the Douglas project that was involved in a fire and was not merchantable at the time, but is necessary to reduce the woody mass on the slope before reforestation takes place.

3. REQUESTS/COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: (*Each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak*)

Bill Ertel, Williams, spoke about coordinating with Michael Watson, County Property Manager, to help him get the County properties sold.

Sandi Cassanelli, Merlin, would like to know how much money from SRS Title 1 County payments came in since 2012.

Jean Mount, Josephine County, would like to know what the logging plan is for the County.

Larry Ford, Grants Pass, commended the Board and thanked them for being productive and getting things done.

Dale Matthews, Grants Pass, spoke about his dissatisfaction with County government.

Tony Minton, Wolf Creek, spoke about his dissatisfaction with County government.

Catherine Austin, Cave Junction, spoke about HB3453 and the County's fiscal emergency.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(a)

Commissioner Hare made a motion to approve Order No. 2016-014; In the Matter of Authorization of Sale of County Real Property by Sheriff's Sale, seconded by Commissioner Heck. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)

Commissioner Hare made a motion to approve Grant of Easement and Agreement with Robert W. Stumbo and Donna M. Mitchell nka Donna M. Stumbo, Grant of Temporary Easement and Agreement with Robert W. Stumbo and Donna M. Mitchell nka Donna M. Stumbo, Grant of Temporary Easement and Agreement with Brooke McCain and Willow McCain, Grant of Temporary Easement and Agreement with Donald Holland and Delores Holland and Grant of Reciprocal Easement and Agreement with Melba Carlson aka Melba Holland, seconded by Commissioner Heck. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(g)

Commissioner Hare made a motion to approve the Timber Sale Contract with Greg Liles Logging: Rock Creek Hardwood 2016T-9, seconded by Commissioner Heck. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. **Minutes** (*Draft minutes are available for viewing in the Board's Office*)

Weekly Business Session – April 20, 2016

Executive Session (Open Session) – April 27, 2016

County Administration Workshop – April 28, 2016

General Discussion – April 28, 2016

- b. **BLM Right of Way Permit and Road Use Agreement M-1538; Amendment No. 7** (*One original Amendment returned to Forestry for full execution*)

Board Discussion and Action:

Commissioner Hare made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Items 4(a) through 4(b) as listed, seconded by Commissioner Heck. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

- 5. **OTHER: (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.”)

None reported.

6. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Hare announced the 24th Annual Rogue River Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 and you can pre-register at www.solve.org. He also discussed a non-binding question on the ballot on whether or not Forest Management is an appropriate revenue stream to fund County services.

Commissioner Heck mentioned there are two newspapers in the County, Illinois Valley News and The Daily Courier. He encourages everyone to read the articles in the newspapers to gain a full perspective of the individuals involved in the County.

Commissioner Walker noted the budget book is available online and the next Budget Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 and encourages anyone with questions regarding the budget contact Arthur O'Hare, Budget Officer.

Weekly Business Session was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.


Wendy Watkins, Recorder