

WEEKLY BUSINESS SESSION – May 25, 2016

9:00 a.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

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Pursuant to notice through the media and in conformance with the Public Meeting Law, Cherryl Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Items discussed were as follows:

1. PRESENTATION:

a. The Raskin Award 2016

Commissioner Walker read a brief summary explaining the Raskin Award and awarded it to Hans Shaffron and Dogmar Wheeler.

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

a. Josephine County Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Commissioner Walker opened the Public Hearing at 9:06 a.m.

Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director, cited in accordance with Oregon Budget Law he prepared Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget following the direction of the Board of County Commissioners. The law requires he present a balanced budget to the Budget Committee who then met and reviewed the balanced budget on April 19th, April 26th and May 17, 2016. The Budget Committee approved the proposed budget without any changes. Oregon Budget Law requires the approved Budget be published and was published in the Daily Courier on May 20, 2016 and the purpose for the Public Hearing today is to hear any citizen input regarding the Budget that was approved by the Budget Committee. Commissioner Heck asked if this reflects his salary change and Commissioner Walker stated the salary request made by Commissioner Heck and the Elected Officials Compensation Committee (EOCC) recommendations are a separate process and will be handled separately. Arthur advised the Budget Committee made a policy recommendation to the Board of Commissioners but did not change the dollar amount of the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *(Each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak)*

Dale Matthews, Grants Pass, spoke about his dissatisfaction with the budget process.

Judy Ahrens, Josephine County, spoke about her dissatisfaction with not having more public input in the budget process.

Commissioner Walker closed the Public Hearing at 9:31 a.m.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN CONSIDERATION OF:

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

a. Approval of Resolution No. 2016-039; In the Matter of Adoption of the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Making Appropriations (One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)

Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director, advised according to Oregon Budget Law the Board of Commissioners are required, before June 30, 2016, to make appropriations, adopt Resolutions and levy the tax associated with the Budget.

b. Approval of Resolution No. 2016-040; In the Matter of Levying Ad Valorem Property Tax Rates, Local Option Levy Taxes and Bond Levies for Josephine County, Oregon for Fiscal Year 2016-17 (One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)

Arthur explained since Measure 4950 established a permanent tax rate in the County, the property tax rate has not changed in 20 years and is set at \$0.58 cents per thousand.

c. Approval of Second Amendment to the Contract for Professional Services between Conmed and Josephine County (One original Amendment filed with the County Clerk)

Commissioner Walker stated the law requires Josephine County provide health care in the jail facility and this contract will provide an additional part time staff member to alleviate the strain on the current medical staff. The cost to the County is \$365,236 and the annual increase for this contract will be \$39,594.

- d. **Approval of Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Hayes Hill 2016T-1** *(One original Contract filed with the County Clerk and two original Contracts returned to Forestry)*
- e. **Approval of Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Mungers Flat 2016T-2** *(One original Contract filed with the County Clerk and two original Contracts returned to Forestry)*
- f. **Approval of Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Upper Hog Creek 2016T-4** *(One original Contract filed with the County Clerk and two original Contracts returned to Forestry)*
- g. **Approval of Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Wolf Creek Park 2016T-5** *(One original Contract filed with the County Clerk and two original Contracts returned to Forestry)*

Commissioner Hare mentioned this property is located on the other side of Wolf Creek Park and is 30 acres up on the hillside and all of the revenue projected will go back into Wolf Creek Park.

- h. **Approval of Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Waterbrook 2016T-6** *(One original Contract filed with the County Clerk and two original Contracts returned to Forestry)*
- i. **Approval of Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Colby Gulch 2016T-8** *(One original Contract filed with the County Clerk and two original Contracts returned to Forestry)*

Commissioner Hare provided these timber sales were purchased at auction by Murphy Company totaling 6.3 MBF for a grand total of \$1.8 million.

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

Larry Ford, Grants Pass, commended the Board for holding the line and keeping the funds with Public Works and also thanked Larry Graves, Airport Manager, for a great job with receiving generators through a ConnectOregon Grant. Judy Ahrens, Grants Pass, spoke about her concern with transgender individuals in public restrooms. Dale Matthews, Grants Pass, spoke about diplomatic immunity. Larry West, Grants Pass, spoke about Eve Arce, Treasurer, and said she needs a wage increase based on merit.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 3(a)

Commissioner Hare made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-039; In the Matter of Adoption of the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2016-17 and Making Appropriations, 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 3(b)

Commissioner Hare made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-040; In the Matter of Levying Ad Valorem Property Tax Rates, Local Option Levy Taxes and Bond Levies for Josephine County, Oregon for Fiscal Year 2016-17, 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 3(c)

Commissioner Heck made a motion to approve Second Amendment to the Contract for Professional Services between Conmed and Josephine County, seconded by Commissioner Hare. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 3(d)(e)(f)(g)(h)(i)

Commissioner Hare made a motion to approve Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Hayes Hill 2016T-1; Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Mungers Flat 2016T-2; Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Upper Hog Creek 2016T-4; Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Wolf Creek Park 2016T-5; Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Waterbrook 2016T-6; Timber Sale Contract with Murphy Company: Colby Gulch 2016T-8, seconded by Commissioner Heck. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. **Minutes** *(Draft minutes are available for viewing in the Board's Office)*
 - County Administration Workshop – April 21, 2016
 - Weekly Business Session – May 11, 2016
 - County Administration Workshop – May 12, 2016
 - General Discussion 9:00 a.m. – May 17, 2016
 - General Discussion 1:30 p.m. – May 17, 2016
 - Weekly Business Session – May 18, 2016

- b. **Resolution No. 2016-041; In the Matter of Amending the Assessment and Taxation Grant** (*One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk*)
- c. **Amendment No. 3 to Lease Agreement for Office Space between Public Health and Health Care Coalition of Southern Oregon** (*One original Amendment filed with the County Clerk and one original Amendment returned to Public Health*)
- d. **Order No. 2016-017; In the Matter of Appointing the Community Development Director to Serve as the County Planning Director** (*One original Order filed with the County Clerk*)

Board Discussion and Action:

Commissioner Heck made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Items 5(a) through 5(d) as listed, seconded by Commissioner Hare. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

- 6. **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.

7. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Hare said for anyone wishing to volunteer eight hours of their time to the Parks Department, they will be awarded an annual park pass.

Commissioner Heck announced the following events:

- Saturday, May 28, 2016 Birds & Brews at Dry Creek Center in Selma and please visit thesfi.org for more information.
- The Food Bank is trying to feed the hungry and said donating one dollar will help provide up to five meals.
- Care Giver Support Program for those who are caregivers of Veterans please call the Veterans Service Office for more information 541-474-5454 or 855-260-3274.
- Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. the Williams Grange will be hosting a Greek dinner and showing a film. For more information go to www.williamscommunityforestproject.com.

Commissioner Walker announced the following events:

- Boatnik is this weekend and remember those who have given their lives for us to enjoy the freedom and rights as US Citizens.
- Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Senator Wyden will be having a town hall at RCC.
- September 3, 2106 at the Merlin Airport will be Airport Days.
- Advised with the approaching fire season to remember to clear brush off the roof and gutters to keep from having a fire on the roof.

Weekly Business Session was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.


Wendy Watkins, Recorder