

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 16, 2025
Don Adams Conference Room, Irrigon Government Center
Irrigon, Oregon

Present In Person Commissioner Jeff Wenholz, Commissioner Gus Peterson, Matthew Jensen, Valerie Ballard, Justin Nelson, Kevin Ince, Tamra Mabbott, Brian Snyder, Eric Imes, Greg Close, Christy Kenny, Jordan Standley, Glen Diehl; non-staff: Kelli Stewart, Austin Guitierrez, Doug Carl, Mark Browning

Present Via Zoom Chair David Sykes, Sabrina Bailey-Cave, Amanda Kendrick, Bobbi Childers, Lindsay Grogan, Mike Gorman, Eric Imes, Rose Kylo, Sandi Pointer, Steven Davis, Tami Ewing; non-staff: Andrea Di Salvo

Call to Order

9:00 a.m.

Board of Commissioners Vice-Chair, Jeff Wenholz chaired the meeting due to Board Chair, Commissioner Sykes participating electronically.

Consideration and Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Peterson motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of the Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) in the department reports.

Department Reports

The Blue Mountain Community College report was presented by Dr. J Mark Browning, College President

The Juvenile Department report was presented by Christy Kenny

The Sheriff's Office report was presented by Brian Snyder

The Planning Department report was presented by Tamra Mabbott

The Accounts Payable report was provided by Kevin Ince

The Administrator's report was presented by Matthew Jensen

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Peterson motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Wenholz seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Circuit Courthouse Project Update

Matthew Jensen, County Administrator; Doug Carl, Alliance Construction; Kelli Stewart, DLR Group; Austin Guitierrez, DLR Group

Kelli Stewart and Austin Guitierrez of DLR Group presented a 1/16 model of the Circuit Courthouse design with current cost estimates. There was discussion on how to potentially reduce the construction costs and options to reduce the overall cost were discussed, including removing the Justice Court space with the Justice Court remaining at the Historic Courthouse.

The design team was instructed to proceed with planning for shell space sufficient for including the Justice Court and revisit costs at the next design phase.

Contract Arrangement for Family Planning Services

Robin Canaday, Public Health Director

The current contract for family planning services with Physicians Assistant, Amanda Roy, is set to expire April 30. Dr. Emily Jack, Health Officer, has agreed to serve a dual role in Public Health and provide family planning services as well with services beginning June 1.

Commissioner Peterson motioned to approve the contract employee agreement with Dr. Emily Jack to provide Family Planning Services starting June 1. Commissioner Wenholtz seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Morrow County Parks logging Contract

Greg Close, Parks Manager

Morrow County Parks has historically had a logging contractor which is dependent on lumber pricing and depending on ground conditions and the weather.

Commissioner Peterson motioned to approve and sign the logging contract between Morrow County and Ted R Britt Logging. Commissioner Wenholtz seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Fiscal Agent Agreement for Morrow County Clean Water Consortium

Matthew Jensen, County Administrator

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) establishing the Morrow County Clean Water Consortium (Consortium) states Morrow County will act as the fiscal agent for the Consortium and at the last Consortium meeting, they passed the Fiscal Agent Agreement with one amendment clarifying budget procedures in section 4.a.1, removing a reference to Oregon Statute that was not required.

Commissioner Peterson motioned to approve the agreement with amendment in 4.a.1 as discussed. Commissioner Sykes seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Paving Emulson Purchase of Supplies Contract

Eric Imes, Public Works Director; Matthew Jensen, County Administrator

An invitation to bid for the contract was issued with only one response from Enviroad LLC. As the company has relations with Public Works Director, Eric Imes, it was decided to bring the contract before the Board as a Business Item, instead of Consent Agenda as usual. Enviroad has been contracted for this work in the past and is raising the total cost \$5 per ton which is minimal.

Commissioner Wenholtz found a typo on page two of the contract, where it should read “paying for the work **from** the planned funding source” instead of “for the planned funding source”, the error in the contract would be corrected and initialed.

Commissioner Peterson motioned to approve the contract with Enviroad LLC to supply Ambient Mix Asphalt Emulsion. Commissioner Sykes seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Justice Reinvestment Grant

Brian Snyder, Undersheriff

The Parole & Probation Justice Reinvestment Grant provides community based supervision for those convicted of non-violent crimes which reduces recidivism through evidence based practices. The grant pays for one Parole & Probation position and coordinator wages.

Commissioner Peterson motioned to sign the letter of support for the Justice Reinvestment Grant. Commissioner Sykes seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

DLCD Solar Siting Rules Additional Consideration

Gus Peterson, Commissioner

Commissioner Sykes motioned to continue this item to the April 30 Special Session. Commissioner Peterson seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Correspondence

None

Commissioner Reports

Brief reports on Commissioner activity were provided.

Recess

11:16 a.m.

Resume

11:20 a.m.

Executive Session

11:20 a.m. The Board met in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(p) to consider matters relating to cyber security infrastructure and responses to cyber security threats.

Return to Open Session after Executive Session

11:58 a.m. No action Taken

Adjourn

11:58 a.m.