

Morrow County Board of Commissioners Special Session
May 27, 2025
Upper Conference Room, Bartholomew Building
Heppner, Oregon

Present In Person Chair David Sykes, Commissioner Jeff Wenholz, Commissioner Gus Peterson, Matthew Jensen, Valerie Ballard, Justin Nelson, Vince Guerrero, Sue Gibbs, Kevin Ince; non-staff: Michael Duncan, Shelby Schoenfelder

Present Via Zoom Sandi Pointer, Sabrina Bailey-Cave; non-staff: Mark Reinecke, Griffin Beach

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:01 a.m.

Public Comment

No Comments

Consideration and Adoption of Agenda

Matthew Jensen, County Administrator requested adding a follow up to the Sheriff's Office Body and Vehicle Camera Sole Source Determination to the agenda.

Commissioner Peterson motioned to adopt the agenda with the addition of Sheriff's Office Source Determination. Commissioner Wenholz seconded. Vote: unanimous approval.

Consent Agenda

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Commissioner Wenholz motioned to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Peterson seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Business Items

Consideration of Fairgrounds Capital Improvement Grant Funds

Vicent Guerrero, Assistant County Administrator; Sue Gibbs, Fair Manager

The Fairgrounds has approximately \$1.27 million dollars in state grants for capital improvement projects. After a \$55,000 feasibility study, several additional potential projects were identified, including a permanent sheep show ring. Silver Creek Contracting has offered to donate labor for the sheep show ring structure and staff are requesting approval to use \$30,000 portion of the \$1.27 million for project materials. Having a permanent sheep barn structure would save the county between \$4,000 to \$6,000 in set up costs each year and would quickly pay for itself. Staff would also like to issue a sole source determination due to Silver Creek's labor donation making the project far less expensive than it would be otherwise.

Commissioner Wenholz motioned to authorize staff to pursue project consideration (bid and construction) of a Sheep Show Ring Structure using up to \$30,000 of state grant funds for

capital improvements and authorize the County Administrator to execute necessary contracts within those funding limits. Commissioner Peterson seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Wenholz motioned to authorize staff and Fair Board to review critical capital needs and present options for utilization of state grant funds for capital improvements. Commissioner Peterson seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Sole Source Determination Sheriff's Office Body and Vehicle Cameras

Matthew Jensen, County Administrator

At the May 5 Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board approved Sole Source Determination for the procurement of body and vehicle cameras for the Sheriff's Office. The protest period has ended with no objections, and the Board is now asked to approve the purchase and authorize Sheriff Bowle's to sign the contract with Utility Associates, Inc.

Commissioner Peterson motioned to authorize Sheriff Bowles to sign and accept the offer by Utility Associates Inc as presented. Commissioner Wenholz seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Peterson motioned to approve the contract with Utility Associates Inc and authorize the County Administrator to sign the client services agreement. Commissioner Wenholz seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Executive Session

9:17 a.m.

The Board met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h), which allows the Commission to meet in executive session to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Return to Open Session

10:14 a.m.

No action taken.

Adjourn

10:14 a.m.