

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Joseph Building Annex Conference Room
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Present: Commissioner R. Matthew Scarfo, Chair
 Commissioner Donna Beverage
 Commissioner Paul Anderes

Commissioner Scarfo opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given with all three Commissioners present.

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no revisions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Scarfo closed the public comment period.

ELECTED OFFICIAL, DEPARTMENT HEAD & EMPLOYEE COMMENTS

Barker Partition Plat

On behalf of Jeff Hsu, Union County Surveyor, Robin Church, presented the Barker Partition Plat to the Commissioners for their consideration.

This partition was done at the request of Timothy Barker, owner of the land. Mr. Barker has plans to subdivide his property into two parcels which required easements reflected in the plan map.

Commissioner Scarfo asked if the Commissioners were the last to sign. Robin Church indicated that he was correct.

Commissioner Anderes made a motion to approve the Barker Partition Plat as presented by Robin Church on behalf of Jeff Hsu. Commissioner Beverage seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Beverage moved approval of the consent agenda which included the May 1 & 8, 2024 claims journals and meeting minutes of May 1, 2024 as presented. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Scarfo called a short recess.

Mental Health Services Jail Contract

On behalf of Lieutenant, Nick Huelter, Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Mental Health Services Jail Contract to the Commissioners for their consideration.

This contract is between Union County Sheriff's Office and Missi Brown, LCSW for Mental Health Services within the jail. The contract became effective on April 1, 2023 and expire June 30, 2024, unless otherwise terminated.

Commissioner Anderes made a motion to approve the Mental Health Services Jail Contract as presented. Commissioner Beverage seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Medical Services Jail Contract

On behalf of Lieutenant Nick Huelter, Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Medical Services Jail Contract to the Commissioners for their consideration.

This contract is between Union County Sheriff's Office and Western Skies Medical Center for Medical Services within the jail. The contract shall become effective on July 1, 2024 and expire June 30, 2025, unless authorize terminated.

Commissioner Beverage made a motion to approve the Medical Services Jail Contract as presented. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Title III Project Approval

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Title III Project Approval to the Commissioners for their consideration.

A notice of Project Application Acceptance was advertised on the Union County website, and in the local newspaper. Two applications were received by the deadline, and were then made available for public comment per Public Law 115-141, and no comments were received.

The applications received were from Union County Search and Rescue (SAR) and Union County Emergency Services. The Search and Rescue request was in the amount of \$56,285 to include a rescue snowmobile and miscellaneous rescue-related equipment. The Emergency Services request was in the amount of \$52,200, which includes a tracked UTC with trailer and various Emergency Services equipment and supplies.

Total funding available is \$108,485.

Commissioner Anderes made a motion to approve the Title III Projects as presented. Commissioner Beverage seconded.

Commissioner Beverage commented that there is a good explanation ahead of time, and doesn't have any questions. She is thankful to Annette for putting this together.

Motion carried unanimously.

OWRD Proposed Groundwater Comment Letter

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the OWRD Proposed Groundwater Comment Letter to the Commissioners for their consideration.

There was discussion about the Commissioners drafting a comment letter in regards to the 2024 Oregon Water Resources Department Proposed Groundwater Rules. Commissioner Beverage did provide public testimony.

Commissioner Beverage indicated that there were a lot of people from Union County in attendance at the public hearing. There are some good ideas, in the new rules but we do not want a once size fits all rule.

Commissioner Scarfo and Commissioner Anderes both read the letter and agree with it.

Commissioner Anderes made a motion to approve the OWRD Comment Letter as presented. Commissioner Beverage seconded.

Commissioner Beverage indicated that the comment period has been extended if anyone is interested in submitting a comment.

Motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Beverage attended WIR in California. She also indicated that TRT grant applications are available on the county website, and the deadline is on May 30, 2024.

Commissioner Anderes indicated that the Blue Mountain Forest Plan Comments are due on May 26. He cautioned people to make sure they are getting accurate information, not fictitious before offering testimony. He is happy to answer any questions that folks may have.

Commissioner Scarfo attended the Deflection Symposium in Salem last week along with District Attorney McDaniel, Sheriff Bowen, Chief Bell, and Daisy with CHD; regarding HB 2402 (Measure 110 rewording). The legislature wants counties to form a Deflection Program and will receive \$150,000 for two-years, \$75,000 a year to run the program. This isn't feasible with this kind of funding. The group will continue to work on the topic perhaps partnering with a neighboring county.

NEXT MEETING

Budget Committee meetings will be held on Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 9 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Scarfo adjourned the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Moore
Senior Department Specialist