

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Joseph Building Annex Conference Room
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Present: Commissioner Paul Anderes, Chair
 Commissioner R. Matthew Scarfo
 Commissioner Jake Seavert

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

AGENDA REVIEW

Commissioner Anderes requested to add Imbler FFA under the Public Comment period for a brief presentation.

There were no further additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Students of the Imbler FFA came to recite their presentation related to governance in Oregon, which the students will be showcasing at the state FFA convention in Redmond March 20-23, 2025.

All three Commissioners thanked the students for their thorough presentation and wished them luck at the state convention.

Resolution 2025-05: In the Matter of Updating Fees for Collection Service by Union Sanitation
Craig George, Union Sanitation, addressed the Commissioners with the proposed Union Sanitation Rate Increase request for their consideration.

Union Sanitation provides on-route garbage collection services for parts of the unincorporated areas of Union County under a franchise agreement. Due to rising costs each year, Mr. George is requesting a 2.7 percent increase to go in effect March 1, 2025.

Commissioner Scarfo made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05; In the Matter of Updating Fees for Collection Service by Union Sanitation. Commissioner Seavert seconded.

Commissioner Seavert noted that prices are increasing around the nation and we will be seeing rising costs for a while.

Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICIAL, DEPARTMENT HEAD & EMPLOYEE COMMENTS

Emulsion Oil (Chip Seal Oil)

Doug Wright, Public Works Director, presented the Emulsion Oil request to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Union County Public Works requested bids for Emulsion Oil which will be used for chip seal projects through the county. Two bids were received from the following:

- Albina Asphalt
 - Emulsion Oil \$640/ton
 - Fog Seal Oil \$420/ton
- Idaho Asphalt
 - Emulsion Oil \$654.50/ton
 - Fog Seal Oil \$477.50/ton

Director Wright recommends Albina Asphalt be awarded the contract for Emulsion Oil.

Commissioner Seavert asked if this is an increase compared to last year. Director Wright indicated that there was an increase of approximately \$50 a ton.

Commissioner Seavert made a motion to award the bid to Albina Asphalt as presented. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Gravel Road and Shoulder Aggregate

Doug Wright, Public Works Director, presented the Gravel Road and Shoulder Aggregate request to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Union County Public Works requested gravel road maintenance aggregate and shoulder maintenance aggregate quotes, commonly known as $\frac{3}{4}$ minus. The department will also add a \$.45 cent per mile transportation cost, depending on the location of the road, and the location of the supplier's quarry to determine the best price.

The following bids were received:

- Gravel Road Rock
 - Rogers Asphalt - \$6.00/ton
 - Harney Rock - \$9.40/ton
 - Mt. Emily Rock - \$19.00/cubic yard
 - Hot Lake Rock - \$10.50/ton
- Shoulder Rock
 - Rogers Asphalt - \$6.00/ton
 - Harney Rock - \$11.30/ton
 - Mt. Emily Rock - \$19.00/cubic yard
 - Hot Lake Rock - \$10.50/ton

Director Wright requested acceptance of all bids.

Commissioner Scarfo made a motion to approve the Gravel Road and Shoulder Aggregate as presented. Commissioner Seavert seconded.

Director Wright indicated that Union County is the only county that does not own their own rock quarry. Commissioner Scarfo asked what the process is for that; Director Wright indicated that it boils down to land.

Motion carried unanimously.

Hot Mixed Asphalt Concrete Pavement (HMAC)

Doug Wright, Public Works Director, presented the Hot Mixed Asphalt Concrete Pavement request to the Commissioners for their consideration. The following bids were received:

- High Desert Aggregate & Paving
 - Class C Mix \$79.00/ton
 - Class D Mix \$95.00/ton
- Rogers Asphalt
 - Class C Mix \$83.00/ton
 - Class D Mix \$105.00/ton

Director Wright requested acceptance of both bids. The primary source will be High Desert, but based on availability some may be purchased from Rogers Asphalt.

Commissioner Scarfo made a motion to approve the CJC Grant Award in the amount of \$314,166 as presented. Commissioner Seavert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Wright indicated that chip seal will begin this spring and will be approximately \$500,000.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Seavert moved approval of the consent agenda which included February 5 & 12, 2025 claims journals and the January 8, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Scarfo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Airport Land Lease Agreement (NDB)

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Airport Land Lease Agreement to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Union County leases land from the Wright Family Trust on which the Non-Directional Beacon for the airport is located. The current lease will expire on February 28, 2025.

For Commissioner consideration is a new 5-year lease which allows Union County the continued use of the land. The annual lease fee remains \$600 and will remain at that amount for the life of the lease.

Commissioner Scarfo made a motion to approve the Airport Land Lease Agreement as presented. Commissioner Seavert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Wolf Depredation Grant

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented the Wolf Depredation Grant to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Applications for funding through the Oregon Department of Agriculture Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistant Grant are due on March 7, 2025. The Union County Wolf Compensation Advisory Committee met on February 13, 2025 and reviewed applications for death, injured, and missing livestock from the period of February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

The committee recommends the funding as follows:

- Category 1 – Death or Injury of Livestock or Working Dogs - \$15,890
 - This represents loss of 4 producers and includes 17 lambs, 7 ewes, 1 guardian dog, 2 pregnant cows and 1 steer.
- Category 2 – Missing Livestock/Working Dogs - \$75,214
 - This represents losses of 5 producers and includes 16 cows, 15 calves, 26 lambs, 21 ewes and 1 guardian dog.

Administrative Officer Burgess also included a detailed summary of the losses to the Commissioners for their information. The plan is to include a request for \$100,000 in Category 3 for Prevention Funding, which will be allocated once it is known how much funding the county will receive in that category.

Recommendation is to approve submittal of the Wolf Depredation Compensation Grant in the amount of \$191,194.

Commissioner Seavert made a motion to approve submission of the Wolf Depredation Grant in the amount of \$191,194 as presented. Commissioner Scarfo seconded.

Commissioner Scarfo noted that this feels like we are just throwing money at the problem, not fixing it.

Commissioner Seavert is hopeful for legislation in the next year or two.

Commissioner Anderes received a phone call from a congressperson in Wisconsin yesterday to take a look at the recovery numbers and consider delisting the wolf nationally. Not for this conversation, but for budgeting time, is it possible we can use part of category 3 to help fund the services we receive from US Fish and Wildlife Services. Administrative Officer Burgess indicated that is something that we can consider, much of the work that they do is non-lethal. It would depend on how much the county actually receives, but is a possibility.

Motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Seavert is headed back to county college Thursday morning. Hopefully the roads are good.

Commissioner Anderes is working on an application for federal funding for childcare and has been working with Jessica Keyes.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2025 at 9 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Anderes adjourned the meeting at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Moore
Senior Department Specialist