

WEEKLY BUSINESS SESSION – November 6, 2019

9:00 a.m. – Anne G. Basker Auditorium
600 N.W. Sixth Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Present: Lily N. Morgan, Chair; Darin J. Fowler, Vice-Chair; and Daniel E. DeYoung, Commissioner; Trish Paredes, Recorder

These are meeting minutes only. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words.

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

Items discussed were as follows:

1. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

The Board recognized the following employees for their years of service with the County:

Matthew Wojcik – District Attorney's Office – 5 years

Christopher Parton – Assessor's Office – 5 years

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN CONSIDERATION OF:

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

a. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement No. 159203 between the State of Oregon and Josephine County for Psychiatric Security Review Board Tort Liability Coverage (One original IGA returned to Legal for full execution)

Commissioner Morgan reported that this contract is drafted in regards to the Psychiatric Security Review Board which deals with persons who have gone through the criminal justice system and have been found guilty but who have mental illnesses. Those individuals go through the Psychiatric Security Review Board and as a county we are required to have tort liability coverage for this service. This contract is a renewal for tort liability coverage.

b. Approval of Grant Agreement with Options for Southern Oregon and Josephine County for Funding Under Intergovernmental Agreement No. 159168 to Assist Counties in the Establishment and Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services (One original Agreement filed with the County Clerk and one original Agreement returned to Legal)

Commissioner Morgan explained that this is a contract we enter into each year with the State that provides funds for mental health and community addictions services.

c. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement with Options for Southern Oregon and Josephine County for Funding Under Intergovernmental Agreement No. 159168 to Assist Counties in the Establishment and Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services (One original Amendment returned to Legal for full execution)

Commissioner Morgan reiterated that Josephine County is the local mental health authority, all mental health contracts go through Josephine County, however, the county outsources their mental health services through Options for Southern Oregon. This last amendment to the grant agreement is to formally state that Josephine County is outsourcing mental health and community addictions services to Options for Southern Oregon.

d. Approval of Order No. 2019-059; In the Matter of Dissolving the Josephine County Board of Health; Dissolving the Josephine County Mental Health Advisory Board; and Dissolving the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee (LADPC); and Establishing the Josephine County Addictions, Mental Health, Public Health Advisory Committee (AMPAC); and Adopting the Bylaws for AMPAC (One original Order filed with the County Clerk)

Shawn Martinez, Prevention Treatment Services Manager, reviewed the state that the Josephine County Board of Health, Josephine County Mental Health Advisory Board, and the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee were in prior to the dissolution of these advisory boards. Ms. Martinez and the Board of County Commissioners would like to model this newly formed advisory board after the trend in healthcare now which is to manage health care, mental health and addiction issues in a more comprehensive and holistic approach as opposed to dealing with each problematic area as a separate issue. Ms. Martinez explained the process of looking at each advisory boards ORS and bylaws, the overlap of issues from each board, and the membership of the new board when creating this new advisory board.

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

Judy Ahrens, Josephine County, spoke in support of the school bond and the fire district items on the ballot for City residents failing and spoke in opposition to the direction the school boards are heading.

Guenter Ambron, Illinois Valley, spoke in opposition to land degradation near local resident's properties due to clear cutting in the Illinois Valley and submitted **ILLINOIS RIVER VALLEY WATERSHED DEFENSE GROUP: COMMUNITY DIRECT ACTION CAMPAIGN (Exhibit 1).**

4. BOARD MAY REVIEW PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

The Board addressed public comments.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 6(a)

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve Intergovernmental Agreement No. 159203 between the State of Oregon and Josephine County for Psychiatric Security Review Board Tort Liability Coverage, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner Fowler – yes, and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 6(b)

Commissioner DeYoung made a motion to approve Grant Agreement with Options for Southern Oregon and Josephine County for Funding Under Intergovernmental Agreement No. 159168 to Assist Counties in the Establishment and Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services, seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner Fowler – yes, and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 6(c)

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement with Options for Southern Oregon and Josephine County for Funding Under Intergovernmental Agreement No. 159168 to Assist Counties in the Establishment and Financing of Community Addictions and Mental Health Services, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner Fowler – yes, and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 6(d)

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve Order No. 2019-059; In the Matter of Dissolving the Josephine County Board of Health; Dissolving the Josephine County Mental Health Advisory Board; and Dissolving the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee (LADPC); and Establishing the Josephine County Addictions, Mental Health, Public Health Advisory Committee (AMPAC); and Adopting the Bylaws for AMPAC, seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner Fowler – yes, and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**a. Minutes (Draft minutes are available for viewing in the Board's Office)**

General Discussion – October 29, 2019

Legal Counsel Update – October 29, 2019

Weekly Business Session – October 30, 2019

County Administration Workshop – October 31, 2019

General Discussion – November 1, 2019

Board Discussion and Action:

Commissioner DeYoung made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Items 5(a) as listed, seconded by Commissioner Morgan. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner Fowler – yes, and Commissioner Morgan – 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 Morgan reminded citizens that on Friday there is an event at the Anne Basker to honor our veterans, a Veterans walk in Merlin Park, and a flag dedication in Sunny Valley at the covered bridge. Commissioner DeYoung reported that due to a recent ruling Blue Water Sailors that served in Vietnam will now be eligible for treatment and claims due to Agent Orange related illnesses/diseases.

Weekly Business Session adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Trish Paredes, Recorder

Entered into record:

Exhibit 1 – ILLINOIS RIVER VALLEY WATERSHED DEFENSE GROUP: COMMUNITY DIRECT ACTION CAMPAIGN

ILLINOIS RIVER VALLEY WATERSHED DEFENSE GROUP
COMMUNITY DIRECT ACTION CAMPAIGN

October 25th 2019

Exhibit 1
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A160 Acre Clear cut by the Illinois River and Logan Creek lands occurred this May next to our homes. It was a stunning experience for us living there. We have never seen an extensive CLEAR-CUT like this right next to the river before. "DEVISTATING!" - exclaimed our neighbors.

Ken Rose Sub-division landowners, south of Cave Junction formed a Group and made a plea to all of their Illinois Valley Community, and its landowners to join them to PROTECT, PRESERVE, AND DEFEND THE ILLINOIS RIVER WATERSHED. This includes, also to be logged, the 2013 BLM East West Junction Timber Sale to Boise Cascade, covering 145 acres adjacent our Logan Cut creek vicinity properties.

PRIMARY GRIEVANCE: FIRE ENDANGERMENT, RISK TO LIFE, and COLLATERAL DAMAGES DRYING UP THE MOIST FIRE RESILIENT FORESTS resulting in ELEVATION OF FIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY - AS STATED IN BLM DOCUMENTS.

ACTION: PETITION ALL OFFICIALS to address our CONCERNS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, COLLATERAL DAMAGES, and OUR RURAL COMMUNITY'S GENERAL and Long Term WELFARE.

Rallies, tours and a media campaign ensued, by us, on our neighboring Public Lands from May through July 2019, AND HAVE CURRENTLY RESUMED, out Fernwood Dr. and BLM Road 4084, meeting up at the cul-de-sac, featuring:

- A 'Fire ecology hike' through the (2015) 55 acre Krauss Fire area next to our Properties, that led to a 200 home evacuation. *Which was the largest direct threat to an Oregon community that year, post date.*
- The Land abuse history of BLM, the East West Junction Timber Sale (Awarded 2013 to Boise Cascade), and Area Ecology.
- Inspect and record impacts of May's Clear-Cut, by Olympic Resource Management, next to the Illinois River.
- Review the impacts, actual and potential, of externalized damages to property owners and the Community.
- Address degradation to Josephine County's Watershed Assets with County Commissioners AND the Impacts levied upon neighboring Land Owners, and their Local Economy.

OUR STANDING CASE for PUBLIC ADDRESS IS: (a) "Cost v Benefit" economic study, (b) detailing substantial findings for a "Worth More Standing" local economy. Beginning with a primary study by Natural Resource Economist Ernie Niemi and his presentation hosted in Grants Pass May of 2015.

ALSO, concurrently, the knowledge of how the economy works is not commonly known to the average citizen, so as a public service prerequisite we direct everyone to view the film on Economic and Monetary history titled "The Secret of OZ" By William Still. Google it. A public viewing Schedule is available, send us your email.

We issue, with this document – a PUBLIC WARNING: "Harmful clear-cuts and forest practices are ramping up in the Illinois Valley and throughout Southern Oregon." IT IS elevating fire susceptibility, endangering communities, degrading Forest Ecosystem Assets, and salmon habitat. This condition leads directly to substantial collateral damages and "a real threat to life and property."

The Illinois River Basin Watershed is a treasure-trove for Landowners, a Diverse Local Economy, and in mitigating Climate Change. Intact Forested Watershed Ecosystems are FIRE RESILIENT; produce an abundance of oxygen, clean cool water, ozone, and Biomass for soils. Our Temperate Rain Forest Region inhabits only 0.2% of the Earth's Land Mass today. PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLES COUPLED WITH RESPONSIBLE -AUTHENTIC SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT- IS THE DUTY OF ALL OFFICIALS, OF THEIR CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST, AND WITH THEIR OATH OF SERVICE TO UPHOLD THE LAWS OF THE LAND IN PROTECTING THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE. **WE DO ORDAIN MAKE THIS CHARGE AND TO SAFEGUARD OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

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