

General Discussion: November 7, 2017

9:00 a.m. – BCC Conference Room

Commissioners Simon G. Hare and Lily N. Morgan (Daniel E. DeYoung was unavailable); Wendy Watkins, Recorder

Chair Simon G. Hare called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Fair Board – Grants for Indoor Arena

Attendees: Peggy Anderson, Fairgrounds Director; Mary Groves, Retired Fairgrounds Director; Candy Morasch, Jen McGowan, Bob Lawless, Mike Johnson, Dan Shepherd, Fair Board Chair; Linda Bradley
Peggy Anderson, Fairgrounds Director, mentioned the need for the fairgrounds arena and all the entities that use the horse arena. She said the public likes the idea of an arena. She suggested putting an .08 cent levy tax on the ballot. Mary Groves said she would like to apply for a rotary grant and would like a letter of support from the commissioners. Commissioner Morgan asked about tearing the arena down and starting over since the horse arena is depilated. Jen McGowan asked would it hurt to put \$500,000 in grant money to continue to use the building by giving it a facelift and new roof to be able to advertise it as a multiuse building. Bob Lawless explained this old building is the history of this area and if it is remodeled Josephine County could be the horse capital of Oregon. Commissioner Morgan suggested getting an engineering study to get an appropriate vision and plan for the horse arena. Candy Morasch advised action is really crucial and the window of opportunity for applying for this grant is closing and she would like to apply for the money, fix the roof, make it functional for the current people using it and then think of future plans down the road. The Board agreed to sign a letter of support to approve applying for the grant at Thursday's County Administration Workshop.

Peggy Anderson submitted **Candy Morasch's Letter (Exhibit 1)** into the record.

2. Marijuana Regulations

The Board will table this item due to a lack of quorum. Commissioner Hare has recused himself from hearing marijuana regulations

3. Order No. 2017-053; In the Matter of Establishing Policy for The Community Development (Planning) Department Regarding the Processing of Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment

Staff was directed to place the item on the Consent Calendar on next week's Weekly Business Session Agenda.

4. Review of Board's Weekly Calendar

The Board reviewed their calendars for the next two weeks.

5. 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".)

Commissioner Hare spoke about being challenged at the last Weekly Business Session for being a republican. He has decided to resign as a Republican and will elect to be a Non-Partisan. Commissioner Morgan said she agrees that we serve as Non-Partisan and is something that should be brought forward when the full board is present.

The Board agreed to cancel the Legal Counsel Update today at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit 1 – Candy Morasch's letter