

Legal Counsel Update: February 18, 2020

2:00 p.m. – Board Conference Room

Attending: Commissioners Darin J. Fowler, Daniel E. DeYoung and Lily N. Morgan; Wally Hicks, Augustus Ogu and Pat Ellison, Legal Counsel; Wendy Watkins, Recorder

Chair Darin J. Fowler called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Draft Coordination Letters

Wally Hicks, County Legal Counsel, mentioned the participation in Federal Planning coordination letters have been updated and will include the Josephine County's Coordination Plan. *Staff was directed to place the item on the Consent Calendar on next week's Weekly Business Session Agenda.*

2. Prospective Advisory Question for May Ballot

Commissioner Fowler proposed a prospective advisory question regarding roadside maintenance asking County residents if they want to continue with roadside spraying or not. Rob Brandes, Public Works Director, broke down the costs of how expensive it would be to mow rather than spray. He discussed the expenses associated with the proposed change, including additional ditching crews and mowers, and provided an estimate of \$200,000 yearly on low end. Mr. Brandes proposed asking 16 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Mr. Brandes also mentioned an unsuccessful proposed pesticide ban in 2015 that did not pass in any of the four Williams precincts. The Board will discuss this further at Thursday's, County Administration Workshop.

Chair Darin J. Fowler called for Executive Session at 2:24 p.m. Minutes filed separately.

Additional Attendees: Helene Lulich, Real Property Manager; Rob Brandes, Public Works Director; Dave Streeter, Forestry Director

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Request re: County Real property (Public Works) - ORS 192.660(2)(e)
- b. County Property at 400 Sunny Valley Loop Rd. - ORS 192.660(2)(e)
- c. County potential purchase of property on Quartz Creek Rd. - ORS 192.660(2)(e)
- d. Confidential memo re: Josephine County Code Section JCC 5.15 - ORS 192.660(2)(f)

Executive Session Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

The Board reported the following:

Agenda Item #3(a): Discussion only.

Agenda Item #3(b): Discussion only.

Agenda Item #3(c): Staff was directed to place the item under Administrative Actions on next week's Weekly Business Session Agenda.

Agenda Item #3(d): Discussion only.

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4. **(For 2/26/20 WBS) County Purchase of property on Quartz Creek Rd.**
Staff was directed to place the item under Administrative Actions on next week's Weekly Business Session Agenda.
5. **Additional Subjects/Matters from Commissioners – ORS 192.640(1)**
None heard.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.