

WEEKLY BUSINESS SESSION – June 3, 2020

9:00 a.m. – Board of Commissioners' Office via Zoom
500 N.W. Sixth Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Present: Darin J. Fowler, Chair and Lily N. Morgan, Commissioner; (Daniel E. DeYoung was unavailable); Trish Paredes, Recorder

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Pursuant to notice through the media and in conformance with the Public Meeting Law, Darin J. Fowler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Items discussed were as follows:

1. RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES:

The Board recognized Richard Pike, Engineering Program Supervisor in Public Works, for his ten years of service with the County.

- 2. PUBLIC HEARING: Order No. 2020-027; An Order Approving of the Insurance, Sale and Delivery of Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Asante Project), In One or More Series, by the Hospital Facilities Authority of the City of Medford, Oregon and Approval of Executive and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement; and Approval of Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Hospital Facilities Authority of the City of Medford, Oregon, Jackson County, Oregon and Josephine County, Oregon Relating to the Issuance by the Hospital Facilities Authority of the City of Medford, Oregon of Revenue and Refunding Bonds, In One or More Series (Toll Free Call-In Number for Public Comment is 844-517-1271, or the public may register to participate in the public hearing via zoom using the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uribNqIYQYiHT7onWSiTWA) (One original Order filed with the County Clerk)**

Commissioner Fowler opened the Public Hearing at 9:06 a.m.

Douglas Goe, Bond Counsel to the Hospital Facilities Authority, discussed this Public Hearing is a requirement of Federal Tax Law for Asante to continue or start projects that are involving Josephine County. Greg Wojtal, Senior VP-Chief Administrative and Finance Officer for Asante, explained that Asante is planning on refinancing existing debt obligations of approximately \$270 million to pursue a plan to finance a maximum amount of \$500 million for hospital expansion projects in Jackson and Josephine counties. These projects include remodeling the Emergency Room at Three Rivers Medical Center and expanding the Spears Cancer Center on the Grants Pass campus. Wally Hicks, County Legal Counsel, stated that this order approves a request from Asante Health Systems to issue bonds in order to refinance existing debt obligations and combine them with new construction costs.

REQUESTS/COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None heard.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve Order No. 2020-027; An Order Approving of the Insurance, Sale and Delivery of Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Asante Project), In One or More Series, by the Hospital Facilities Authority of the City of Medford, Oregon and Approval of Executive and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement; and Approval of Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Hospital Facilities Authority of the City of Medford, Oregon, Jackson County, Oregon and Josephine County, Oregon Relating to the Issuance by the Hospital Facilities Authority of the City of Medford, Oregon of Revenue and Refunding Bonds, In One or More Series, seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 2-0; Commissioner Morgan – yes and Commissioner Fowler – yes.

Commissioner Fowler closed the Public Hearing at 9:20 a.m.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN CONSIDERATION OF:

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

- a. Approval of Rail & Transit Division ODOT Agreement No. 34200 for the Rural Transit Operating Expenses in Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic (One original Agreement returned to Transit for full execution)**

Scott Chancey, Transit Program Supervisor, reported that the agreement is between Josephine County Transit and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). This agreement provides additional funding above and beyond what Transit normally receives from ODOT due to additional costs that Covid-19 has caused. This money received will require no matching funds.

4. REQUESTS/COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

- a. Please submit your comments via email to bcc@josephinecounty.gov

Alyssa Warrenwood, Josephine County, spoke in opposition of the tree removal due to renovations at Whitehorse Park.

5. BOARD MAY REVIEW PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

The Board addressed public comments.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 3(a)

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve Rail & Transit Division ODOT Agreement No. 34200 for the Rural Transit Operating Expenses in Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 2-0; Commissioner Morgan – yes and Commissioner Fowler – yes.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Minutes (Draft minutes are available for viewing in the Board's Office)

Budget Committee Meeting – May 26, 2020

Weekly Business Session – May 27, 2020

County Administration Workshop – May 27, 2020

Legal Counsel Update – May 28, 2020

4H/Extension Service District Budget Meeting – May 28, 2020

Board Discussion and Action:

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Item 6(a) as listed, seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 2-0; Commissioner Morgan – yes and Commissioner Fowler – yes.

7. **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.

8. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Morgan discussed the decision the Board made yesterday to resume having traditional in-person meetings for Advisory Boards and Board of Commissioner Meetings. The Board discussed departments opening back up to the public without having to make appointments. Commissioner Fowler also discussed the faith-based community resuming their gatherings. The Board discussed Josephine County going into Phase II.

Weekly Business Session adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



Trish Paredes, Recorder