

WEEKLY BUSINESS SESSION – July 1, 2020

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

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

Eva Arce – Treasurer – 25 years
Glenda Wooldridge – Facilities Services – 25 years
Nora Schwartz – Community Development – 15 years
Courtney Pittman – Sheriff's Office – 5 years
Joshua Eastman – District Attorney – 5 years

2. PUBLIC HEARING: In the Matter of Annexations to the JOSEPHINE COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT by Petition of Landowner, Without Election (Three original Orders filed with the County Clerk)

Order Number	Petitioner	Assessor Map / Tax Lot	Acres
2020-031	MOYNIHAN, Lawrence & Iva	36-06-27-B0-000102-00	1.85
2020-032	ROTHROCK, Virginia Sue	35-06-21-BC-000800-00	.11
2020-033	WILLIAMSON, Joseph & Ashley	36-06-26-D0-001100-00	3.23

Commissioner Fowler opened the Public Hearing at 9:04 a.m.

Commissioner Fowler explained that these residents would like annexation, this annexation allows them to vote on Library District matters.

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

None heard.

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve Library District Annexation Order No. 2020-031; Order No. 2020-032; and Order No. 2020-033, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Morgan – yes, Commissioner DeYoung – yes and Commissioner Fowler – yes.

Commissioner Fowler closed the Public Hearing at 9:07 a.m.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN CONSIDERATION OF:

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

a. Approval of Contract for Public Works Project No. 2600 between Josephine County and CPI Acquisitions LLC for the Highland Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project (One original Contract filed with the County Clerk and two original contracts returned to Public Works)

Rob Brandes, Public Works Director, announced that this project starts at Highland/Cook and goes north to Highland/Vine. This is a sidewalk infill project, an area that provides recreational and pedestrian activity. When this project was put out to bid, 6 bidders participated, CPI Acquisitions LLC procured the bid for \$426K.

b. Approval of Contract for Public Works Project No. STP 20/21 between Josephine County and CPI Acquisitions LLC for the Azalea Drive Pavement Overlay Project (One original Contract filed with the County Clerk and two original contracts returned to Public Works)

Mr. Brandes reported that this overlay project is the third phase for Azalea paving. Because of Covid-19, asphalt has been cheaper than previous years which has allowed Public Works to save roughly \$300K for this phase compared to last year. This project will be lengthy and will take most of the summer to complete.

4. **REQUESTS/COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** *(Each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak)*
 Judy Ahrens, Josephine County, spoke in support of Independence Day and spoke in opposition to masks.
 Sha'ana Fineberg submitted comments via email (**Exhibit 2**).
 Harmony Sue Haynie submitted comments via email (**Exhibit 3**)
5. **BOARD MAY REVIEW PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

The Board addressed public comments.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 3(a)

Commissioner DeYoung made a motion to approve Contract for Public Works Project No. 2600 between Josephine County and CPI Acquisitions LLC for the Highland Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project, seconded by Commissioner Morgan. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Morgan – yes, Commissioner DeYoung – yes, and Commissioner Fowler – yes.

Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 3(b)

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve Contract for Public Works Project No. STP 20/21 between Josephine County and CPI Acquisitions LLC for the Azalea Drive Pavement Overlay Project, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Morgan – yes, Commissioner DeYoung – yes, and Commissioner Fowler – yes.

6. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. **Minutes** *(Draft minutes are available for viewing in the Board's Office)*
 City/County Monthly Update – June 23, 2020
 Weekly Business Session – June 24, 2020
 County Administration Workshop – June 24, 2020
 Board Business Meeting – June 24, 2020
 Legal Counsel Update – June 25, 2020
 4H/Extension Service District Budget Meeting – June 25, 2020
- b. **Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan between Josephine County and the USDA Forest Service** *(One original Contract returned to the Sheriff's Office for full execution)*
- c. **Renewal of Inmate Healthcare Services between Josephine County and Wellpath Holdings, Inc.** *(One original Contract filed with the County Clerk)*
- d. **Intergovernmental Agreement No. 90G000354 between the State of Oregon and Josephine County to allow the Assessor's Office to Continue Functioning as a Vendor Processing Manufactured Home Transactions on behalf of Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)** *(One original Agreement returned to the Assessor's Office for full execution)*
- e. **Resolution No. 2020-027; In the Matter of Appointments to the Josephine County Cannabis Advisory Panel (CAP)** *(One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)*

Board Discussion and Action:

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Items 6(a) through 6(e) as listed, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Morgan – yes, Commissioner DeYoung – yes, and Commissioner Fowler – yes.

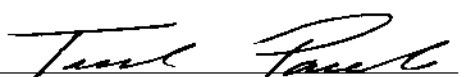
7. **OTHER: (ORS 192.640(1))** “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”)

None reported.

8. **MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Fowler discussed the River Valley Children's choir that will be performing this morning at 10am on the Courthouse steps. Commissioner Morgan discussed social gatherings and 4th of July events this weekend. Commissioner DeYoung advised the public to think about our freedoms and independence this weekend. Commissioner Fowler discussed fire season, 4th of July events, social gatherings, his previous comments concerning Covid-19 suffering, and the new Governor Order to wear masks in public.

Weekly Business Session adjourned at 9:59 a.m.


 Trish Paredes, Recorder

Entered into record:

Exhibit 1 – Sha'na Fineberg's comments

Exhibit 2 – Harmony Sue Haynie's comments

Exhibit 1
7-1-20
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Trish Paredes

From: WhaLand <shavana@indra.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Board of Commissioners
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT - Wed. 7/1/20

Josephine County
JUL 1 2020
Board of Commissioners

EXTERNAL EMAIL: Please verify links by hovering over them!

This is my Public Comment for the JULY 1st Commissioners' Wednesday 9am Weekly Business Meeting. I appreciate your forwarding the text to each of the Commissioners, and entering it into the record. At this time I am unable to present it myself at tomorrow's meeting, and so appreciate the opportunity to send it in and submit it that way.
Thank you.
Sha'ana Fineberg, Ph.D.

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Dearest Commissioners -

I have some thoughts for this week, and I greatly appreciate this forum to put them before you.

1- It has been mentioned repeatedly that there have been ZERO safety studies on the 5G frequencies to insure they are safe for humans. Then it was discovered that a 1977 study was recently de-classified from CIA files which demonstrated that the high millimeter band of 5G frequencies within the FCC supposed safety limits, causes such harm to bodily processes as to cause death via several different pathways. Now one more document from the 70's has come to light, this time from the NASA files. A document written in 1970 entitled "Influence of Microwave Radiation on the Organism of Man and Animals," concluded from "hundreds of studies" that "The nature of the organism's interaction with agents of infection changes sharply when humans and experimental animals are irradiated with...electromagnetic waves.... [they] aggravate infectious processes." Specific to 5G's high frequency band, "millimeter wave radiation will result in the growth of multi-drug resistant bacteria." So, the US government has known since the 1970's that the millimeter band of 5G is actually ... deadly. It is not worth even hypothesizing the why of this - I am even more convinced that we just need to do all we possibly can to prevent this public danger.

2- It is predicted that after 10 years of exposure, the drain of widespread health impacts from wireless 5G on our local healthcare system, and the agonizing impact on its most vulnerable population, children, and their families, will be beyond crisis proportions.

3- For some good news... The creation of a locally owned fiber optic internet access system led surprisingly quickly to a significant annual income source in Farragut TN, and to an an economic revival in in Longmont CO. I am convinced that if Josephine County puts in protections from wireless radiation now, and fiber optic hi-speed internet access, we will become known as a **sane, safe haven**, and that will actively attract vibrant people and businesses to contribute positively to our economy and our communities.

4- Five weeks ago today you decided that in six weeks you would "reconsider" two of the Directives you had sent to Planning. **That means next week.** I ask that when you "reconsider," next week - I assume at this meeting - that you **reinstate the one Directive that during this pandemic emergency when you have the power, there will be a hiatus on processing any more new cellular antenna applications.** (fyi: I have contacted Mark Stevenson to discuss such a hiatus with him to see if we can negotiate something all would find acceptable.) By the time the emergency is finally officially over perhaps our new Citizen Choice codes will be in place, or perhaps any one of the

lawsuits against the FCC will again change the rules to better protect citizens - but for now, **LET'S PLEASE STOP ADDING TO ANY HARM IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY** (and to limit the County's, as well as your personal, liability.)
PLEASE REINSTATE THE HIATUS.

I have cleared my calendar to attend your Weekly Business Meeting next week in person, hopefully when you will be "reconsidering" the two suspended Directives to Planning. If any questions about the 5G arena arise during that discussion, I hope you will avail yourselves of my knowledge. That is something this "citizen lay expert" can offer, to a (Oregon State) Planning Process that has as its #1 Goal, Citizen Participation.

Respectfully, your ally,
Sha'ana Fineberg, Ph.D.
Williams, Josephine County

Exhibit 2

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Wheeler County

July 9, 2020

Board of Commissioners

Respected Commissioners,

Over 800 satellites are now orbiting the earth with over 45,000 more planned, designed to “blanket” the earth in untested 5G millimeter waves. There are courageous folks challenging this (see 5Gspaceappeal.org website), but we rely upon you to address the components on the ground.

The FCC’s newest attempt at stripping local governments of their ability to protect citizens is to extend a rule that would allow anyone to put a 5G antenna that transmits to, as well as receives from, these satellites on their property with no notification to or protection of their neighbors. This must be addressed by the County, if at all possible, by how the updated codes are crafted. Exactly how the new codes are worded is critical - please be rigorous about accepting help from experts beyond your Planning Division which is only just beginning to get educated.

Many informed citizens have come to recognize the unprecedented threat the 5G infrastructure is to privacy and individual freedoms. It facilitates the invasion of privacy inside our homes via extracted data about our habits from “smart appliances,” and from smart phones and computers about what we email, to whom, and what we are searching on the web. Just as it was discovered that the NSA was surveilling Americans’ phone calls and text messages, the 5G infrastructure would allow tracking the whereabouts of all citizens from the moment we emerge into our neighborhoods using video cameras with face recognition software installed along with the 5G antennas on telephone poles in our communities. Our freedoms are also threatened from antennas on our streets capable of being weaponized. Whoever has access to this infrastructure - the telecoms or government or hackers - will control the 5G 85 GHz frequency used by the military for crowd control. 5G opens up very scary possibilities that are already being advertised for their so called “benefits.” I understand completely how far out all this sounds, but in some countries this infrastructure is already being positioned as a crowd control weapon in a public arena, and for tracking by face recognition for surveillance of citizen behavior, and for a new digital monetary system. I used to believe that these things could never happen in America, but sadly my eyes have been opened by too many facts. It is similar to finding it hard to accept that the FCC is telling Americans that this radiation is safe when thousands of peer-review scientific studies demonstrate it is definitely not, and even the World Health Organization finally says this radiation is a “possible carcinogen.”

Right now the Oregon Health Authority is reviewing the literature on health effects of exposure to microwave radiation. In order to protect both citizens and their own liabilities, local governments are saying NO allowing any 5G antennas to be installed

until there are adequate safety studies. We urge you to take the first step and use the power granted to you during this ongoing pandemic emergency, and *reinstate a hiatus on accepting any more 5G applications!* Please stop actively adding to the damage in this County. Thank you for listening.