

Legal Counsel Update: July 30, 2019

2:00 p.m. – Board Conference Room

Attending: Commissioners Darin J. Fowler and Daniel E. DeYoung; (Lily N. Morgan was attending a meeting in Eugene); Wally Hicks and Pat Ellison, Legal Counsel; Wendy Watkins, Recorder

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

- 1. Notice of Grant - to comply with requirements from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant to fund Lake Selmac improvements** *(One original Notice of Grant returned to Legal for recording)*
Leah Harper, Assistant County Legal Counsel, mentioned in 2016, Josephine County Parks applied for a Land and Water Conservation Grant through the Oregon State Parks. The grant funding was approved in the amount of \$75,500 to rebuild the pedestrian foot bridge near Eagle Loop and to replace six wooden vault toilets with four double stall CXT toilets. The project was completed in 2018. Commissioner DeYoung made a motion to approve the Notice of Grant - to comply with requirements from Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant to fund Lake Selmac improvements, seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 2-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes and Commissioner Fowler – yes.
- 2. Contract with American Medical Response (AMR) for ambulance service; recommended changes to contract**
Wally Hicks, County Legal Counsel, reviewed the letter from AMR regarding the renewal of the Ambulance Services Contract. The letter states that the new net revenue needed would be \$348,580. Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director, said for the last several years, AMR has been paying Public Health \$6,250 per quarter, averaging \$25,000 a year for the franchise fee and providing the service. Mr. Hicks considers the franchise fee to be up for discussion. The Board agreed to review the AMR contract and bring it back to next week's meeting.
- 3. Draft Administrative Policy F-5; Public Records Requests**
Mr. Hicks discussed the new Public Records Request policy and said he has included all department heads feedback. Commissioner Fowler mentioned he heard from Commissioner Morgan and she has concerns with the new policy and suggested waiting until she returns to discuss this further.
- 4. Grants Pass Fire District formation - second public hearing**
Pat Ellison, Legal Administrator, explained the first hearing was held on July 10, 2019 which approved the formation and set the final public hearing for July 31, 2019. The purpose of the district is to provide and sustain an adequate level of fire protection service within the district. The district would include certain territory within Josephine County to include all properties within the incorporated City of Grants Pass and certain non-contiguous properties in the Urban Growth Boundary of the City, which properties currently receive City public safety services through Service and Annexation agreements. Once approved tomorrow, the Board will move forward with the formation of the district by directing staff to prepare the order to refer the matter to the ballot. The ballot title and the explanatory statement will be placed on the August 7, 2019 Weekly Business Session for approval.
- 5. Additional Subjects/Matters from Commissioners – ORS 192.640(1)**
Commissioner DeYoung expressed his disappointment with the smoke ruining the Back to the 50's event that took place last weekend. Commissioner DeYoung said he attended the KAJO talk radio show with Tamra Martin, Fairgrounds Director and Lisa Pickart, Veterans Services Director, who helped pump up the Josephine County fair.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.