

**WEEKLY BUSINESS SESSION – August 14, 2019**

5:00 p.m. – Williams Elementary School  
20691 Williams Highway, Williams, Oregon

Present: Lily N. Morgan, Chair and Darin J. Fowler, Vice-Chair; (Daniel E. DeYoung was attending the opening ceremony at the Fair); Trish Paredes, Recorder

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Pursuant to notice through the media and in conformance with the Public Meeting Law, Lily N. Morgan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Items discussed were as follows:

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN CONSIDERATION OF:**

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

- a. Approval of County Opportunity Grant Program Agreement COG19-009 between Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and County Parks for Whitehorse Park Renovations: Phase I** *(One original Agreement returned to Parks for full execution)*

Commissioner Fowler reported that the Parks Department will move forward with Phase I renovations for Whitehorse Park this winter, the renovations include: changing 24 tent sites into 20 RV hookup sites and 10 tent sites, new restroom and shower buildings, roads and irrigation. The entire project is engineered at 1.4 Million and will be funded primarily through grants, this agreement is to accept \$35,500 from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department through its County Opportunity Grant Program.

- b. Approval of Boating Facility Grant Intergovernmental Agreement No. 1648 for Hydraulic Modeling and Analysis for Chinook Boat Ramp** *(One original Agreement returned to Parks for full execution)*

Commissioner Fowler announced that the Oregon State Marine Board is partnering with Josephine County to do hydraulic modeling and analysis for the Chinook Boat Ramp. At present, the boat ramp creates unsafe conditions for citizens to access the river because of how far the current travels up the boat ramp. The parking area is also too small and inefficient for the amount of use it receives. The analysis may or may not suggest renovations according to its findings.

- c. Approval of Contract for Public Works Project No. STP 19/20 Azalea Drive Pavement Overlay between Public Works and CPI Acquisitions LLC** *(One original Contract file with the County Clerk and one original Contract returned to Public Works)*

Commissioner Morgan explained that the County plans to do an Azalea Drive overlay project. It was explained that this project is a multi-year approach to restore the traffic surface loop between Azalea, Lower River Rd., and Upper River Rd., this loop is one of the most used loops in the County. This project will be funded by State Transportation Exchange Dollars, which can be used for chip seal work or asphalt overlay. The projection for completion of this project is three years, the contract is being entered into now but the work will not start until June 2020. This is an example of a project where the County partners with the State on a bigger project to keep costs lower for the County.

- d. Approval of Purchase Order with Complete Coach Works for the Purchase of Two 35' Transit Vehicles** *(One original Purchase Order returned to Transit)*

Commissioner Morgan expounded on the process of the purchasing and restoration of the two new 35' transit vehicles. The cost for these new vehicles will be \$317, 774 each, and these are purchased with Federal Transit Funds with the matching funds provided by the State. These two new transit vehicles will extend local routes for areas we are not reaching at present and will extend operation days and hours.

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

Jonathon Stewart, Josephine County, spoke in support of the Board advocating to the State to allow the County to enforce the non-gmo crops in our County.

Daryl Jackson, Williams, spoke in opposition to Williams Creek going dry because of water issues and reviewed **Williams Creek Photo (Exhibit 1)**.

James Caltus, Williams, spoke in support of the Board working with small communities to solve issues.

Laurie Ann, Josephine County, spoke in support of non GMO small farms and putting efforts into protecting soil and water.

Rhonda Ferris, Williams, spoke in support of the Board coming out to Williams and spoke in opposition to the illegal marijuana grows that are stealing water in Williams.

Carol Smith, Williams, spoke in opposition to water being stolen by illegal growers who have no water rights.

Bill Ertel, Williams, spoke in support of the Williams Fire Department and the work they are doing to suppress wildfires. Marty Brown, Williams, spoke in opposition to the illegal Marijuana and hemp growers taking all the water.

### 3. BOARD MAY REVIEW PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

The Board addressed public comments.

#### Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 1(a)

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve County Opportunity Grant Program Agreement COG19-009 between Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and County Parks for Whitehorse Park Renovations: Phase 1, seconded by Commissioner Morgan. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 2-0; Commissioner Fowler – yes and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

#### Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 1(b)

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve Boating Facility Grant Intergovernmental Agreement No. 1648 for Hydraulic Modeling and Analysis for Chinook Boat Ramp, seconded by Commissioner Morgan. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 2-0; Commissioner Fowler – yes and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

#### Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 1(c)

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve Contract for Public Works Project No. STP 19/20 Azalea Drive Pavement Overlay between Public Works and CPI Acquisitions LLC, seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 2-0; Commissioner Fowler – yes and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

#### Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 1(d)

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve Purchase Order with Complete Coach Works for the Purchase of Two 35' Transit Vehicles, seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 2-0; Commissioner Fowler – yes and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

### 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

General Discussion – August 6, 2019

Legal Counsel Update – August 6, 2019

Weekly Business Session – August 7, 2019

County Administration Workshop – August 8, 2019

#### b. Rogue Community College, Amendment No. 14 to the Agreement for the Funding and Management of the Josephine County Transit System (One original Amendment filed with the County Clerk)

#### Board Discussion and Action:

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Items 4(a) through 4(b) as listed, seconded by Commissioner Morgan. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 2-0; Commissioner Fowler – yes and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

### 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.”)

None reported.

### 6. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Fowler encouraged residents to be safe and careful in high fire season and also reminded residents of the upcoming Hemp Summit August 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm at Josephine county Fairgrounds. The Board discussed the new Josephine County logo and rebranding of the County and its website. Commissioner Morgan informed the residents that Commissioner Harold Haugen's memorial will be September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 2PM at the Fairgrounds.

Weekly Business Session adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Trish Paredes, Recorder

#### Exhibits:

Exhibit 1 – Williams Creek Photo

