

**WEEKLY BUSINESS SESSION – October 2, 2019**

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

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

Catherine Metz – Public Health – 5 years  
John Krauss – Landscape Specialist – 5 years  
Mark Stevenson – Community Development – 5 years  
William Isley – Public Works – 5 years  
Patrick Hartnell – Public Works – 10 years  
Reuben Hayden – Public Works – 10 years  
Raymond Osipovich – Public Works – 10 years  
Cherie Crookston – Surveyor's Office – 15 years  
Cecilia Hay – District Attorney's Office – 30 years

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

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

- a. Approval of Rail and Public Transit Division Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Agreement No. 33807 for Continued Funding of the Rogue Valley Commuter Line (RT100) (One original Agreement returned to Transit for full execution)**

Scott Chancey, Transit Program Supervisor, explained that Josephine County was rewarded discretionary funds through application, these funds are allocated for service improvements in the Transit Department. To comply with this allocation the Transit Department is using these funds for continuation of the Rogue Valley commuter line and it will be renamed Route 100. This commuter line goes to Rogue River, Gold Hill, and Medford, it was currently going five times a day five days a week and will now go seven times a day five days a week. The funding will be good for two years and by the time the two years have expired there should be enough in the Formula Funds to maintain this route.

- b. Approval of Rail and Public Transit Division Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Agreement No. 33775 for Two Additional Commuter Runs Per Day to Cave Junction (RT50) and Wolf Creek (RT80) (One original Agreement returned to Transit for full execution)**

Mr. Chancey reported that Agreement No. 33775 is also funded in the same way as Agreement No. 33807 and is allocated to service improvements from discretionary funds that were applied for. The Transit Department is adding two more runs to Route 80 Wolf Creek and Route 50 Cave Junction. Adding these two runs to each route will fill in those gaps leaving residents with less wait time in either Grants Pass, Wolf Creek, or Cave Junction.

- c. Approval of Order No. 2019-056; In the Matter of Authorization of Sale of County Real Property by Sheriff's Sale (One original Order filed with the County Clerk)**

Helene Lulich, Real Property Manager, explained the particulars of noticing the properties and when the real property auction will be through the Sheriff's Office. Most of these properties were obtained through foreclosure and the majority of the money collected from these sales will be allocated to Parks, Forestry, and Recreation Areas.

- d. Approval of Order No. 2019-057; In the Matter of Approving Temporary Closure of Sunny Valley Loop during the Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11, 2019; Report & Recommendation (One original Order and one original Report & Recommendation filed with the County Clerk)**

Rob Brandes, Public Works Director, discussed the request to close the Graves Creek Bridge for a Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11, 2019. Mr. Brandes reviewed Sunny Valley Loop (Exhibit 1) and reported that all the proper signage and notices to the public will be followed. Deborah Lawwheel, Friends of Country Living, explained why this celebration was created, the logistics of going through the process to get this Graves Creek Bridge Closure to the Board, the itinerary for the event, and parking for handicap access.

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

Mark Selligman, Josephine County, spoke in opposition to local government not working to eradicate climate change.

**4. BOARD MAY REVIEW PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:**

The Board addressed public comments.

**Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(a)**

Commissioner DeYoung made a motion to approve Rail and Public Transit Division Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Agreement No. 33807 for Continued Funding of the Rogue Valley Commuter Line (RT100), seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner Fowler – yes, and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

**Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(b)**

Commissioner Fowler made a motion to approve Rail and Public Transit Division Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Agreement No. 33775 for Two Additional Commuter Runs Per Day to Cave Junction (RT50) and Wolf Creek (RT80), seconded by Commissioner DeYoung. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner Fowler – yes, and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

**Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(c)**

Commissioner DeYoung made a motion to approve Order No. 2019-056; In the Matter of Authorization of Sale of County Real Property by Sheriff's Sale, seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner Fowler – yes, and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

**Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(d)**

Commissioner Morgan made a motion to approve Order No. 2019-057; In the Matter of Approving Temporary Closure of Sunny Valley Loop during the Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11, 2019; Report & Recommendation, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner Fowler – yes, and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

**5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:****a. Minutes** *(Draft minutes are available for viewing in the Board's Office)*

General Discussion – September 23, 2019

Legal Counsel Update – September 24, 2019

Weekly Business Session – September 25, 2019

**b. Resolution No. 2019-034; In the Matter of Appointments to the Board of Property Tax Appeals (BoPTA)** *(One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)***Board Discussion and Action:**

Commissioner DeYoung made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Items 5(a) through 5(b) as listed, seconded by Commissioner Fowler. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner DeYoung – yes, Commissioner Fowler – yes, and Commissioner Morgan – yes.

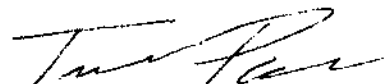
**6. OTHER: (ORS 192.640(1))** “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”)

None reported.

**7. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Morgan mentioned her upcoming meetings and her testimony and presentation for the Governor's Wildfire Council meeting last week. Commissioner DeYoung mentioned that Sand Creek Bridge re-opens next Thursday with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Commissioner Fowler reported that Art Along the Rogue will be taking place this weekend in Downtown Grants Pass.

Weekly Business Session adjourned at 10:01 a.m.



Trish Paredes, Recorder

**Exhibits:**

Exhibit 1 – Sunny Valley Loop



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