

General Discussion: October 3, 2017

9:00 a.m. – BCC Conference Room

Commissioners Simon G. Hare and Daniel E. DeYoung; (Lily N. Morgan was unavailable); Wendy Watkins, Recorder

Chair Simon G. Hare called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Assistant County Counsel I and II Job Descriptions

Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director, reviewed **Legal Counsel's Schedule D (Exhibit 1)** with the Board. He mentioned Legal Counsel wants to hire a full time Attorney and a full time Law Clerk. Commissioner Hare said he is not in favor of increasing the ISF to pay for this and his concerns are with long term goal. The Board agreed to discuss this at Thursday's County Administration Workshop when the full Board is present.

2. BCC Staff Meeting

Commissioner Hare spoke about restructuring the Boards Office and cited what we have right now may not be perfect but it is working. Commissioner DeYoung mentioned it is hard to work in a political office when you only have a boss for four years and there needs to be consistence in the office with someone who stays here and will help new commissioners get up to speed. The Board agreed to discuss this further when the full Board is present.

3. 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”.*)

Commissioner Hare discussed Ward Ockenden's Letter (**Exhibit 2**). The Board agreed to discuss this further with Julie Schmelzer, Community Development Director, at next Thursday's County Administration Workshop.

Commissioner DeYoung mentioned there have been five accidents this year at the same corner on New Hope Road and something needs to be changed. He is working with Rob Brandes, Public Works Director, on how to completely shift the roadway so this doesn't happen again.

Commissioner Hare advised 90 percent of the Josephine County voters would like us to salvage the forest after a catastrophic wildfire.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit 1 – Legal Counsel's Schedule D

Exhibit 2 – Ward Ockenden's Letter

**Josephine County
Schedule D - Personnel Services
Legal Counsel
2017-18**

*Exhibit 1
General
10/3/17*

Job Title	Employee	Grade	Step	FTE	Projected Rate	Annual Wages w/COLA	Total Taxes & Benefits	Total Wages & Benefits	Program Allocation					
									Legal Counsel - 40-4210	Law Library - 40-4220	Planning	Building Safety	Real Property - 40-1930	
CURRENT BUDGET 2017-18														
Legal Counsel	Hicks Matthew	E06	1	1.00	8,175.30	99,330	51,147	150,477	150,477					
Assistant County Legal Counsel II	Harper Leah C	N21	11	1.00	7,463.00	90,675	53,719	144,395	137,175	7,220				
Legal Administrator	Ellison Patricia	N14	12	1.00	5,410.00	65,732	42,390	108,122	108,122					
Law Clerk	Ellison Beecher	N11	10	1.00	4,581.84	55,669	37,736	93,405	37,362	56,043				
Legal Secretary - Legal	Rodgers Chantl	N09	3	1.00	3,346.44	40,659	28,109	68,769	68,769					
Real Property Specialist	Watson Michae	N11	5	1.00	3,960.82	48,124	31,999	80,123					80,123	
SUBTOTAL				6.00		400,189	245,101	645,291	501,904	63,263				80,123

Legal - 4210	Law Library - 4220	Property - 1930	Property - 1930
1.00	-	-	-
0.95	0.05	-	-
1.00	-	-	-
0.40	0.60	-	-
1.00	-	-	-
-	-	-	1.00
4.35	0.65	-	1.00

ADD LEGAL COUNSEL I - NO DISTRIBUTION														
Legal Counsel	Hicks Matthew	E06	1	1.00	8,175.30	99,330	51,147	150,477	150,477					
Assistant County Legal Counsel II	Harper Leah C	N21	11	1.00	7,463.00	90,675	53,719	144,395	137,175	7,220				
Assistant County Legal Counsel I	Vacant	N19	3	1.00	5,262.00	63,933	37,191	101,125	101,125					
Legal Administrator	Ellison Patricia	N14	12	1.00	5,410.00	65,732	42,390	108,122	108,122					
Law Clerk	Vacant	N11	3	1.00	3,633.24	44,144	29,491	73,635	29,454	44,181				
Legal Secretary - Legal	Rodgers Chantl	N09	3	1.00	3,346.44	40,659	28,109	68,769	68,769					
Real Property Specialist	Watson Michae	N11	5	1.00	3,960.82	48,124	31,999	80,123					80,123	
SUBTOTAL				7.00		452,597	274,048	726,645	595,121	51,401				80,123
								81,354		(11,862)				

ADD LEGAL COUNSEL I - DISTRIBUTE COST														
Legal Counsel	Hicks Matthew	E06	1	1.00	8,175.30	99,330	51,147	150,477	150,477					
Assistant County Legal Counsel II	Harper Leah C	N21	11	1.00	7,463.00	90,675	53,719	144,395	137,175	7,220				
Assistant County Legal Counsel I	Vacant	N19	3	1.00	5,262.00	63,933	37,191	101,125	50,562	25,281				
Legal Administrator	Ellison Patricia	N14	12	1.00	5,410.00	65,732	42,390	108,122	108,122					
Law Clerk	Vacant	N11	3	1.00	3,633.24	44,144	29,491	73,635	29,454	44,181				
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SUBTOTAL				7.00		452,597	274,048	726,645	544,559	51,401				80,123
								81,354		(11,862)				

Note: vacant positions at step 3 to show budget requirement for 2018-19
 Note: ISF rate increase of 1/2 percent equals \$200,000 (7.5% to 8.0%)

October 1, 2017

Exhibit 1
Ward Ockenden General
5941 Highland Ave 10/3/17
Grants Pass, Or, 97526
541-761-7550

Josephine County Commissioners:

Six years ago, I had a site plan drawn up to build a mini storage facility on my property. 11 months ago, I got my development permit, but the planning office says that I need to have something built on the property or I would need to have the building plans approved by October 12, 2017. After that date my development permit would be void and I would have to start the project from very beginning.

When I started this project, the economy was just starting downward, as you remember what happened to the building industry in our area. I feel the last 6 months the economy has gotten to a point that I was ready to start my project, but of course everyone else feels the same way.

So, in April I started to get my building plans drawn up, usually this would take no than 30 days. I have contacted engineers and architects from here to Medford, Ashland, And Klamath Falls, I have hired 3 engineers and 1 architect but to date no one has performed, the architect I hired said he could do the drawings, go to find out he was not licensed, and he did not draw them on a computer, but by hand, he did nice drawing but we can't use them. The engineer that I hire from Klamath Falls over 2 months ago said that he could do my job with no problem, but 2 weeks ago he e-mailed me with a new price for the project instead of \$4200 he thought that the new price should be between \$20,000 and \$100,000, does the wood blackmail come to mind, I had estimates between \$1600 and \$4600, but again they were too busy.

So, this is where I need Your help, I need another 6 months to get my building plans submitted to the building department, I Thank you in advance for your help. I believe we need to change the dead lines on development permits, I thinks once we get the permit it should be up to us when we build the project.

Sincerely Ward Ockenden



