

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
12:00pm, CBAB, 601 State Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conf. Room, Hood River, Oregon

**MINUTES**

Chair Rivers called the meeting to order. Present: Commissioner Perkins, Commissioner Benton, Commissioner Meyer, Commissioner Joplin, Counsel Davies and Administrator Meriwether.

**CONFLICTS OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST –**

No conflicts or potential conflicts to declare.

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA –**

Chair Rivers would like to add Reports to the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- \*Reappoint Barb Seatter as one of the counties representatives on the Mid Columbia Housing Authority Board.
- \*Approve a liquor license application, change in ownership, for Vero's Market in Parkdale OR.
- \*Approve a budget adjustment & Resolution to accept additional funds of \$89,248 into the corrections budget from the justice reinvestment grant FY 15/16.
- \*Approve a budget adjustment & Resolution to accept additional funds of \$3600 in the Sheriff Marine Patrol budget FY 15/16.

Commissioner Meyer made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Perkins seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Commissioner Joplin – yea  
Commissioner Meyer – yea  
Commissioner Perkins – yea  
Commissioner Benton – yea  
Chair Rivers – yea

Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

John Roberts - next week the cell tower ordinance will be on the agenda and he will be recommending the BOC remand it back to the planning commission due to the changes that have come forward from the attorney firm that requested the last two extensions of the hearing as well as changes from staff and the citizen review committee that developed the ordinance feels the planning commission needs another look at it in light of the suggested changes.

Administrator - just received the summary of the goal session from Rich Bruer today, he has not had a chance to review it yet but it should be coming to the Commission for approval at the next meeting.

Noted that next Thursday the NORCOR Board of Directors will be meeting and hearing reports from the sub committees that have been meeting and looking at other revenue sources and ways to reduce the budget etc.

Commissioner Joplin - met with Judge Olsen regarding NORCOR this morning and he is interested in participating in discussion regarding the flow of information between the bench and NORCOR.

Commissioner Meyer - attended rural tourism studio meeting which is typically about growing tourism in rural economies. It was not really to grow it here it was how to manage it when you hit a certain level.

Chair Rivers - handed out a 150% enhanced STIP list this comes from the R1ACT committee meetings. HRC projects were not originally included in the projects to be funded. This list has to be pared down to a 100% list. 33 folks sit at the table to go through the projects. For an hour after the meeting discussion was why we (Hood River) did not get any projects on the list. Heard both sides for and against. After that discussion - someone made a motion to include the top 5 plus number 18 the City of HR project should be included. Right before the vote someone said the projects need to be based on population. We did prevail in the vote though and our projects are on the list for consideration. He feels we have a large amount of support from most of the folks in the room.

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

### Planning

#### Inclusionary Zoning Legislation SB 1533

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve and sign a letter supporting the passage of SB 1533

John Roberts - HB 2563 is in a holding pattern and SB 1533. The bill looks to overturn the ban on inclusionary zoning. In the memo he submitted he is trying to explain what inclusionary zoning involves. He has used this in a previous positions and it is a good tool but it will not solve the affordable housing issue. Most likely this will take place in the Urban Growth Boundary.

Meyer said this bill does not make it mandatory but optional and it gives a list of concessions for certain requirements. Meyer said he testified on this bill in front of the legislature, not on behalf of the county but for he realtors association.

Commissioner Perkins made a motion to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Meyer seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Commissioner Joplin – yea  
Commissioner Meyer – yea  
Commissioner Perkins – yea  
Commissioner Benton – yea  
Chair Rivers – yea

Motion carried.

### Administration

#### One Gorge Participation

**RECOMMENDATION:** Agree to participate in One Gorge

Meriwether said that this is not a formal group there is not an application or dues involved at this point. The understanding is that we can participate and sign letters on things that we want but do not have to participate if we do not support what is being put forward or if there is no time for adequate review/decision then we would not sign what is being put forward to the members.

The Commissioners said that as long as we do not end of signing something they do not have a chance to review they are ok with being acknowledged as a member of One Gorge.

Commissioner Benton made a motion to allow Hood River County to participate in One Gorge. Commissioner Perkins seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Commissioner Joplin – yea  
Commissioner Meyer – yea  
Commissioner Perkins – yea  
Commissioner Benton – yea  
Chair Rivers – yea

Motion carried.

### Elder Care & Services

**RECOMMENDATION:** Agee to work with the presenters from last month on this topic to convene community members interested in providing and furthering elder care and services

Meriwether Tina Castanares's primary ask was for the commission to convene community members to further this discussion this topic. Meriwether said that he or Ellen Larsen will get with Tina Castanares et al, to see how they want to move this forward. Maybe working with the Prevention Department would be a way to help get the word out.

Commissioner Joplin stated that we do have an area agency on aging through MCCOG and feels that agency could engage in this conversation and then we have the health council that is also aware and in tune to this topic. She feels like it would be an appropriate ask to see if either of those agencies would explore the concept further and talk with Tina Castanares. Feels either of those entities is more of a natural home to drive this conversation and we could provide support by way of meeting space or a commissioner liaison. She doesn't feel it needs to be driven by the county or the health department but just to participate.

Un identified person in the audience stated she participates with the group and they have just recently decided to name the group Aging in the Gorge Alliance (AGA).

Joplin suggested sending a letter to the health council asking them to work with the AGA to continue their work and help bring more folks to the table.

Clara Culbertson (audience member) is working with AGA and has previous experience with this type of work where she lived prior to Hood River. The group has a lot of resources that have yet to be uncovered and it is a work in progress.

State Minimum Wage Increase

**RECOMMENDATION:** Discuss options with staff

Lisa Davies, Legal Counsel stated the Linn County Board of Commissioners sent a letter to Governor Brown on this topic. This is a moving target and some of the information that was submitted in the legal report due to the ever changing stance on this issue and what has been seen or heard and legal opinions whether this would be an unfunded mandate to local governments unless the state provides a financial appropriation for the additional service they are requiring.

Commissioner Benton passed out information regarding how passage of the governor's proposal would impact the pear growing community in Hood River County.

Commissioner Benton stated the amount of labor costs for farming will increase 43% over the 6 year span of the proposal and over half of farmers expenses are labor. Feels it important that this is not a land use decision between farmers, folks are in agreement that this not good for farming. He would like the Commission to submit something to the legislature / Governor stating how this will hurt farmers. Farmers are also hit with providing housing and not being able to get credit for doing that. Senator Thomsen stated there is potential of a bill moving forward that would allow for tax credits to farmers that do provide free housing to their workers.

Commissioner Benton wants to monitor this closely and wants to see the commissioners propose a compromise for farmers if /when necessary.

No formal action but consensus to watch what is going on. Commissioners are open to an email poll to get something on record if needed.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Rivers adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm.

<b>CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS/EVENTS</b> (note all dates and time subject to change with or without notice as required)		
Feb 1	1:00pm	Tri-County Mental Health Board, Mid Col. Center for Living-TD (1 <sup>st</sup> Mon. ea. mo.-generally)
Feb 2	12:00pm	HRC Prev. Dept Board meeting, Providence HR Memorial Hosp, Boardroom, Hood River OR (1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. even # months)
Feb 3	2:00pm	HRC Water Planning Group, 601 State St, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor conf. room (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. ea.mo. – generally)
Feb 5	12:00pm	SPECIAL Board of Commissioners meeting, 601 State Street, Conf Rm. 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
Feb 10	7:00pm	County Planning Commission Meeting, CBAB, 601 State St Conf Rm. 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl, (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. ea. mo generally)
<b>Feb 15</b>		<b>PRESIDENTS DAY – COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED</b>
Feb 16	4:00pm	Board of Commissioners work session & business meeting, CBAB, 601 State Street, Conf Room 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor (3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon. ea. mo)
Feb 16	7:00pm	Library District Board meeting, Library, 502 State St., Conf. Room (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues ea. mo. - subject to change)
Feb 17	3:00pm	Department Head Meeting – Courthouse 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Conference room
Feb 23	2:00pm	Safety Committee Meeting, Courthouse, 309 State Street, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor (4 <sup>th</sup> Tues. ea. mo.)
Feb 24	7:00pm	County Planning Commission Meeting, CBAB, 601 State St Conf Rm. 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl, (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed. ea. mo generally)
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