

**HOOD RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING**  
2:00PM, CBAB, 601 STATE STREET, HOOD RIVER, OR

**MINUTES**

**CONFLICTS OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO/FROM THE AGENDA**

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

- ✓ Approve and authorize Chair Oates to sign a letter of support for PacificSource Community Solutions – Columbia Gorge Coordinated Care Organization application to the Oregon Health Authority

Commissioner Joplin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Perkins seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Commissioner Perkins -yea  
Commissioner Joplin -yea  
Commissioner Benton – yea  
Commissioner McBride – yea  
Chair Oates – yea

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commission

Future NORCOR Funding & Services

**RECOMMENDATION:** Discuss options and preferred position to present to the NORCOR Board and Budget Committee

Benton kicked off discussion on how the commission felt of McBride's proposal.

Joplin asked if the McBride proposal was 50/50 which results in an 8% increase. Joplin asked if Benton wants feedback on the closing Juvenile detention. Benton doesn't need any additional feed back unless it is to continue to provide the same amount of subsidy. Unclear until NORCOR Board discusses but he feels they will still be able to provide jail services and juvenile services based on McBride's proposal. We are reducing services in HRC and part of that is a

reduction is costs to jail/juvenile. Cost increase has nothing to do with an increase level of service at NORCOR it is the cost of doing business increases.

Benton talked with Kathy at Wasco county and they have the same concern over the increase. They want to be supportive of HRC and want to hear what we propose. The communication has been good at the NORCOR level with Wasco County.

Perkins stated McBride's proposal has merit and it will likely keep from cutting service levels. Perkins doesn't feel we can close the juvenile facility or let that be an option. Joplin struggles with all three of the options.

Benton said we are talking about an \$150K increase in our subsidy.

Benton asked the Sheriff his thoughts. Sheriff English stated he understands the increase due to costs and the subsidies haven't been raised in many years. Press upon NORCOR that it creates further service reductions in this county. But feels there are things in play that could offset the numbers NORCOR is looking at right now. He is optimistic.

Joplin asked if there is any value in sharing the BOC Resolution of sustaining our budget path for the next 3 years. Benton said he shared that last year through the NORCOR budget process and everyone was supportive. He conveyed that HRC wanted to keep the subsidy the same between FY 18/19 – 19/20 budget but after looking at the NORCOR budget further he realizes they cannot really do that without making major cuts.

Discussion about future funding difficulties if the county funding measures do not pass. Discussion about bylaws and what is optional as far as subsidy determination – that is still in discussion. We need to do what we can to maintain the relationship with the other members to not burn a bridge.

Oates asked what is going to happen – we propose what we are going to do and then what? Benton talked with the other commissioners particularly Wasco County rep on NORCOR, they want to support HRC but want to see what we propose.

Benton said Mgmt. team suggests a 16% increase to maintain best practices, and what they want to provide. Hecksel asked when they need to have their budget final. Benton said the last budget meeting is May 28<sup>th</sup>. Benton stated the NOROCOR Board meeting is on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Hecksel said the other important piece is what happens with the election. Benton said they thought about that, but the time frame is tight. Perkins said we need to decide and stick with it for this upcoming FY and then address something else if needed if both measures pass.

Consensus to go with McBride's proposal provided at the April 25<sup>th</sup> special BOC meeting.

\$150K increase in subsidy is what Benton will take to the NORCOR Board and Budget committee.

Hecksel clarified - \$150K more from the appropriation from last FY per Benton.

Joplin said it pulls back \$63K into our workable budget. Benton said that is not entirely accurate because incorporated in there is the payment for the scanner – he thinks. \$150K + \$1.533M will be the FY 19/20 NORCOR Subsidy.

So HRC Budget will bring back in \$99K for FY 19/20 budgeting.

Hecksel asked of Benton, McBride and English if the \$150K is even in the realm of possible to make that happen. Benton said we will need to see how it could work and the NORCOR Board and budget committee will need to review and see if that will work and most likely services will have to be reduced. He cannot say right now. English said he will be taking the same line forward to the Sheriff association at NORCOR.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Oates adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm