

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION AGENDA

4:15pm, CBAB, 601 State Street, Hood River, OR - 1st Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Chair Oates called the work session to order. Present: Commissioner McBride, Commissioner Joplin, Counsel Davies and Administrator Hecksel.

2020 Census Presentation – Mark Czornij

Mark went through the PowerPoint he provided to the Commission which is in their packet.

Mark showed the 10 questions that will be on the census document. Chair Oates asked why questions #7 and #8. #7 asks for Race and then #8 indicates Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin. Mark was not able to address the reason why but would look into it.

Mark spoke about the challenges of obtaining accurate Census counts.

Oates asked for the definition of a migrant worker. Mark stated that we count people where they sleep and eat most of the time. We would not mark them as a migrant worker on the form, but the bureau must figure out the best way to enumerate migrant workers.

Mark stated that notices and questionnaires are not mailed to PO Boxes, they are working to determine the best way to get the information out to those citizens that use PO Boxes and in fact do not have mail delivered to home.

The Census is hiring people to work in the community where they live. 2020Census.gov/jobs

Oregon Investment Board Interview for County Representative – Douglas Roof

Oates welcomed Mr. Roof to the meeting and asked him to share some about himself.

Doug stated he has been in Hood River for a bit over 3 years, has family in the community. Background is business. Engineering Degree, MBA degree, worked for GE 17 years and bought into a smaller company after that and then launched his own business where he became a coach for small business owners.

Doug has applied through MCEDD, who staffs the OIB, to be one of the county representatives on the Board for Hood River County.

Joplin asked if Doug has looked into the time commitment for the Board and spoke with his neighbor who also served on the Board. He feels he has the adequate amount of time to give. He enjoys learning about businesses -he doesn't feel it will be a labor but something he enjoys.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EXECUTIVE SESSION

5:00pm, CBAB, 601 State Street, Hood River, OR – 1st Floor Conference Room

Chair Oates called the Commissioners into Executive Session at 4:50pm per the following:

ORS 192.660(2(a) Personnel, ORS 192.660(2(e), Property and ORS 192.660(2(h) Legal Counsel

Out of exec. At 5:55pm.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

6:00pm, CBAB, 601 State Street, Hood River, OR - 1st Floor Conference Room

Any item or issue not on the agenda you have a question, comment or statement about please bring up under Items from the Public

MINUTES

Chair Oates called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Present: Commissioner Karen Joplin, Commissioner Rich McBride, Commissioner Bob Benton, County Counsel Lisa Davies and Administrator Jeff Hecksel

CONFLICTS OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO/FROM THE AGENDA

Chair Oates we will add an item to New Business: 1B – to set a public hearing to consider a reciprocal easement between Grays, Zeman and HRC.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public present.

REPORTS – Commissioners, Legal Counsel, County Administrator

Benton – NORCOR is working through by laws and struggling with interim mgmt. set up. This has been challenging from a board standpoint with existing management set up, but they will be talking about it in September. Good news communication between NORCOR and public has increased, and damage is starting to get improved. It is tough to govern when you do not have one in charge.

Oates asked if the NORCOR Board has talked about going out for another levy. Benton said no there has been no discussion on that. There are many loose ends that needed to be dealt with like contracting protocol as an example. The former administrator handled things autonomously from the Board and they are having to start from scratch.

The Juvenile directors and Sheriff's have really stepped up.

Joplin – MCCFL starting to recruit for their exec director by hiring a recruitment firm out of Beaverton, Talents. They have secure funding for a few years.

McBride – to add on the NORCOR discussion – shared with Commissioner Benton that he is doing a good job chairing the Board and feels that has been good for the organization. He realized that NORCOR has seen a large amount of turnover in 20 years, there hasn't been a lot of continuity. Even the mission statement didn't say we will operate a jail, it was all higher level – working on those things and job description updates is happening. Feels that having the employees involved is healthy for the organization.

McBride attended a MCHA meeting – Lot 700 tax credit funding failed – behind the scenes work is happening and they are still seeking funding but unsure of what will happen and instead of doing anything with the City they have shelved the whole thing and let the initiative go on the fall ballot that would ask the city residents if they want to convert lot 700 into anything other than a park it would need to go to the vote of the people. MCHA feels that it will pass. If it passes, then there would be a clearer path forward if that was desired.

MCHA accomplished an equity review and updated the administration plan.

He and Commissioner Perkins had an informal meeting with HRATS regarding future of trails. They are looking at setting up a foundation where they get funding to fund trail coordinator and they encouraged them that we were looking at the actual costs. They are concerned and anxious and want to have all the answers resolved but we will continue to keep talking with them.

We told them that whatever happens we will expect the trail community to contribute more to the system more than they have in the past.

Chair Oates – met with a rep from the USFWS and they will have a special hunt next year between August and December to help address the elk issues in orchards. A certain number of permits will be given out and hope that by doing this over time it will push the elk out to look for other feeding area. One of the reasons why they have come into the middle mtn area is because of the increased traffic in the post canyon area during the day from trail users.

Oates stated he attended a meeting with Wyden and Bloomenhauer at Timberline Lodge talking about the Omnibus Act – more additions are being suggested. We will need to watch these close as there is discussion about the East Fork and Middle Fork irrigation.

Benton stated that 12 elk were in the block of orchard where he just picked and the next day there were 3 deer in the block

Hecksel – A few meetings ago a citizen asked the county to revisit the county noise ordinance. Oates said after the meeting with USFWS he would prefer to hold off as the USFWS feels their solution might work. He would like to see how that will work.

Jeff handed out the vacancy report that was not in the packet.

Reported that Eric Walker has accepted the position as Community Development Director. Feels the interim period was helpful for him to determine that he would be willing to talk the position full time.

Jeff has contacted Mark Weiner about coming to meet with the Board but have not heard back from him yet. Also, he will be setting up the community information committee again, Joplin, English, McBride and himself.

Spoke about the preliminary financial report, stated he has not had a chance to really review the information or talk with the Budget & Finance director about the report – again these are preliminary numbers which might fall out a bit different.

Tina noted that yes, the numbers are rough as we are still closing the year.

CONSENT ITEMS

- ✓ Authorize misc. computer and peripheral equipment and several small office supplies as surplus, authorizing the items to be disposed of as allowed in the Administrative Code.
- ✓ Approve a budget adjustment & Resolution to recognize the revenue and expenditure in the Administration budget from an Energy Trust of Oregon grant FY 19.20.
- ✓ Approve a budget adjustment & Resolution to recognize revenue and expenditure from a Juvenile Crime Prevention grant into the Prevention department FY 19.20.
- ✓ Approve a budget adjustment & Resolution in the Public Works budget to accommodate extra help in the shop FY 19.20.
- ✓ Approve a budget adjustment & Resolution to recognize the revenue and expenditures in the Health budget Tobacco fund 420 & 445 for the Sustainable Relationships for Community Health grant FY 19.20.
- ✓ Confirm e-mail poll from July 24, 2019 that authorize Chair Oates to sign off on an OLCC liquor license for Colibri Wine.
- ✓ Approve and authorize Chair Oates to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority for Juvenile Crime Prevention Basic Services as presented.
- ✓ Award the following timber sale to the highest bidder: Llama timber sale #20-6 to High Cascade, Inc.
- ✓ Approve writing off taxes for the following accounts and years as provided by staff, that have been closed and deemed noncollectable: #607968, #616436, 700217 and 700482.
- ✓ Award the following timber sale to the highest bidder: West Side Salvage-2019 #19-8 to ZZ Logging, Inc.

Commissioner Benton made a motion to approve as the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM THE WORK SESSION

Oregon Investment Board Representative Recommendation to Governor

RECOMMENDATION: Forward Douglas Roof to the Governor to consider for appointment to the OIB as a Hood River County representative.

Commissioner McBride made a motion to forward Douglas Roof's name to the governor to be considered as Hood River County's representative on the OIB. Commissioner Joplin seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Forestry

Zayo Easement

RECOMMENDATION: Direct staff to draft an Easement including proposed terms and set a public hearing to consider the Easement approval for September 16, 2019 at 6pm, or soon thereafter.

Commissioner McBride made a motion to set a public hearing for September 16, 2019 at 6:00pm or soon thereafter to consider a utility easement. Commissioner Joplin seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Reciprocal Easement – Gray, Zeman and Hood River County

Commissioner McBride made a motion to approve setting a public hearing to consider a reciprocal easement for September 16, 2019 at 6:00pm, or soon thereafter. Commissioner Benton seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Commissioner Benton – yea

Commissioner Joplin – yea
Commissioner McBride – yea
Chair Oates – yea

Motion carried.

Administration

Special Board of Commissioners Work Session

RECOMMENDATION: Set a work session for September 30, 2019 at 3:00pm.

Administrator Hecksel shared we have asked for information from departments regarding the services provided by Sept 16th in anticipating of a special Commission meeting on September 30th.

McBride has a conflict that week and therefore asked for the meeting to be pushed to the first Monday in October. Oates has an ODOT meeting that day at 5:30pm in Portland, he would be able to meet earlier if the others are available.

Consensus to hold a work session on October 7th at 1:30pm to start the review and prioritization of county services.

ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chair Oates stated he will be moving the Commission into executive session per ORS 192.660(2)(i) Performance Evaluation and adjourned the regular commission meeting at 6:30pm.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS/EVENTS (Note: The below is not an inclusive listing, and all dates and times subject to change with or without notice as required)

Aug 12	4:00/6:00pm	HRC Board of Commissioners Mtg., 601 State Street, HR (time subject to change)
Aug 14	3:00pm	County Staff Meeting, 601 State Street, HR
Aug 14	5:30pm	County Planning Commission Mtg, 601 State Street, HR (2 nd & 4 th Wed. ea. mth, generally)
Aug 20	7:00pm	HR Library District Board Mtg, 502 State Street, HR
Aug 27	2:00pm	County Safety Committee Meeting, 309 State Street, HR (4 th Tues. ea. month)
Aug 28	5:30pm	County Planning Commission Mtg, 601 State Street, HR (2 nd & 4 th Wed. ea. mth, generally)
Sept 2	ALL DAY	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – ALL COUNTY BUSINESS OFFICES CLOSED
Sept 16	6:00pm	HRC Board of Commissioners Mtg., 601 State Street, HR (time subject to change) – No Work Session
Sept 17	7:00pm	HR Library District Board Mtg, 502 State Street, HR
Sept 18	3:00pm	County Staff Meeting, 601 State Street, HR
Sept 24	2:00pm	County Safety Committee Meeting, 309 State Street, HR (4 th Tues. ea. month)
Sept 25	5:30pm	County Planning Commission Mtg, 601 State Street, HR (2 nd & 4 th Wed. ea. mth, generally; subject to cng)
Oct 2	2:00pm	HRC Water Planning Group, 601 State Street (1 st Wed. each month, generally)
Oct 7	1:00pm	Tri-County Mental Health Board, Mid-Columbia Center for Living, TD (1 st Mon. ea. month)