



WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION
APRIL 7, 2011

PRESENT: Sherry Holliday, Chair of County Commission
Scott C. Hege, County Commissioner
Rod L. Runyon, County Commissioner
Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer
Sue Stephens, Executive Assistant

At 2:30 p.m. Chair Sherry Holliday called to order the Special Session of April 7, 2011.

Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer, stated that he was directed on April 6th to send John Roberts, Wasco County Planning & Development Director Candidate, an offer letter. After receiving a signed offer letter back from Roberts, we were able to move forward with the process after completing background and reference checks.

Stone stated that Roberts start date would be May 16th if not sooner.

Ken Bailey stated that he appreciated being a part of the hiring process and believed the process went exceptionally well considering the number of good candidates. Bailey stated that there were so many exceptional candidates which caused the hiring process to go longer than anticipated.

Commissioner Runyon stated that he appreciated Bailey's comments and his presentation yesterday which was really exceptional.

Chair Holliday stated that the Board made a motion the day before to move forward with the offer, so now they needed a motion to appoint Roberts as Planning & Development Director.

Some discussion occurred.

{{{Commissioner Hege moved to appoint John Roberts as Wasco County Planning & Development Director. Commissioner Runyon seconded the motion; it was passed unanimously.}}}

Chair Holliday stated that staff from the Planning & Development Department are wondering when the Board of Commissioners, Interview Committee, or Stone could meet with them.

Some discussion occurred around setting a date and time to meet with staff. A meeting date of April 13th at 8 a.m. was established for this meeting.

Other Business:

Lane Magill, Chief Deputy Sheriff, stated that Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant, and the Board of Commissioners had specific questions in regards to the Homeland Security Grants. The grants will not cost the County anything since the grants are 100% funded through the Department of Homeland Security. The first grant is for a total of \$44,604 and will be used for the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) site on Tygh Ridge. The second grant in the amount of \$15,000 is to update the Emergency Operations Plan.

Magill stated that the Sheriff's Office did not anticipate spending the grant funding until after July 1, 2011. However, Mike Davidson, Emergency Manager, will begin spending the grant on the update of the Emergency Operations Plan during the current fiscal year. Davidson is proposing to combine the work with another project in order to save costs. Magill stated that with the appropriation he could begin purchasing some of the hardware for the site prior to construction and prior to an increase in equipment costs.

Some discussion occurred regarding the terms and expenditure of the grants.

{{{Commissioner Hege moved to approve Resolution #11-005 in the matter of accepting and appropriating unanticipated Homeland Security Grant Funds in the amount of \$44,604.00 during Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and Resolution #11-006 in the matter of accepting and appropriating unanticipated Homeland Security Grant Funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Commissioner Runyon seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Magill requested the Board's consideration of approving Exhibit A to Modification No. 5 of the Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan between the Wasco County Sheriff's Department and the USDA, Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest. He noted that the Agreement is the same as last year; however the dollar amount has been reduced to the funding level of five years ago. The County had been receiving between \$23,000 to \$25,000. It has now been reduced to \$20,750. This amount is subject to further change.

Some discussion occurred regarding the Forest Service Agreement.

Magill noted that due to the Sheriff's Office being short staffed two retired Deputies were brought back in as Reserves to fulfill the terms of the Agreement. The patrols run from May 1st through September 30th and in the off season as needed.

Commissioner Hege stated that he has not had an opportunity to review the Agreement. Ideally he would like to review it prior to being asked to approve the document.

Magill replied that he would have provided the Agreement to them a month and a half ago but he was unable to obtain the Agreement from the Forest Service due to federal budget issues.

Some discussion occurred around distribution of documents.

{{{Commissioner Runyon moved to accept the continuation of Exhibit A to Modification No. 5 of the Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan between the Wasco County Sheriff's Department and the USDA, Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest by consensus. Commissioner Hege seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Magill noted that the Sheriff's Office has a series of patrol vehicles that will be rotated out. He is requesting the Board's consideration of declaring the vehicles as surplus and allowing the Department to sale the vehicles, possibly through EBay. Magill would like to see more profit derived from the sale of the vehicles.

Some discussion occurred.

Magill stated that it costs 25% to run the vehicles through the local public auction. He noted that the vehicles are in the Vehicle Plan, but the disposals are not. Some of the vehicles cannot be transferred to another department due to their age or mileage.

Commissioner Runyon requested that Magill draft up his proposal for the Board's consideration.

Other Business:

Gary Nychyk, Senior Planner, stated that the appointment of an individual as Planning & Development Director with no departmental or Oregon land use experience is a mistake. The Board of Commissioners and Stone need to figure out how to get the new hire trained with the training responsibilities not falling on staff. The training of the new Director will be a significant investment.

The Board signed:


- Resolution 11-005 in the matter of accepting and appropriating unanticipated Homeland Security Grant funds in the amount of \$44,604.00 during Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
- Resolution 11-006 in the matter of accepting and appropriating unanticipated Homeland Security Grant funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 during Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
- Exhibit A to Modifications No. 5 Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan & Financial Plan between the Wasco County Sheriff's Department and USDA, Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest.

At 2:51 p.m. the Board adjourned.

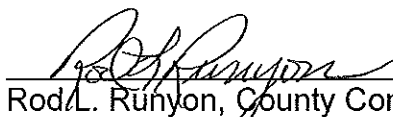
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