
WORK SESSION MINUTES

4:00pm Hybrid: in person (601 State St., Hood River, OR) and via Zoom

Chair Euwer opened the work session at 4:00pm. Present: Commissioner Weathers, Commissioner Moretti, and Commissioner Babitz (virtually), Administrator Williams and Counsel Davies.

Interview - Commissioner District 4

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct interviews for temporary appointment as Commissioner for District 4 through December 31, 2024.

Chair Euwer noted there are 3 candidates that will be on the ballot and whomever wins the election will take the seat in January 2025, until then we can fill the position by appointing someone through December 31, 2024.

The Commission discussed how they wanted to proceed with this temporary appointment at the March 18th meeting. Euwer explained the commission wanted to have representation specially for district 4 during this interim time and during the budget process. The Commission has received numerous emails about the fairness of this appointment. Chair Euwer addressed those concerns.

The Chair stated the Commission is not obligated to appoint someone tonight and asked staff to review the advertising that was placed.

Commissioner Weathers expressed concern that constituents of district 4 need to be represented and is not concerned about an appointment having influence on the election. There has been no impropriety by the Commission, even if a candidate is appointed.

Commissioner Moretti – no intent of swaying the election. Moretti stated she expressed concern during the March meeting that we shouldn't consider anyone that is running but sees the need to have someone represent district 4. The commission determined a process and commended Mr. Muenzer for following up and applying for the temporary position. Feels it would be unfair to change the process that was determined based on emails received from citizens. The election is less than a month away and there may be someone that receives more than 50% of the vote.

We don't need to decide today if that is what the rest of the commissioners feel is right.

Commissioner Babitz – asked staff about the assertion that the link to apply for the appointment was broken for some time. Administrator Williams addressed the timeframe of when the application link was removed, April 10, 2024 at 3:30pm, 30minutes after the deadline to apply.

Commissioner Babitz would like to ask the applicant if they would be willing to resign if they are appointed and the elected person is identified in May 2024 if it isn't them.

Addressed the issue of feeling it important to have a rep for district 4 during the budget process mainly because the commission will be talking about the levy and how that will be presented to the public moving forward.

Interview - Commissioner District 4

Chad Muenzer – has been hearing the same information the commissioners have received. He has been coming to the commission meetings because he feels it important to have someone in this position to represent District 4.

He was going to withdraw his application tonight but what Commissioner Babitz said makes sense to him – he is not doing this to pull one over on anyone. He would like to continue to be considered for the temporary position, whether he is appointed or not.

Commissioner Weathers – Thanked Chad for applying and attending previous meetings after he put his name in for the election. If you were to be appointed this evening, we know there is an election coming up and another candidate may receive more than 50% of the votes would you be willing to resign the temporary appointment? Chad stated he would.

Chair Euwer asked Muenzer why he wanted this position?

Chad stated he has been thinking about running for a while, but Les Perkins was doing a good job and he didn't see a need. He wants to give back to the community more. He has been serving on the fair board and the Wy'East Fire District board. It can be challenging but it is rewarding. Feels it is important to be involved with the community and be a part of making decisions for the community.

Chair Euwer asked about the Fair Board and how that budget works.

Chad stated the county does not contribute to the Fair board budget. The Fair receives lottery money and through the fair ticket receipts is what pays for the fair manager and maintenance staff. The fair is mainly for 4H which is great. The overall budget is around \$360,000 depending on the year.

Commissioner Babitz – as stated before, he is interested in having the district 4 commissioner involved in the budget process at hand. Asked Chad if he has any direct ties to the County or any conflicts of interest.

Chad replied he is self-employed and has no ties to the county.

Babitz – asked if he has an opinion on how we should go forward with this next levy for another 5 years.

Chad – feels we should go forward with trying to get the levy renewed and also continue to look for alternative revenue opportunities.

Commissioner Moretti – asked for thoughts on housing, how we can collectively work on workforce housing for people that live and work here.

Chad stated he has thought about that a lot. The Commission is going to start work on assessing Odell (unincorporated community). It is challenging for citizens to afford to live here even if they have been here for a long time. He has his ideas on Odell community plan. Commissioner Babitz – stated he sits on the Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) that address the unhoused in the community, asked Chad if he has familiarity with houselessness in the community. He has heard Babitz speak on that the last few meetings. He needs to become more familiar with and learn more about that issue before he speaks on the topic.

Commissioner Weathers – asked Chad if he has the time to commit to the position.

Chad – being self-employed it allows him the opportunity to pick and choose his work schedule and yes he has time to commit to the position.

Commissioner Euwer asked for closing comments from Chad.

Chad stated he lives here, his family lives here and would like to be involved in the community, specifically this position, to hopefully make a difference for his generation and those behind.

[City of Hood River Waterfront Urban Renewal District - Substantial Amendment](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Consider providing written feedback to the City of Hood River Urban Renewal District regarding the 1st Substantial Amendment to the Waterfront Urban Renewal Plan.

Will Norris, City of Hood River Urban Renewal Administrator – Will shared his presentation with the Commission. (presentation is in the packet for reference).

Commissioners asked questions – mainly around funding, tax collection and size of the URA.

Commission Babitz would like have a letter of support written for this proposal.

[Columbia River Gorge Commission Update](#)

Krystana Walonkowski, Executive Director of the CRGC and Michael Mills (HRC's rep on the Gorge Commission)

Spoke about the coming work on the Bi-State compact and the other item the CRGC has been working on is the IGA that is up for the commissioner's consideration later this evening regarding the permitting of the upcoming Columbia river Bridge to Hood river County leaving the CRGC the appeal body.

Have been working on the budget proposals with both the Oregon and Washington legislators for an additional planner. We are hopeful both legislative bodies approve the budget requests.

Krystyna – outreach is happening in Oregon and Washington on the Bi State compact. Both sides must agree. The compact hasn't been updated in 37 years.

Commissioner Babitz – asked about the compact and if the counties have a role in approval of that or if the legislatures that approve the Compact. Krystyna stated counties do not have an approval review, but they do work with the counties to ensure everyone is on board and informed.

During the short session in Oregon, they approved funding for DEI and a climate change planner. This will allow for more outreach, website accessibility, translation and to look at the management plan through the lens of equity to identify areas of concern.

Thanked the County staff and legal counsel to work out the details of the intergovernmental agreement that allows Hood River County to be the permitting authority for the White Salmon – Hood River Bridge. Feels the division of duties will streamline the process and if someone appeals the permit that would go to the gorge commission.

Chair Euwer asked if there is funding for the county to do the associated planning work outside of what we receive already. Krystyna stated no there are no additional funds to be associated with the work.

Krystyna stated at both ends of the bridge is the UGA that the CRGC has no jurisdiction over and hopes it will not be a terribly complicated process.

Commissioner Babitz – stated that the Bridge Commission will be paying the permitting fee associated with the processing of the permit application.

Michael noted that the review of the management plan will be held off a bit to allow for a review of how the changes are playing out before they dive back in for more changes.

Krystyna stated they are looking to start the process in 2027 or 2028.

[On-Farm Housing Regulations](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a letter of support for reasonable agriculture labor housing regulations to be signed by Chair Euwer once reviewed by staff.

Gorge Fruit Growers emailed the afternoon of April 15th asking that this item be pulled from the agenda this evening. No reschedule date has been determined.

[Sheriff Department update](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize a short-form application to be submitted to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, after review by Budget & Finance and the County Administrator, for funding through the Oregon Behavioral Health Deflection Program.

Sheriff English – there is a grant opportunity he will be speaking about, and Deputy Joel Carmody will provide a marine program update.

In the last session HB 2002 – was approved which re-criminalized a small amount of drugs. HB 5204 – provide \$211M for the rest of the biennium, to address drug addiction in the State. At the end of the session there was an opportunity for law enforcement and prosecution to stand up deflection programs. If that was done it would be fast-track funds. He and DA sent letters of intent. The funds will create a program to divert some folks to treatment. The grant has been opened and HRC could receive ½ of the \$150k allot of the first round by the first of June. Quickly turn around and the application is due next week. They are seeking permission to go forward for that money. They have spoken to the impacts grant coordinator and since HRC committee to stand up a program the other ½ of the funds would come rather quickly.

Looking at our opportunities in this county it makes sense to do something regional and has been speaking with Wasco and Gilliam County sheriff's. program LEAD will be stood up. Evidence based program – and many using the program have seen significant improvement – jobs, housing, minimize the usage of ER, drug use reduction. Feels the program can work in our region as well.

They have met with MCCFL and this Friday meeting with partners and next week will meet with the Judicial department (judges and court administrator). If Wheeler and Sherman counties were to sign on the funding opportunity would increase significantly.

The first round of funds can be used for planning. There is a coordinator/program manager that will be required but we do not have to use the funds we would receive for that, there are funds from OHA for behavioral health that would fund those coordinator positions.

Commissioner Weathers – what is the criteria for the formula. Sheriff English said it was the BURN funding that was used (behavioral health funds).

Sheriff English – spoke about the LEAD program and how it works.

Commissioner Babitz asked about the evidence-based program and asked for data around that. Sheriff English referenced www.leadeuro.org has information on the LEAD program.

Commissioner Moretti – the coordinator position, funding for that. What about the other positions that would be needed for this program how would that work. Sheriff English stated he is not sure where the positions would live at this time. He has spoken with the city police chiefs, and they agree it should be law enforcement lead. Feels one or more entities would have peer mentors that would lead the region.

Joel Carmody, Marine program update. Joel talked about the funding for the marine program which comes largely from the Oregon State marine board. The funds cover FT employee, the OMB which owns the boat we have. The Port of Hood River provides the board house and fuel during the contract year – May 15 – Sept 15 as well as a small amount towards a seasonal helper.

Hood River County has a large amount of water to patrol. OSMB focus is enforcement of registrations, also care requirements (whistles, flares, life jackets etc.). We do not have a lot of motorized boat usage in the area outside of fishing. Most of the boats are sail boats. Most of the water users are not motor craft, they are windsurfers, kiteboarders, foilers etc., and we respond to all those users for rescue and safety. The dual role is easy enough, it is just being out on the water when needed. It is unusual that none of the fire departments in the area have watercraft for emergency response, so our programs serve in that capacity as needed.

He wants to start water safety classes again this year. Speaking about the type of boat we have. They also have a 14-year-old jet ski. Next month they are going to try a fund raiser for another rescue craft. The training he attends is covered by the OSMB. It would be great to have a second watercraft in Cascade Locks – loading the boat from Hood River to Cascade Locks response time is 1.5 hrs., if able to travel on the water it is approximately 50 minutes. If we get a second jet ski, he will take the older jet ski to Cascade Locks so we have something that can get on the water if needed.

They have started a volunteer program, where they have been able to train up one volunteer that is great and can help on busy times. They are hoping to onboard a few more volunteers later this year but they will not be trained to the level of driving the board etc.

Commissioner Weathers asked about volunteers and what is the liability for that and what are the requirements. Joel stated they modeled the program after the search and rescue and deputy reserve programs.

Sheriff English – Hood River County Sheriff's Foundation 501C3 was started in 2020 and the HRCSF will be launching the fundraiser and are hoping to raise \$38,000.

Commissioner Babitz asked if the sheriff has had a chance to talk with anyone about the possible hazards etc., during the bridge construction. Joel has had minimal discussions with the Port but at this time he is not sure what the impact will be.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

6:00p.m. Hybrid: in person (601 State St., Hood River, OR) and via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Euwer opened the work session at 4:00pm. Present: Commissioner Weathers, Commissioner Moretti, and Commissioner Babitz (virtually), Administrator Williams and Counsel Davies.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

None.

CONFLICT OR POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts or potential conflicts were declared.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

[Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant Close Out](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Receive testimony regarding the Community Development Block Grant project for the Hood River Valley Adult Center and authorize the final reports to be signed by the Chair or County Administrator, after final staff review.

Chair Euwer opened the public hearing and asked for a report.

Allison indicated the purpose of the hearing is to receive input on the process and take any testimony on the process.

Amy Mallet, HRVAC Exec Director, stated that with the completion of the kitchen remodel at the Hood River Valley Adult Center (HRVAC) the process of meal preparation has improved greatly and the processes involved with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and working with the county has been very smooth and they are very grateful. She is happy to give a tour of the kitchen anytime and to stay for lunch.

Allison stated the county partnered with MCEDD who managed the CDBG process for the County and was the direct interface with the HRVAC during the process. It was wonderful to work with someone who had experience with CDBG.

Chair called for other public testimony and hearing none closed the hearing and asked for Commissioner deliberations.

Commissioner Weathers made a motion to authorize Chair Euwer to sign the final reports after being reviewed by staff. Commissioner Moretti seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Commissioner Moretti – yes
Commissioner Babitz – yes
Commissioner Weathers – yes
Chair Euwer – yes

Motion carried.

[Voters' Pamphlet Ordinance Revision](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct the 2nd reading of the ordinance by title only, hold the public hearing, and adopt the amendments as presented.

Chair Euwer read the ordinance title and read the rules into the record and opened the hearing.

Chair asked if any Commissioner had a reason to abstain or had any or potential conflicts of interest. None were declared. Asked for challenges. None received.

The chair read the rest of the rules and process for the hearing into the record.

Staff report – Brian Been, Records & Assessment Director – the purpose of the amendment to the Ordinance is a language change in the Ordinance that conflicted with state law.

Chair Euwer called for public comment and hearing none closed the hearing and asked for Commissioner deliberations.

Commissioner Moretti made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Weathers seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Commissioner Moretti – yes
Commissioner Weathers – yes
Commissioner Babitz – yes
Chair Euwer – yes

Motion carried.

***PUBLIC COMMENT** (Registration required. Limit 3 minutes per person, per subject that is not on the agenda)

Chair Euwer stated she feels some of the public comments may have to do with the emails sent to Commissioners regarding the appointment of a Commissioner for District 4.

Shared the same statement she made at the beginning of the work session. The chair asked if there are public comments – there is one person in the room and one registered online.

Chair Euwer stated the discussion and eventual decision the commission made to advertise for volunteers to apply for commissioner of district 4 can be seen on the video of their meeting on March 18, 2024.

Chair Euwer again talked about the timeline for appointment, election etc. See work session for more detail.

Albert Nance – current Port of Cascade Locks Commissioner and is actively running for commissioner of district 4 on the May 2024 ballot. Spoke about why he didn't apply for the temporary appointment. Feels that anyone actively running for the position if they were put into the seat, may give the general public the intention of favoritism. This is an open seat and feels that everyone should run for the position from the same spot.

Understands the desire and need to have a full quorum and going through the budget process with a representative for district 4. He made his decision to not apply impartially to the other candidates and to the commissioners. Asks the commission to make the decision to appoint or not appoint this evening in the same spirit.

Ora Lee branch – lives in District 4. Appreciates the time given to explain the premise of this process. She agrees and supports the important work to have Parkdale represented and knows that people in the district that are not running as a candidate. From her perspective that many Parkdale people want to have representation and if there were a more advertised need there would be more people applying for the position.

Dale Hill – lives in District 4. Disappointed to hear how things have turned out and didn't know the reason why the commission decided to appoint a temporary position. Feels there has been a hand on the scale maybe inadvertently but feels it was. Feels a candidate should be elected by the people of the district and an appointment is not a decision by the people of the district. Reviewed county ordinances and charter for filling vacancies and there are no guidelines, other than to say the commission fills a vacancy. Doesn't see a compelling need to fill the position now and feels better to hold until at least after the May election to see if someone receives more than 50% of the votes. Doesn't like the appearance of favoritism by the commission making an appointment of one of the candidates. Asks the commissioners to reconsider and not make an appointment but does respect the decision that may be made by the commission on this topic even if he may not like it.

REPORTS (Administrator, Legal, and Commissioners)

County Administrators Report

Allison noted the department quarterly reports from departments are in the packet.

Mentioned a few points that are in her report, the Joint meeting with the City of Hood River on June 3, 2024, to talk about annexation. The city will be hosting the meeting.

With the Odell unincorporated process starting staff is asking for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission- looking at Sept 3 or 11th. Understanding this is a busy time for farmers, staff will send a poll to see which date would work best.

Department Quarterly Reports

Commissioner Babitz – travelling this month, no reports.

Commissioner Moretti – reported that there are 48 open positions and about 120 current staff at the Mid-Columbia Center for Living. Progress to host a facility specifically for kid services separate from where the MCCFL is at right now because it has been proven to work better.

MCCFL has purchased a 9-unit facility to host citizens that need help until they can get help.

Commissioner Weathers – Mt Hood Economic Alliance will be holding their next meeting on April 22nd. He has been attending many NORCOR meetings and understands the preliminary budget requests from NORCOR is a bit higher than what the county included in the FY 24/25 budget.

There is a potential that NORCOR will pick up a contract with Klickitat County as they are considering closing their jail. Additional revenue that may lessen the burden on the 4 member counties would be helpful.

Chair Euwer – attending the ODOT R1 Act meeting, not much activity that would affect Hood River County. The Governor took tolling on I5/I205 has been removed from the table, which was to help fill the budget hole in the ODOT.

Attended the Solar Night at the Mt Hood Town Hall – this project will provide a resource during an emergency.

CONSENT

A. Approval of Out of State Travel - 911

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize out of state travel for 911 Supervisor Eva Zerfing to attend the APCO Western Regional Conference in Idaho from May 7-10, 2024.

B. Approval of Out of State Travel - 911 & Sheriff's Office

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize out of state travel for Erica Stolhand, Michelle Renault, Kyleigh McClung and Joel Ives for site visits for a new CAD system in Florida.

C. Hood River County Prevention Department request to apply for the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Grant Act (STOP Act Grant) \$60,000 Fiscal Year 2024-2025

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize Prevention to apply for the Sober Truth Preventing Underage Drinking Grant for \$60,000 FY 24.25.

D. Sheriff's Office Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

RECOMMENDATION: Declare the identified vehicles and equipment as surplus, authorizing the items to be disposed of by donation and or sale as allowed in the Administrative Code.

E. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Columbia River Gorge Commission for Land Use Review Authority of the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) as presented and authorize Chair Euwer to sign the IGA.

F. CAFFA Grant Application for Assessment and Taxation FY 2024.25.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve submitting and signing a grant application and Resolution to the Oregon Department of Revenue for partial funding of the Assessment & Taxation for FY 2024.2025.

G. Budget Adjustment - WIC Program 420 2105

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the budget adjustment for the WIC Program in the Health department budget FY 23.24.

H. Budget Adjustment - RW HIV/AIDS Case Management - 420 2114

RECOMMENDATION: Approve a budget adjustment for the HIV/AIDS Case Management program in the health department budget FY 23.24.

I. Authorize recruitment of a Deputy DA to fulfill the ODOT DUII Grant

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize staff to recruit a new position subject to the timelines of the ODOT grant.

J. OLCC Temporary Sales License - Griffin House

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize Chair Euwer to sign off on two OLCC temporary sales licenses for events at Griffin House.

K. Surplus - Computer & Peripheral Items

RECOMMENDATION: Declare Miscellaneous Computer and Peripheral Items as surplus and authorize staff to dispose of the items as allowed in the Administrative Code.

L. Grant Submission & Letter of Support

RECOMMENDATION: Approve an application to be submitted by the Hood River Energy Council on behalf of Hood River County to the Oregon Department of Energy Community Renewable Energy Grant Program for the construction of a solar and storage system at the Mt Hood Town Hall.

M. Hood River County City Representative on MCEDD Board.

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint Cascade Locks City Councilor, Denise Emmerling-Baker as the County's City representative on the MCEDD Board to replace Butch Miller, through August 2025.

N. [OLCC Temporary Sales -Boozinmobilebar](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize signing off on the OLCC temporary sales permit for Boozinmobilebar for an event at the Crag Rat Hut.

Commissioner Weathers made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Babitz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Babitz asked if the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Gorge Commission regarding the White Salmon Hood River bridge project was separated from the Consent? Chair Euwer stated it was not removed, it was part of the consent agenda that was part of the motion just made.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Commissioner Moretti – yes
Weathers -yes
Babitz -yes
Chair Euwer – yes

Motion carried.

WORK SESSION ACTION ITEMS

[Interview - Commissioner District 4](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct interviews for temporary appointment as Commissioner for District 4 through December 31, 2024.

Commissioner Babitz – talked about the efforts made to make known that this position was being solicited. We will never be able to communicate.

Concerned about the optics of selecting/appointing someone who is a candidate. We chose a process that was lawful and was used one if not two times this happened. Also concerned about the optics that a partisan advocacy group made comments before the commission. We set rules, we set deadlines for this application solicitation. Feels there will be members of the community that will be upset if we change the rules.

Unsure what the answer is, feels it is a no-win situation. Feels everything has been spot on and reasonable and clear as it could be. Has not heard evidence there was a technical problem that prevented someone from applying during the timeframe.

Chair Euwer wants to hear from the other commissioners. Stated that nothing in what we did said we would appoint someone tonight or must pick from that pool of candidates. Does not feel we have to make an appointment currently.

Discussion of alternative scenarios.

Chair Euwer still has some of the same opinion she had last month that waiting until after the election makes sense.

Commissioner Babitz made a motion to table this decision until after the May 2024 election. Motion died for lack of second.

Chair Euwer called for additional motions.

Commissioner Moretti stated the commission agreed on the process and made it public. She didn't second the motion because we have an applicant.

Feels comfortable moving forward with Mr. Muenzer because he did state he would be willing to step down from an appointment if someone is a clear winner in the May election.

Moretti made a motion to appoint Chad Muenzer to the commissioner district 4 seat on an interim basis.

Commissioner Weathers stated we articulated our position and doesn't feel that has changed. He does not feel the commissioners hold the preverbal finger on the scale for the election and does not feel an appointment makes a change.

Given that Mr. Muenzer stated that he would step down as interim commissioner if there was a clear winner in the May election, he seconds the motion.

Deliberations:

Chair Euwer would be disappointed if this did the opposite of putting a finger on the scale. Considering all the information received feels there will be a concerted effort to campaign against Mr. Muenzer.

Commissioner Babitz – appreciates the concern that this may put Mr. Muenzer in a difficult position. Feels all we can do is say we are not endorsing him for the district 4 seat, and he was appointed because he was the only applicant, and he meets the qualifications. Some will misinterpret and not hear it.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Babitz – yes
Weather -yes
Moretti -yea
Chair Euwer – no

Motion carried.

[City of Hood River Waterfront Urban Renewal District - Substantial Amendment](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Consider providing written feedback to the City of Hood River Urban Renewal District regarding the 1st Substantial Amendment to the Waterfront Urban Renewal Plan

Commissioner Babitz – understands the city does not need our approval but are taking consultation/comments. Would like the commission to be a party of record on this and put in a letter strongly supporting. Shared why this is an effective tool to establish the storm water needs that have addressed.

Knows several of the other districts are what they perceive to be a loss of tax revenue and he feels that is because there is a state form for sharing the forgone taxes and it makes it look like it is more than it really is. Again, he strongly encourages the city to use this tool.

Commissioner Babitz made a motion to have staff prepare a letter to use the maximum indebtedness that was described by Will Norris. Commissioner Weathers seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was follows:

Commissioner Babitz -yea
Commissioner Weather – yes
Commissioner Moretti – yes
Chair Euwer – yes

Motion carried.

[Sheriff Department update](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize a short-form application to be submitted to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, after review by Budget & Finance and the County Administrator, for funding through the Oregon Behavioral Health Deflection Program.

Commissioner Weathers made a motion to approve submitting a short-form application to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commissioner, after review by Budget & Finance and the County Administrator, for funding through the Oregon Behavioral health Deflection Program. Commissioner Moretti seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was follows:

Commissioner Babitz -yea
Commissioner Weather – yes
Commissioner Moretti – yes
Chair Euwer – yes

Motion carried.

[On-Farm Housing Regulations](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Consider a letter of support for reasonable agriculture labor housing regulations to be signed by Chair Euwer once reviewed by staff.

No action, item was removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

[Ambulance Service Area \(ASA\) Advisory Committee](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize staff to take applications for positions on the Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee

Allison Williams, County Administrator – thanked Trish Elliot, Health Director for bringing this issue forward. In 2021 a letter from the State indicates our ASA needed to be updated. After discussion with staff feels the action to be taken is to direct staff to populate the advisory

committee/board as outlined in the Ordinance. Interviews will be held for positions with more than one application. Once the committee is populated, they will have the information from 2021. This will need some administrative help and Daron Ryan will help facilitate the work with the ASA Board and help shuttle the process through the state if that is needed.

Commissioner Babitz made a motion authorizing staff to advertise for the positions outlined in the Ordinance. Commissioner Moretti seconded the motion.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Commissioner Weathers -yes.
Commissioner Moretti -yes.
Commissioner Babitz -yes.
Chair Euwer -yes.

Motion carried.

[Levy Renewal](#)

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize staff to prepare documents to place the Levy on the November General Election

Allison Williams, County Administrator – we are looking to formalize the discussion the Commission had at the March meeting and county counsel needs to develop the documents. Lisa Davies, County Counsel – the deadline for action if the commission desires to go forward with a renewal of the levy is the July meeting. If the commission wants to have a work session it will need to be done no later than the June commission meeting.

Commissioner Babitz made a motion authorizing staff to prepare necessary documents to place the levy on the November General Election. Commissioner Weathers seconded the motion.

Commissioner Moretti stated we are looking at the November 2024 ballot, so if the levy fails, we can be proactive to look at alternative as needed and possibly put the ask on the May 2025 ballot.

Babitz clarified the Commission has not yet decided if this will be put on the ballot but over the next 6-7 weeks we will receive a lot of information. It is most likely the outcome, but it has not been decided.

Vote on the motion was as follows:

Commissioner Weathers -yes.
Commissioner Moretti -yes.
Commissioner Babitz -yes.
Chair Euwer -yes.

Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Commissioners, Legal Counsel, news media and select staff only)
ORS 192.660 (2)(e) - Real Property Transactions

The Chair moved the Commission into executive session per ORS 192.660 (2)(e) Real Estate and noted the commission will not be coming back into regular session for any further action, other than to adjourn the meeting after the exec session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Euwer moved the Commission back into regular session and adjourned the meeting at 7:50pm.