

Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on February 25 at the Port of Morrow offices with Judge Tallman and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of those meeting provided by Leann Rea.

-The court approved Accounts Payable in the amount of \$69,218.35.

-The court heard a report from the planning director, Carla McLane regarding the proposed Idaho to Boardman power transmission line and an upcoming meeting to be held in Baker City. Those in attendance at this meeting will be planners, commissioners and/or judges from Malheur, Baker, Union, Umatilla, and Morrow Counties. These individuals will be meeting with representatives from Oregon Fish & Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, and Oregon Dept. of Energy, Idaho Power. The planning director also shared with the court, a department update that had been shared with the Planning Commission at the commission's last meeting held on February 24.

-Sherrie Smith, Morrow County Health Dept. director provided a quarterly update to the court.

Informed the court they had provided 1,263 flu injections or FluMist, 273 doses Tdap (Whooping Cough), 33 doses Pneumonia vaccine.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes from the February 2 special meeting held at the Port of Morrow. The meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the Columbia River Enterprise Zone application.

-The Court received the following Road Report: Depot Lane-continuing with shoulder work along Depot Lane from Eighth Street out to Paterson Ferry Road. Reported that one side has been completed and the crew will be completing the last piece this week (February 26th). The crew is working on culvert extensions, erection of mailbox stands, signs and touching up in some areas. The main excavation will be completed so the rented excavator will be returned. Misc: Have plowed snow and sanded on Willow Creek Road as necessary. Grader operators have been grading roads as weather allows. The contractor driving the pilings for the Road Canyon bridge has mobilized the equipment

needed to the bridge site and will start driving pilings February 25th.

-The court again met with three residents from the lower Willow Creek area regarding the noise generated by the new wind towers. The Court informed the gentlemen that Invenery had been informed of their complaint and that an entity was going to be providing the county with a "Scope of Work" within the next 10 days or so. The court told the residents they would keep them informed of the outcome of the research.

-After the courts decision last week on how the funds received from Pacific Ethanol Enterprise Zone would be dispersed, it was brought to their attention that the Boardman Rural Fire District was expecting the entire payment of \$37,320. The court will review the minutes from the executive sessions where the conditions of the tax abatement considerations were decided and the Enterprise Zone contract and make their final decision at the next meeting.

-The City of Boardman and the Port of Morrow

held a telephone conference with the county court to discuss the proposed "Intergovernmental Agreement" for the Columbia River Enterprise Zone. Final language was agreed on and the document will be signed by each entity after receiving agreement from their respective Commissions or Boards.

-The court reviewed their portion of the budget in preparation of the upcoming budget hearings. Additional information will need to be obtained in certain areas.

-Reviewed and signed correspondences to the Oregon DEQ regarding the burning of Mustard at the Umatilla Chemical Depot and to Senator Wyden regarding the Boardman Bombing Range.

-The court approved an OLCC Application for Temporary Use of Annual License to Taylor's Restaurant & Lounge of Ione, allowing service at the Morrow County Fair Grounds March 7.

-The court reviewed and authorized the refund of \$1,219.25 in property taxes to the Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District.

Mustang Varsity Baseball Schedule

Following is the Heppner High School varsity baseball schedule for the 2009 season:

-March 17: Pendleton JV, 2 p.m.
 -March 21: at La Grande, 12 p.m.
 -March 24: Mac Hi/Salem
 -March 27-28: Colfax Tourney.
 -Apr. 4: Burns, 1 p.m.
 -Apr. 7: at Baker, 2 p.m.
 -Apr. 11: at Irrigon, 11 a.m.
 -Apr. 14: Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.
 -Apr. 18: Weston McEwen, 11 a.m.
 -Apr. 21: at Stanfield, 11 a.m.
 -Apr. 25: BYE
 -Apr. 29: Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.
 -May 2: at Pilot Rock, 11 a.m.
 -May 5: at Weston McEwen, 4:30 p.m.

Weather Report

By the City of Heppner

For the month of January			
	High	Low	Precip.
1/1	47	33	.13
1/2	54	31	.38
1/3	35	24	.00
1/4	35	23	.00
1/5	44	26	.14
1/6	48	37	.08
1/7	55	44	.00
1/8	57	45	.05
1/9	59	27	.00
1/10	50	30	.00
1/11	52	40	.01
1/12	58	40	.00
1/13	60	40	.00
1/14	62	26	.00
1/15	46	17	.00
1/16	28	18	.00
1/17	26	20	.00
1/18	26	23	.00
1/19	28	25	.00
1/20	28	24	.00
1/21	26	23	.00
1/22	26	23	.00
1/23	27	24	.00
1/24	27	23	.09
1/25	26	21	.23
1/26	23	3	.04
1/27	32	4	.00
1/28	42	32	.00
1/29	43	32	.00
1/30	51	29	.00
1/31	52	32	.00

Litter pickup postponed

Litter pickup for March 10 has been postponed and tentatively rescheduled for the week of March 23, weather permitting.

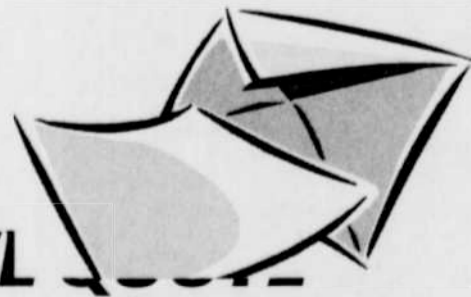
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