

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MORROW COUNTY
LAND USE HEARING**

THE MORROW COUNTY COURT will hold the following hearing of public interest on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center in Boardman, Oregon.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment AZ-064-13: Morrow County, Applicant. Request is an update of the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance Article 3 Section 3.073 Port Industrial use zone. The proposed changes are to more clearly describe the purpose, allowed uses, rail dependent uses, water dependent uses, to remove the requirement for a Port Master Plan and to amend the transportation impacts section providing reference to requirements in recently adopted and anticipated Interchange Area Management Plans. This is the first of at least one County Court public hearing.

Opportunity to voice support or opposition to the above proposal or to ask questions will be provided. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on those issues.

Copies of the staff report and all relevant documents will be available after December 27, 2013. For more information, please contact the Planning Department at 541-922-4624 or 541-676-9061, extension 5506.

DATED this 18th day of December, 2013
MORROW COUNTY
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Affidavit

CREZ FUND DISTRIBUTION

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"The county has negotiated an agreement with Portland General Electric for the construction of a gas-fired plant; however, this agreement will leave all the taxing districts involved significantly short of current tax receipts," he told the CREZ board.

"We applaud the Port of Morrow and the enterprise board for the use of the enterprise zone designation in the recruitment of new business into the county, as we know the business environment is highly competitive and every available tool needs to be used to recruit and retain businesses in this area.

"The group recognizes that the new construction will eventually come on

to the tax rolls, but in the interim, while these projects are in the Enterprise Zone, the entities involved must be able to plan for the increased services that will be needed to make sure that we are able to bring families in to the area as opposed to these new jobs being filled by people that travel in to the area and don't become involved in the county's communities," Mills said.

CREZ chairman Don Russell responded, saying "We all feel we need to get people into the area and some districts will be more adversely impacted than others districts. I see the sheriff and the health district as two of those. But I don't see how the cemetery district is impacted by us adding a new french fry plant (at the Port)," he said.

"We would like to see more planning and less arbitrary decisions," Mills told the board.

Mills made the comparison to the process used several years ago to divide up tipage money through a county-wide program called Needs and Issues.

"By the end of the tipage program everyone was mad," he said.

Mills said he would like to see the CREZ board lay out more criteria on how the money was going to be distributed. "So everyone knows what we are talking about and there are no arbitrary decisions," he said.

Russell asked Mills if his group had made the same approach to the county court about the

way the SIP or Strategic Investment Program funds were being spent. The SIP funds are collected through agreements made with the wind farms in the county on a similar basis in lieu of taxes. Mills said they had not approached the county.

Russell said the CREZ board has not made any decisions about future funding, although he did say the Port of Morrow, one of the taxing districts in the county, would not receive any of the money itself.

An objective of the Enterprise Zone has been to give companies a tax break for locating and creating jobs in Morrow County and then, when workers come here and buy homes, make up the lost tax revenue through the increase in

residential property taxes from these new homes. So far, however, the workers at these new plants are choosing to live in Hermiston and Tri-Cities, WA, a problem the CREZ and other entities are wrestling with in Morrow County.

"We are trying to get more housing built in Morrow County to fill the gap that is lost from business revenue (in the Enterprise Zone)," CREZ administrator Carla McLane said.

Editor's note: Please see next week's Heppner Gazette-Times for the story on CREZ's efforts to increase available rental housing, and entice new workers to live in Morrow County.

Elks holds hoop shoot

On Dec. 8, the Heppner Elks Lodge hosted its annual Hoop Shoot Free Throw contest at Heppner Elementary School. Kids from Heppner, Ione and Lexington ages eight to 13 were invited to compete in this free event. The participants shot 25 free throws with the first-place winner advancing to the Northeast District competition in Hermiston.

Local winners were as follows:

- Girls 12-13**
- 1st—Sophie Grant
- 2nd—Maggie Flynn
- 3rd—Izzy Garcia
- Girls 10-11**
- 1st—Sydney Wilson
- 2nd—Amelia Baker
- Boys 12-13**
- 1st—Kevin Smith
- 2nd—Trent Smith
- 3rd—Dakota Howard
- Boys 10-11**
- 1st—Brian Lindsay
- 2nd—Drew Coe
- 3rd—Derrick Smith
- Boys 8-9**
- 1st—Blake Carter



Local Elks Hoop Shoot stars (L-R) Sydney Wilson, Sophie Grant and Blake Carter all received second place in their age groups at the district hoop shoot tournament held in Hermiston recently. -Contributed photos

2nd—Brock Hisler
3rd—Zander Fisher

On Dec. 15 the Elks Northeast District Hoop Shoot was held in Hermiston with 35 total participants from local lodges, including Hermiston, Pendleton, Enterprise, Baker City, Condon, Hood River, Heppner and Milton-Freewater. The first-place winners advance to the state

competition in Salem on Feb. 8. If they are unable to attend, the second place participant will attend.

Heppner lodge participants received the following places in their classes in the district shoot:
2nd—Sophie Grant
2nd—Sydney Wilson
3rd—Kevin Smith
8th—Brian Lindsay
2nd—Blake Carter

Sheriff's Report

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unwanted man was at his home. He wasn't sure if the person had a weapon, but it was possibly related to a disturbance with his daughter.

Irrigon Ambulance received request for a 77-year-old female with trouble breathing and sick to her stomach. Irrigon Ambulance responded and transported the patient to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston

October 18: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a possible fire in Heppner. The caller said she could smell smoke and see smoke coming from a vent out front. Heppner Fire Department, Heppner Ambulance and MCSO responded and determined that an oven was left on and burned through.

MCSO received request from an inmate at Umatilla County Jail for a welfare check on daughter who was in the care of the Department of Human Services.

MCSO received report of a broken down vehicle that the driver was going to park on Sand Hollow and then have it picked up later that day.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that someone had been harassing her through Facebook.

MCSO received report of an intoxicated male at the Irrigon High School football field. The reporter said he was not causing a disturbance at the time. MCSO responded. The subject was contacted and asked to leave by a school

employee and he left the premises.

Heppner Ambulance received request for mutual aid for a 59-year-old subject in Boardman with a burning pain in his left chest, radiating out. Boardman Ambulance was not available.

October 19: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a subject in black clothing walking south on Bombing Range near the pump station carrying a bag. MCSO responded and determined that the subject had run out of gas. An Irrigation District worker helped the individual.

MCSO received report of a vehicle pursuit in the Wildlife Refuge that ended with a motor vehicle accident. Three were in custody with unknown injuries. Irrigon Fire, Irrigon Ambulance and Boardman Police responded and assisted.

MCSO received report that Oregon State Police arrested Samantha Lee Brown, 24, on a Morrow County warrant for Parole Violation/Possession of Methamphetamine. She was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$60,000 bail. OSP arrested a male subject for attempting to elude.

MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that someone stole her cell phone.

MCSO received request for a welfare check on a Heppner couple from their daughter who said she had been attempting to contact them for around 45 minutes, but the phone line was busy. MCSO

responded and determined that everything was okay.

MCSO received report from a woman in Irrigon that they had just received a call from a young child crying and asking where her mother was. MCSO contacted people at the number and spoke with the child's parent. She said that a three-year-old was trying to call her grandmother and had the wrong number.

MCSO received request for an ambulance for a 60 year old male who was not responsive and was barely breathing. MCSO and Irrigon Ambulance responded and transported the man to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that people kept coming into the store and would not leave him alone. MCSO responded and contacted the subject and the night manager. The subject was sent home for the night.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that a neighbor was throwing a party and there was a big fire going, blasting music and yelling.

MCSO cited Marco Antonio Garcia, 27, for Driving Without an Operating License.

MCSO received report that Linn County Sheriff's Office arrested Melecia Gonzalez Mendez, 27, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument. He was lodged at Linn County Jail.

October 20: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of a dark blue Chevy S10 swerving

all over the road, possibly a DUI on I-84, Boardman.

MCSO received report of half a deer parts in the middle of the road on I-84 Boardman.

MCSO received report from a Heppner man that someone had come during the night, got into his secure dog kennel and cut off and took his medical marijuana plants. He was unsure if anything else was taken. He requested deputy contact. MCSO responded and took a report.

MCSO received report of a found paint horse behind the caller's pasture on Eastregaard Rd., Boardman. He caller inquired as to whether anyone reported a lost horse. The owner was found and the horse returned.

MCSO received report from a subject in Irrigon that she had hit a deer on Hwy. 730, Irrigon. She reported that she thought another car also hit it, but had already left.

MCSO received report from a female subject on I-84 Boardman that someone had been following her for about 30 minutes, slowing down and speeding up with her vehicle and refusing to pass. MCSO and Boardman Police Department responded and determined that the subject following her was looking for a hotel for the night and wanted to follow someone.

MCSO received report from Union Pacific Railroad that they were in the area that night watching for wire thefts. They discovered a burglary in progress. MCSO responded to the scene and located a subject who then eluded

Heppner Basketball Schedule

- Friday, Dec 6, 3:00 PM @ Union
- Warrenton
- Tuesday, Jan 7, 3:00PM @ Irrigon
- Saturday, Dec 7, 10:00 AM @ Warrenton
- Friday, Jan 10, 3:00PM @ Grant Union
- Tuesday, Dec 10, 3:00PM @ Imbler High School
- Friday, Jan 17, 3:00PM v. Elgin High School
- Friday, Dec 13, 3:00PM v. Crane Union, Ione School, Wallowa
- Saturday, Jan 18, 1:00PM v. Enterprise
- Saturday, Dec 14, 11:00AM v. Crane Union, Ione School, Wallowa
- Friday, Jan 24, 3:00PM @ Stanfield Secondary
- Friday, Dec 20, 3:00PM v. Stanfield Secondary
- Saturday, Jan 25, 1:00PM v. Pilot Rock
- Saturday, Dec 21, 1:00PM @ Pilot Rock
- Friday, Jan 31, 3:00PM @ Weston-McEwen
- Friday, Dec 27, 3:00PM v. Echo, McLoughlin Union, Hermiston
- Saturday, Feb 1, 1:00PM v. Union
- Saturday, Dec 28, 11:00AM v. Echo, McLoughlin Union, Hermiston
- Tuesday, Feb 4, 3:00PM v. Irrigon
- Friday, Jan 3, 3:00PM v. Weston-McEwen
- Friday, Feb 7, 3:00PM v. Grant Union
- Saturday, Jan 4, 1:00PM @ Elm High School
- Friday, Feb 14, 3:00PM @ Enterprise
- Saturday, Feb 15, 1:00PM @ Elgin High School

Ione Basketball Schedule

- Time are listed for GJV
- Dec.20 @ Riverside, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Dec.21 @ Trout Lake/Glenwood, WA, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Dec.27 @ Irrigon, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Jan.4 v. Joseph, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Jan.10 v. South Wasco, 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM
- Jan.11 @ Sherman, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Jan.17 v. Nixyaawii, No GJV, 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM
- Jan.18 @ Helix, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Jan.24 v. Echo, 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM
- Jan.25 @ Arlington, No GJV, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Jan.31 @ Horizon Christian, 3:30 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM
- Feb.4 v. Helix, 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM
- Feb.7 @ Nixyaawii, No GJV, 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM
- Feb.8 v. Condon/Wheeler, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Feb.11 @ Echo, 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 7:30 PM
- Feb.14 v. Central Christian (Senior Night), No JV, 5:00 PM, 6:30 PM
- Feb.15 @ Dufur, 1:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM
- Feb.20—Big Sky District Tournament, Hermiston, 3:00 PM
- Feb.21—Big Sky District Tournament, Hermiston, 3:00 PM
- Feb.22—Big Sky District Tournament, Hermiston, 1:00 PM
- Feb.25—Girls 1st Round State Playoffs
- Feb.26—Boys 1st Round State Playoffs
- Feb.28—Girls 2nd Round State Playoffs
- Mar.1—Boys 2nd Round State Playoffs
- Mar.5-8—1A State Tournament, Baker City

received request for an ambulance for a 52-year-old male having chest pains and trouble breathing. The subject had taken two nitro tablets with no relief. Irrigon Ambulance responded and transported the patient to GSH.

MCSO received report of about 20 cows in the Heppner RV park behind the coffee shop and around 30 cows that had crossed the bridge by the museum to the soccer field.

Irrigon Ambulance

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