

MCSO with department accreditation Heppner votes to sell land

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Also at the June 4 meeting, the BOC approved a new logo for Morrow County Public Transit (MCPT). Morrow County Assistant Administrator Vincent Guerra presented the new logo to the commissioners.

“What began as a modest operation has matured into a dynamic, forward-thinking agency deeply imbedded in the fabric of our community,” Guerra read from a statement. “Yet, while our work has advanced, our visual identity remains tied to the past.”

Guerra said the logo was designed to honor MCPT’s history while reflecting recent progress and changes.

“It pays tribute to the foundation laid by those before us, while symbolizing a forward-looking vision that embraces growth, innovation, and continued service,” Guerra read.

He said the logo change was not about “aesthetics,” but about alignment. MCPT has moved away from ride requests to fixed routes. That offers more stability to the service, which is reflected in increased ridership. In fact, one Boardman route recently shattered its ridership records.

“I really do think it’s a very nice logo,” said Guerra. “It has some aspects of the Loop tied into it but also projects us forward for the future.”

He also said the major-

ity of the transit advisory committee supported the logo update.

Commissioners praised MCPT for the progress that has been made in communicating with the public regarding changes and services. Wenholtz commented that he liked the use of ‘Public Transit’ in the logo, as it helped make people aware that anyone, not only seniors and veterans, could use the service.

The commissioners unanimously authorized staff to move forward with the new logo.

The commissioners also heard from the circuit court design team regarding façade options. Morrow County Administrator Matthew Jensen said the façade is “community reflective,” so he wanted the decision to come before the board before the design team moved forward.

At the same time, the design team said it was looking for direction, not asking the board to make a decision.

“It’s studying different ways the building can look using different components, different material palette, different ways to shape things and welcome people to the building,” said Kelli Stewart, Project Architect for DLR Group.

For instance, options for the public entrance included a framed entry, shaded breezeway or extended roof.

BOC Chair David Sykes asked if there was a way to somehow tie the

façade to existing Morrow County buildings, such as materials or design reminiscent of the blue basalt used in the original courthouse.

“Just something to kind of stay within that look,” he added.

He also said he wanted to consider a space for jurors if they needed to wait outside of the building.

Peterson agreed that he would like to see a darker shade to match the basalt.

“I think it would be really awesome,” he said, “if you could walk up to any county building and say, ‘Yeah, that’s a county building, it looks like the courthouse.’”

Wenholtz, on the other hand, said he liked certain details but also wanted to keep budget and upkeep in mind.

“We live in a dirty, dusty area,” he said, adding that details like raised or recessed bricks might require “lots of pressure washing.”

In other business at the meeting, the board of commissioners held an executive session with the stated purpose of consulting with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

When returning to open session, the BOC voted unanimously to cancel a public hearing regarding CDA annexation into BFRD.

-Continued from PAGE ONE continue to try to do that,” said Payne. “We’ve served our community for a long time, and we’re looking to continue to serve them.”

HDC opened in 1986 and currently serves 24 three- to eight-year-olds in its Gale Street building. It also offers preschool and after-school care.

There are no licensed infant/toddler care centers in South Morrow. The day care had previously opened an infant care center on Heppner’s Main Street, but it didn’t last.

“We ran into some obstacles because we were in two separate buildings,” said Payne.

The day care hopes to expand to serve 40 three- to eight-year-olds and 28 zero- to three-year-olds for a total of 68 children.

To do that, the day care will require a minimum of 12,900 square feet, or about 0.3 acres. Murray said they hope to find something closer to half an acre to allow for adequate parking and drop-off/pick-up space.

If the day care seems to be getting a little desperate now, it’s because the funding window they board has been counting on might be closing.

Murray told the Heppner council that HDC has been counting on getting a Business Oregon Child Care Infrastructure Pro-

gram block grant. In fact, the availability of the grant is a large reason the day care is looking to expand right now.

To apply for the grant, though, the day care needs to have property ready to go. Two funding cycles have already passed, and it seems likely that the fall 2025 application may be the last available for some time, if ever.

“We anticipate that being the last possible grant,” said Murray. “At this point, the project’s not going to be possible unless we get that grant.”

She added that, if the day care doesn’t get the grant, they would return the ground to the city.

City staff expressed concerns over displacing youth baseball and soccer teams who practice at the park, but most of the council seemed to agree that the day care was the greater need.

After discussion in executive session, the council voted 6-1 to sell a portion of Hager Park to Heppner Day Care with the contingency that that day care facility be built in three years and that the day care and

city can come to a suitable price agreement. Councilor Ralph Klock was the sole dissenter.

Also at the meeting, the council held a public hearing on the city’s budget for 2025-26. With no public comment, the council adopted the budget of \$11,097,406 and imposed the city tax levy at \$10.6209 per \$1,000.

In other business at Monday’s meeting, the council:

-approved the scope of work for Anderson Perry’s work on the Gilmore St. project;

-passed a resolution to receive state revenue;

-authorized the Morrow County Treasurer to invest City of Heppner funds;

-adopted City of Heppner bonded debt resources and requirements for the coming fiscal year;

-extended workers’ compensation coverage to city volunteers;

-approved Anderson Perry’s scope of work for the public works design standards; and

-learned that the city’s burn ban will take effect next Monday, June 16.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SOLE SOURCE DETERMINATION

DATE: 6/9/2025
PROJECT/PROCUREMENT NAME: Morrow County Drug Deflection Program

ESTIMATED PRO-CUREMENT VALUE: \$150,000.00

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, of the sole source determination in accordance with ORS 279B.075 and OAR 47-137-047-0275 and intent to contract with Community Counseling Solutions for a period of 2024-2025 for the purpose of providing Drug Deflection Program services for Morrow County.

SOLE SOURCE BASIS:

1. Community Counseling Solutions is currently the only provider of drug addiction treatment in Morrow County
2. Morrow County currently contracts with Community Counseling Solutions to provide drug addiction treatment and recovery. The funding from the County comes from the Oregon Health Authority for these services.
3. Community Counseling Solutions is the only provider with actual facilities in Morrow County (Heppner and Boardman). No other provider for addiction treatment, recovery, and prevention services have facilities for services in Morrow County. While telehealth services are a growing treatment option, those will not work for a drug deflection program.
4. Community Counseling Solutions currently provides drug deflection services in Umatilla County under the same state funding that has been allocated to Morrow County.
5. With over 40 years as the treatment provider for Morrow County, Community Counseling Solutions shares information (per HIPAA rules and/or patient authorization) with the Morrow County Parole and Probation, Morrow County Circuit Court, Morrow County Justice Court, Morrow County Sheriff’s Office, etc.
6. Morrow County is not aware of any other local

organization or provider that would be willing or able to provide the services required by the State of Oregon for the drug deflection services. Morrow County receives treatment funding through the Oregon Health Authority under this agreement and has always contracted with Community Counseling Solutions to provide the services funding by this State Agreement.

7. The Oregon Health Authority has raised no concerns with the services provided to Morrow County by Community Counseling Solutions. Any entity/individual wishing to protest this sole source procurement must do so within seven (7) calendar days from the date of this notice. All protests must be delivered within seven (7) calendar days from the date of this notice, in writing, to:

CONTACT NAME: Justin Nelson
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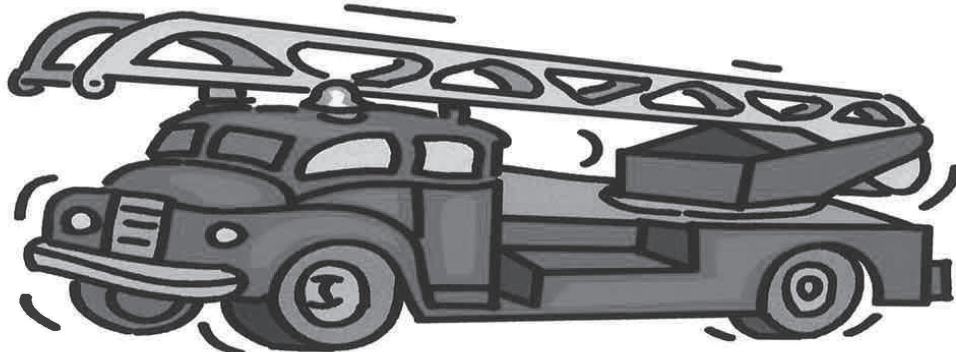
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