

CDA fire annexation

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icy did include a fee waiver request for situations when making the records available would primarily benefit the general public.

“If the person making the request identifies this and it appears reasonable, I will do everything I can to waive the fees so that this information can be made available to the public and we can remain transparent,” said Smith.

The board appeared to approve of the content but asked for some format changes before bringing the policy and form back for approval at the next meeting.

Also at the meeting, the board discussed policies and procedures for an employee handbook.

“This is something that has been needed for a very long time,” said Smith, “so I hope the board will take it serious—very serious.”

The board’s discussion began in open session but continued in executive session. Smith reported that the board’s legal counsel was “adamant” that the conversation take place in closed session due to possible legal advice and lawyer-client confidentiality. No action was taken when they returned to public session.

In other business at the June 24 meeting, Smith said the CDA has published a request for proposals for road work on the property.

He told the board they will begin to evaluate proposals Aug. 4 and will hopefully be able to publish an intent to award by Aug. 19, with a formal agreement by Sept. 19. With that timeline, he said, they could begin work on the 18-month road construction project by the end of September.

Smith also clarified plans to withhold 30 percent of the construction budget to ensure the \$12 million project doesn’t run over budget.

The plan includes a five-mile road that will extend from Exit 10 on I-82 to the west side of the CDA property. The travel lanes are planned to be 14 feet wide and the road will have an expected lifetime of 20 years.

Smith also updated the CDA Board on the Umatilla Electric Cooperative

transmission line and the \$5 million in funding toward the utility project. Smith said he had clarified the wording and that the money was not limited to only utilities but also can be used for the roads and infrastructure necessary to the project.

On a good note, Smith also reported that the CDA’s special district insurance had reimbursed the organization \$25,000 under its injunctive relief coverage. The payment is to offset the CDA’s legal fees in Umatilla County’s litigation against several other CDA members, including Morrow County and the Port of Morrow.

Regarding Umatilla County’s litigation against other CDA members, Smith said he thought it was getting closer to a resolution, though he didn’t have full details. He said that, while he didn’t have any say in negotiations, he did ask that the CDA’s legal fees be compensated by Umatilla County as part of any agreement.

“That will be a decision between the county and the board,” Smith said.

He said the CDA had racked up \$33,370 in legal fees in May and June alone.

As to a resolution of the lawsuit, Smith said he didn’t expect any settlement language before mid-July and added that it would probably be after Labor Day before the development authority could proceed with any land division.

He also told the board that, while they had authorized him “two or three times” to proceed with liquidating furniture and other assets on the property, he had “pushed pause” because he realized neither he nor CDA Project Coordinator Emily Collins would be able to physically help with item removal if needed.

“I’d sure like to get it done this summer,” he said, adding that he needed to put together a plan on how best to handle the liquidation.

He suggested that hiring a local high school wrestling club might be a solution.

Smith also reported that he ordered the 2023 audit required by the Base Realignment and Closure team and had put the CDA on the list for a 2025 audit. The cost of the audits will be \$15,000 each.

Hughes graduates from University of North Dakota

Andrew S. Hughes of Boardman has graduated from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Hughes was one of more than 1,700 students who graduated from the UND this spring, in ceremonies whose speakers included

the governor of North Dakota and a former Minnesota Vikings tight end—both of whom are UND alumni. Ceremonies were held across successive weekends, culminating with the spring general commencement on May 17 at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks.

Application deadline extended to July 11 for landowner representative position on Access and Habitat State Board

The deadline for applications has been extended to July 11, 2025, for the Landowner Representative.

Application forms are available at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/lands/AH/get_involved.asp.

The Landowner Representative position is looking for individuals with experience in forestry or agriculture with an interest and experience in hunting and wildlife conservation. You do not need to own a farm, ranch, or timber to qualify. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply.

The A&H Program is funded by a \$4 surcharge on hunting licenses and the sale of deer and elk raffle entries and auction tags.

See the A&H Program webpage and most recent A&H Biennium Report for additional information on the A&H program.

Please contact Travis Schultz at 503-947-6087 if you have any questions on the position.

MCSO 5/15 – 5/27/2025 Alarm

Occurred at Sinclair Station on W Main St, in Lexington, OR. Burg alarm zone 1 store motion. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Warrant Arrest

Occurred at Morrow County Sheriff’s Office on W Willow View Dr, in Heppner, OR. Suspect was arrested by MCSO on MCCC warrant 24CR22266 PV/ Disorderly Conduct II. Subject lodged at UCJ with NO BAIL. Disposition: REPORT TAKEN.

Warrant Arrest,

Officer initiated activity at Morrow County Sheriff’s Office, on W Willow Way Dr, in Heppner, OR. OSP called OSP out with male suspect was arrested by OSP on MCCC warrant 24CR21770 FTA/FTA II and 223CR52291 FTA/ Harassment. Subject was cited and released to appear at MCCC on 06/05/25 @ 0815hrs. by 2505270352. Disposition: OSP.

Civil Service,

Officer initiated activity at Castle Rock Apartments, Tatone St, Boardman, OR. Civil Service: Process# 0234- parenting plan. Service complete. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Civil Service

Officer initiated activity at Malheur Court, Boardman, OR. Civil Service: Process# 0235- grand jury. Negative contact. Disposition: NEGATIVE CONTACT.

Civil Service

Officer initiated activity at Malheur Court, Boardman, OR. Civil Service: Process# 0189-restraining order. Negative contact. Disposition: NEGATIVE CONTACT.

Fight

Occurred on SW Wyoming Ave, in Irrigon, OR. Two females fighting, pushing and shoving, no weapons at this time. MCSO responded, complete/code 4 working it out civilly. Disposition: CIVIL PROBLEM.

Suspicious Activity

Officer initiated activity at N First St/NE Oregon Ave, Irrigon, OR. Male wearing a black sweater and blue pants, carrying a big black bag full of cans, cutting through field by the off duty HPD officer’s res. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Animal Complaint

Occurred on E Highway 730, in Irrigon, OR. Brown bull on the side of the road grazing. Cellular E911 Call: Lat:45.89618 Lon: 119.489343. Service Class: WPH2, Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE. Agency Assist, Occurred on Mountain View Dr, in Boardman, OR. UCSD is requesting an agency assist related to a crime. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Hit & Run

Occurred on Highway 74, in Lexington, OR. Rp advised that someone crashed in his driveway last night. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Dog Complaint

Occurred at Morrow County Court House on Ne Court St, in Heppner, OR. Rp advised of 2 older border collies wandering around Gilmore, both have red collars. MCSO response. Disposition: ADVISED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred at Highway 730/ PATERSON Ferry Rd, in Irrigon, OR. Rp reports of a white older honda civic with unknown oregon plates tailgating and speeding. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Trespass

Occurred at Morrow County Sheriff’s Office on W Willow View Dr, in Heppner, OR. Rp would like contact from a deputy

in regards to a trespass order. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Dog Complaint

Occurred on S Main St, in Heppner, OR. Rp advised neighbors dog is always barking. Would like someone to speak with them about this. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred at Green Acres on Paterson Ferry Rd, in Irrigon, OR. 3 or 4 kids no helmets riding around on minibikes with big tires 30 mph. Just went around the corner. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Disabled Vehicle

Occurred on I 84 E, in Boardman, OR. Rp (boardman fire) advised there is a air stream camper disabled at the on ramp from 730 to get onto I84. Requesting an deputy assist. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Alarm

Occurred at Moose Lodge on NE Third St, in Irrigon, OR. Alarm - Garage motion alarm - no key holder. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on SE Utah Ave, in Irrigon, OR. Rp advised there is a silver chevy S10 pickup long bed single cab flying up and down in the area. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Suspicious Activity

Occurred at SE Cowins St/ Se Alfalfa St, in Heppner, OR. Rp reports suspicious activity. MCSO response. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on Highway 207 Spray, in Heppner, OR. Gray Dodge Pickup, canopy, failure to maintain, swerving, driving faster and slower. Disposition: REFERRED TO OTHER AGENCY.

Welfare Check

Occurred at Highway 730/N First St, in Irrigon, OR. Rp advised she would like someone to check on a male. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Shots Fired

Occurred on SE Park Pl, in Irrigon, OR. Shots fired. MCSO response. Disposition: REPORT TAKEN.

Noise Complaint, Occurred on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon, OR. Rp advised of a noise complaint, loud music coming from Division or Kristen Dr. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Disabled Vehicle

Occurred on I 84 E, in Boardman, OR. Rp advised of a disabled gray honda accord on the shoulder of the road, needing a jumpstart. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Alarm

Occurred at Tredditt Tire on Lewis And Clark Dr, in Boardman, OR. Commercial burglary alarm- front exterior office door. Disposition: CANCELLED.

Dog Complaint

Occurred on W Highway 730, in Irrigon, OR. Rp advised there are 2 large black dogs on her property. They have red collars and have been aggressive before. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Driving Complaint

Occurred at Highway 207 Echo/Alpine Rd, in Echo, OR. Large equipment causing a traffic jam, headed north. Cellular E911 Call: Lat:45.616876 Lon:-119.496295. Service Class: WPH2. Disposition: REFERRED TO OTHER AGENCY.

Driving Complaint

Occurred on I 84 E, in Arlington, OR. Red Mitsubishi SUV, all over the road, unknown Oregon plate. Time delay 3 min. Disposition: UNABLE TO LOCATE.

Shots Fired, Occurred at Green Acres on Paterson Ferry Rd, in Irrigon, OR. Rp advised there is a male shooting a pellet gun. Disposition: COMPLETED.

Motor Vehicle Accident, Occurred at Love’s Travel Stop And Country Store on Tower Rd, in Boardman, OR. Rp advised small vender bender. Cellular E911 Call: Lat:45.824822 Lon:-119.799235. Service Class: WPH2. Disposition: REPORT TAKEN.

Civil Service

Officer initiated activity at Short Rd, Irrigon, OR. C202-0254 general judgement. Disposition: NEGATIVE CONTACT.

Civil Service

Officer initiated activity at Se Greenwood St, Irrigon, OR. C2025-0259 criminal action subpoena. Disposition: NEGATIVE CONTACT.

Civil Service

Officer initiated activity at SE Eighth St, Irrigon, OR. C2025-0252 modifying support order. Disposition: NEGATIVE CONTACT.

Suspicious Activity

Occurred at Umatilla Fish Hatchery on Riverview Ln, in Irrigon, OR. Rp advised

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