

**WEEKLY BUSINESS SESSION – January 13, 2016**

5:30 p.m. – Anne G. Basker Auditorium  
600 N.W. Sixth Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Present: Cheryl Walker, Chair; Keith Heck, Vice-Chair; and Simon Hare, Commissioner; Wendy Watkins, Recorder

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Pursuant to notice through the media and in conformance with the Public Meeting Law, Cheryl Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Items discussed were as follows:

**1. PROCLAMATION(S):**

- a. In the Matter of Proclaiming Sunday, January 17, 2016 as Sanctity of Human Life and Respect for Life Day**  
*(One Original Proclamation filed with the County Clerk)*

Commissioner Heck read and presented the Proclamation to Myrna Shaneyfelt and Steve Raycraft. Ms. Shaneyfelt announced there will be a Sanctity of Human Life march held on January 17, 2016.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS IN CONSIDERATION OF:**

**BOARD DECISIONS UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS WERE MADE AFTER PUBLIC COMMENT WAS RECEIVED**

- a. Approval of Grant Award VOCA/CFA-2015-JosephineCo.DAVAP-00039 between Josephine County, acting by and through its District Attorney's Office and the Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victims' Services Division for the provision Victim Assistance Services for Crime Victims** *(One electronic Grant returned to DA's Office for full execution)*

Commissioner Walker explained Victim's Assistance service is a program that allows victims to be represented by someone who can mediate between them and the alleged criminal and will walk them through the court process with ease. She noted the renewal grant award is for \$137,782 with a 20% match coming from the District Attorney's office.

- b. Approval of SEIU Contract** *(One original Contract filed with the County Clerk and three originals returned to Human Resources)*

JJ Scofield, Human Resources Director, advised this is the new SEIU Contract which is the Public Works Union that covers mechanics and road workers and has about 38 members. He said the big picture changes were the salary structure which moved from 12 to 9 steps, added longevity steps and also allotted no COLA for year one and two and a cost of living adjustment for year three. Commissioner Hare mentioned all of these employees are non-General Fund dependent.

- c. Approval of Position Additions for Public Health; Community Health Worker** *(One original Position Requisition returned to Human Resources)*

Diane Hoover, Public Health Director, declared AllCare Health has offered a grant opportunity to hire two Community Health Workers who will be County employees embedded at the Grants Pass and Three Rivers School District to focus on high needs families, offer effective parent education, and allow a more focused approach on investigating and understanding barriers unique to each family.

- d. Approval of FTE Adjustments for Public Health; WIC Office** *(Two original Personnel Actions returned to Human Resources)*

Diane Hoover, Public Health Director, cited she is in receipt of a Healthy Start Grant and would like to use part of the grant to increase the FTE level for two WIC staff members from .8 FTE to 1.0 FTE.

- e. Approval of FTE Adjustment for Juvenile Justice; Parole Officer I** *(One original Personnel Actions returned to Human Resources)*

Jim Goodwin, Juvenile Justice Director, said his Senior Administrative Supervisor is retiring in March 2016 and he does not want to refill this position and said he will take on the direct supervision of staff. He explained with that savings he would like to increase a Probation Officer I from .6 FTE to 1.0 FTE.

**3. REQUESTS/COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** *(Each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak)*

Rycke Brown, Grants Pass, asked the Board to restore the agenda item "Request/Comments from Citizens" and bring the agenda structure back to where it was before.

Sandi Cassanelli, Merlin, spoke about her dissatisfaction with the SEIU Contract.

JJ Scofield, Grants Pass, spoke about how grateful he was for the Victim Assistance Program and how it helped his family.  
Larry Ford, Grants Pass, spoke about his dissatisfaction with RVACT.  
Bill Hunker, Merlin, spoke about a class action suit in Linn County on State Oregon Forestry and asked Commissioner Hare for more information.  
Joseph Rice, Grants Pass, asked the Board for support with the Hammonds in Burns, OR.  
Dale Matthews, Grants Pass, spoke about having advisory questions from citizens on the ballot.  
Ray Smith, Cave Junction, spoke about his dissatisfaction with a tax levy.  
Judy Ahrens, Josephine County, spoke about the right to speak.  
Brad Converse, Grants Pass, spoke about describing the four point tax levy better on the ballot.

**Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(a)**

Commissioner Heck made a motion to approve the Grant Award VOCA/CFA-2015-JosephineCo.DAVAP-00039 between Josephine County, acting by and through its District Attorney's Office and the Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victims' Services Division for the provision Victim Assistance Services for Crime Victims, seconded by Commissioner Hare. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

**Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(b)**

Commissioner Heck made a motion to approve the SEIU Contract, seconded by Commissioner Hare. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

**Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(c)**

Commissioner Heck made a motion to approve Position Additions for Public Health; Community Health Worker, seconded by Commissioner Hare. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

**Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(d)**

Commissioner Heck made a motion to approve FTE Adjustments for Public Health; WIC Office, seconded by Commissioner Hare. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

**Board Discussion and Action – Agenda Item 2(e)**

Commissioner Heck made a motion to approve FTE Adjustment for Juvenile Justice; Probation Officer I, seconded by Commissioner Hare. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. **Resolution No. 2016-001; In the Matter of Changing an Appointment to the Josephine County Mental Health Advisory Board** (One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)
- b. **Resolution No. 2016-002; In the Matter of an Appointment to the Josephine County Board of Health** (One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)
- c. **Resolution No. 2016-003; In the Matter of Appointments to the Josephine County Animal Shelter Advisory Committee** (One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)
- d. **Resolution No. 2016-004; In the Matter of a Reappointment to the Bikeways and Walkways Committee** (One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)
- e. **Resolution No. 2016-005; In the Matter of an Appointment to the Josephine County Parks Board** (One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)
- f. **Resolution No. 2016-006; In the Matter of Appointments to the Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee** (One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)
- g. **Resolution No. 2016-007; In the Matter of Josephine County Opposing the Crater Lake Wilderness Designation** (One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)

**Board Discussion and Action:**

Commissioner Hare made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Items 4(a) through 4(g) as listed, seconded by Commissioner Heck. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

5. **OTHER: (ORS 192.640(1))** “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”)

None reported.

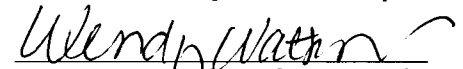
6. **MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Hare addressed House Bill 1526.

Commissioner Heck thanked Habitat for Humanity for helping the McCoy family get into a new house and mentioned Nathan Sleadd from Josephine County was invited to join the Rose Parade with his Zip Line Gear and said this County is producing outstanding citizens.

Commissioner Walker addressed House Bill 3453.

Weekly Business Session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
Wendy Watkins, Recorder