#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

# MINUTES OF THE BOARD SESSION – Regular Session

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 9:00 a.m.

Senator Hearing Room 555 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97305

PRESENT:

Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Commissioner Sam Brentano, and Commissioner Colm Willis. Also present were Jane Vetto as county counsel, John Lattimer as chief administrative officer, and Brenda Koenig as recorder.

Commissioner Cameron called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

# PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## **CONSENT**

(Video Time 0:01:14)

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OLCC Application – Recommended Approval Lucky House, LLC. – DBA: Lucky House Deli – Salem

Approve an order moving Marion County Elected Officials currently in Unit 1 to Unit 11, and adjust leave and vacation accruals.

# **BUSINESS SERVICES**

Approve an order appointing Troy Gregg to the Marion County Retirement Plans Committee.

#### **FINANCE**

Approve an order for a public auction to sell proposed tax foreclosed properties in Marion County.

# HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Approve the Contract for Services with Health Assessment Program, Inc. in the amount of \$364,000 for psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner services through April 30, 2021.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved for approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 0:02:13)

#### ASSESSOR

1. Consider a resolution approving the fiscal year 2019-20 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant. – Tom Rohlfing and Rachael Estill

## Summary of presentation:

- The legislature created the CAFFA Grant in 1989 to mitigate the statewide deterioration of the property tax system;
- The grant adds funding at the county level to help maintain a healthy property tax system;
- The Oregon Department of Revenue allocates a portion of the total, state-wide, CAFFA funding to each county based on the budgeted needs of all the counties;
- The grant application requests information on the following:
  - Workloads;
  - o Staffing; and
  - o Budgeted expenditures.
- Components of the Assessment and Taxation Program include the following:
  - o The Assessor's Office;
  - o The Tax Office;
  - o The Board of Property Tax Appeals at the Clerk's Office;
  - Assessment and taxation support by Information Technology (IT); and
  - o Tax distribution through the county's Treasurer's Office.
- Funds for the state-wide CAFFA are derived from the following:
  - o Interest on delinquent taxes; and
  - o A portion of recording fees.
- Each year the Oregon Department of Revenue looks at market conditions, and forecasts the amount to be deposited into the CAFFA account in the following fiscal year;
- The county treasurer keeps the money that is intended for CAFFA in a County Assessment and Taxation Fund (CATF); and transfers the money to the CAFFA at the end of each fiscal quarter;
- The total CAFFA funds to be distributed statewide in fiscal year 2019-20 is projected to be just under \$18 million:
  - o An increase of 2.4 percent from last year.
- The certified grant expenditures for all departments for fiscal year 2019-20 is \$6,844,288; and
- Actual grant revenue for Marion County is estimated at \$1,013,268, or 14.8 percent of the expenditure amount.

#### **Board discussion:**

- When the program first started, 35 percent of assessment and taxation was funded:
  - o Currently it is below 15 percent of the county's expenditures.
- Counties are paying more of the expenses of assessment and taxation, which funds all the local taxing districts within the county;

- Bills have been presented to the legislature attempting to increase the revenue for assessment and taxation; and
- The amount received from the grant is based on the amount of money the county spent on assessment and taxation.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Brentano moved for approval of a resolution approving the fiscal year 2019-20 County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Willis; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

(Video Time 0:12:32)

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

2. Consider approval of an order vacating a portion of County Road 648, N. Pershing Street, near Mt. Angel, and vesting the right-of-way to the abutting property owners. – Phil Jones

# Summary of presentation:

- On May 15, 2018, the Public Works Department received a petition requesting to vacate a portion of N. Pershing Street;
- The street was established as a county road in 1938;
- The road extends north, then east to the Union Pacific railroad, and then north along the railroad itself where it dead-ends (Reference Map #1 on Page #5);
- The portion proposed for vacation includes the east-west portion that runs adjacent to the railroad:
- If the vacation of the right-of-way is granted:
  - The east-west portion would be vested to the property owners to the north and to the south of this portion of the right-of-way; and
  - The portion that runs adjacent to railroad would be vested to the property owners to the west of this right-of-way.
- The road proposed for vacation is a 40-45 foot wide right-of-way, approximately 1,850 feet in length, with a 16 foot wide gravel road;
- No record of any previous vacation or abandonment of this right-of-way has been found;
- There are utilities that will need to be protected by easements if the right-of-way is vacated;
- The partition has been signed by all of the adjacent property owners, except the Union Pacific Railroad:
  - O An email from the Union Pacific Railroad Legal Counsel Department states that the railroad is not opposed to this proposed vacation.
- The Maryhill Park 3 subdivision is in the process of development (Reference Map #2 on Page #6):
  - o N. Pershing Street would be relocated by the plat of Maryhill Park 3;
  - o It would connect the south portion; and
  - The east-west portion would be replaced with private access and utility easements.

- The portion of N.Pershing Street proposed for vacation, and the portion that is lying north of the future Maryhill Park 3 subdivision, currently serves six properties:
  - The six property owners have agreed to grant permanent private access and public utility easements to replace the existing Pershing Street right-of-way.
- The Public Works Department has determined that the vacation of this public road would be in the public interest:
  - The dead-end gravel road will be partially replaced by a realigned urban street;
    and
  - o It would come under the jurisdiction of the City of Mt. Angel.
- Staff recommends the board grant the vacation of this portion of County Road 648, N. Pershing Street, and vest the right-of-way to the adjoining property owners.

#### **Board discussion:**

- The 60 foot strip of land between the railroad and the gravel road is owned by the Union Pacific Railroad;
- The 40 foot wide right-of-way is up against the railroad's right-of-way;
- The application took a year to process for the following reasons:
  - o The City of Mt. Angel was working on the jurisdiction for this road;
  - Steps needed to be taken in regards to the development of the subdivision and timing issues;
  - o Construction needed to be completed; and
  - Utilities in and around the access easements and the new road needed to be completed.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Willis moved for approval of an order vacating a portion of County Road 648, N. Pershing Street, near Mt. Angel, and vesting the right-of-way to the abutting property owners. Seconded by Commissioner Brentano; motion carried. A voice vote was unanimous.

# PUBLIC HEARINGS 9:30 A.M.

None.

Commissioner Willis read the calendar; Commissioner Cameron adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

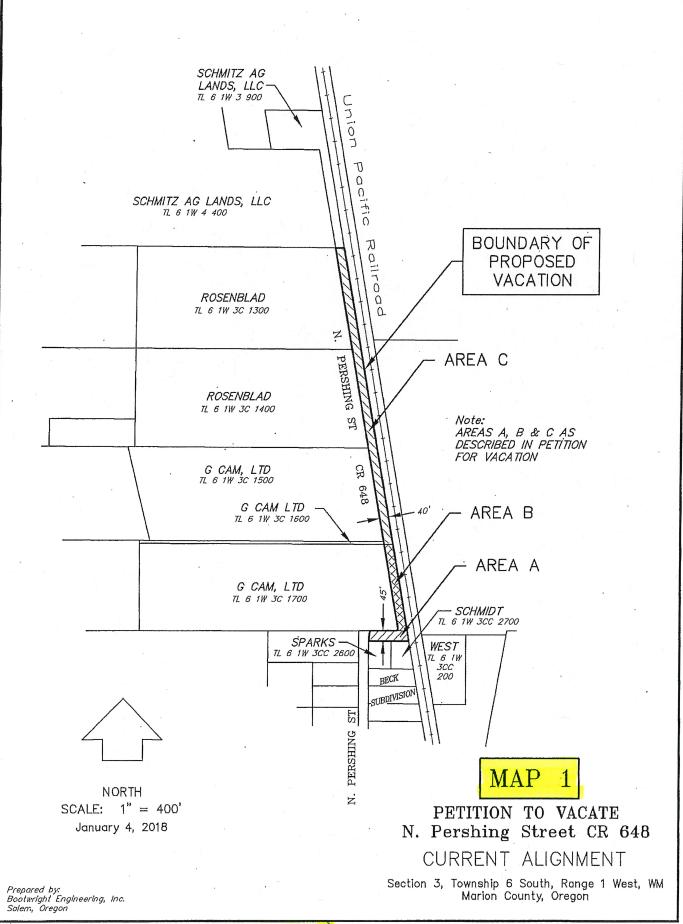
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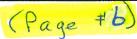
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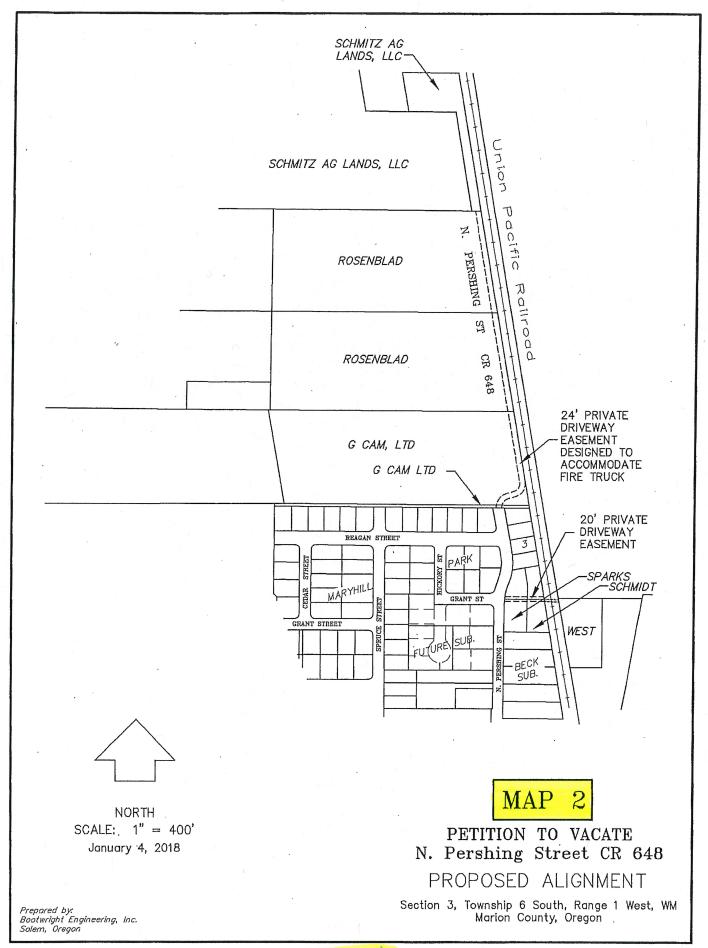
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