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## **BOARDMAN WANTS VOTERS TO DECIDE ON NEW SERVICE DISTRICT**

During their September 5th meeting, the Boardman City Council passed a resolution approving a Morrow County order to initiate the formation of a Morrow County Extension Service District. In August, Councilors heard a presentation from representatives of the OSU Extension Service regarding the formation of new special districts in Morrow and Umatilla Counties. The Extension Service of Morrow and Umatilla Counties are promoting the formation of a new extension service district in each county, and asked the city council to support putting it on the May 2018 ballot for voter's consideration. The Extension Services plan to ask the voters of Morrow and Umatilla Counties to approve the formation of the new districts with a \$0.33 per thousand assessment rate, generating an estimated 1.5 million dollars a year. Because of the way special districts receive their taxes, councilors' chief concern is the loss of revenue to the City of Boardman, and other special districts, if this new special district is formed. There was consensus from the council that they would not be in support of the formation of a Morrow County Extension Service District, although, they are in favor of the Extension Service bringing the idea before the voters.

In other city business, the council approved a resolution to receive a \$60,000 infrastructure grant from Morrow County. Two other resolutions were passed, one regarding providing worker's compensation for volunteers, and the other a budget transfer.

The next Boardman City Council meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:00pm at Boardman City Hall.

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