

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 18, 2019
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Vice-Chair John Shafer and Commissioner Bill Elfering
Absent: Chair George Murdock

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Dan Lonai, Administrative Services Director; Mark Tanner, Maintenance/Facilities Manager; Robert Pahl, Chief Finance Officer; Undersheriff Jim Littlefield; Mark Sharp; Brian Johnson, Public Works/Road Department Milton-Freewater Foreman; L. G. Bullock, Public Works Bridge Foreman

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Chair Shafer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He reminded those present that the meeting is a public forum. It is being video and audio recorded and minutes will be taken. Comments will become part of the meeting record. If persons wish to speak before the Board, please come to the podium, identify yourself and state where you live in order to be heard on the record – also note if you are speaking on behalf of others. He noted there is a point for public input before business items for other than agenda items.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Shafer.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognition none.

Minutes – Commissioner Elfering moved to acknowledge the Board minutes from meetings 8/7/19, 8/16/19, and 9/4/19. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.

Additions to Agenda – none.

Public Comments – none.

Business Items

1. **Culvert Purchase.** L. G. Bullock, Bridge Foreman, Public Works, presented. This is to request issuing a request for proposals for a new culvert for a bridge on Gettman Road. They recommend going with aluminum since wood is not as durable. In response to Commissioner Shafer’s question, Mr. Bullock noted the life expectancy is at least 75 years. This heavy aluminum culvert is good for this busy traffic bridge. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the request for proposals. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**

2. **Dump Truck Purchases.** Brian Johnson, Milton-Freewater area foreman for Public Works/ Road Department, presented. This is to request purchase through the Sourcewell contract from Woodpecker Truck & Equipment (Pendleton) for: 1) transport/tractor for \$124,626.46, and 2) dump truck with snow plow for \$1675,481.63. The equipment is on the approved list with delivery set for April. There would be over \$200,000 savings going with this purchase as outlined. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the purchases. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**

3. Grader Purchase. Mr. Johnson presented. This request purchase of a 672GP motor grader is also under the Sourcewell contract. The County is getting a 5-year, 5,000-hour buy-back price after inspection, guaranteed. John Deere would purchase the grader back in amount of \$200,000. A great deal = \$332,399.50 from Pape Machinery. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**
4. Foreclosure Publication. Doug Olsen presented. This is to approve the newspaper for the annual publication for the foreclosure for delinquent property taxes. The proposed newspaper is the East Oregonian. **Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Order No TX2019-03. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**
5. Sale or Property. Mr. Olsen presented. This is to seek authority to sell two tax lots acquired for delinquent property taxes. The property was acquired some time ago. There were no bids on one of them at the recent auction. The second lot qualifies for private sale. The former owner has bid the minimum amount for the two tax lots for \$10,500. **Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Order No. BCC2019-065. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**
6. Burn Ban Lift. Mr. Olsen presented. This is to request lifting the burn ban for non-ag burning. Conditions have improved and other area entities have lifted their burn bans. It is proposed to lift the ban effective 10/1. **Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Order No. BCC2019-064. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**
7. BOPTA Appointments. Dan Lonai, Administrative Services Director, presented. There are three members up for reappointment on the Board of Property Tax Appeals -- Donald Daggett, Christine Wallace, and Ronald Stevenson. **Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Order No. BCC2019-063. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**
8. Justice Center Roof. Mr. Lonai presented. He also introduced Mark Tanner, Facilities Supervisor, and Undersheriff Jim Littlefield. This courthouse roof is scheduled to be replaced after at least April. Due to the delay in the ability to obtain a contractor, the replacement for the justice center roof is being accelerated. This is to request to set up a request for proposals to work within budgeting and timing so that the justice center roof will be done after 7/1/20. The facility was originally built in 1999. Mr. Tanner advised there are numerous leaks that maintenance staff has been working on. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve issuance of RFP for the justice center roof replacement. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**
9. Human Services Payable. Mr. Olsen presented. This was referred by the Finance Office for Remedy Repacks payable due to the amount. This is the second payable for Narcan. Grant funds are available (as the first time). Commissioner Shafer is a big supporter (he is a Narcan trainer and is knowledgeable based on his years of experience at 911 Dispatch). Commissioner Elfering asked about "shelf life". Robert Pahl advised he had spoken to Amy Ashton-Williams, Program Director, and they have distributed all the previous supply. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the payable in amount of \$22,571.35 for Narcan spray. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**

Executive Session – none.

Commissioners' Reports.

Commissioner Shafer advised he had enjoyed his first Round-Up as a Commissioner. In addition, he noted Commissioner Murdock is at El Paso, Texas looking at the border situation (as a member of NACo's Immigration Reform task force).

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners