

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING

Public Hearing of June 13, 2013
9:00 a.m., Room 114, County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Larry Givens, Chair; Bill Elfering, Vice Chair

COUNTY COUNSEL: Doug Olsen

STAFF: Bob Heffner, Umatilla County Budget Officer;
Laura Headley, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners Executive Secretary

GUESTS: None.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. Chair Givens reminded all present that the meeting was a public forum and made note of the lack of public attendance.

BUSINESS ON AGENDA

Staff Report: The staff report was presented by Bob Heffner. He gave a brief history of the fiscal year 2013-14 budget process through the approval of the budget by the Budget Committee on April 25, 2013. He provided a report on the numbers determined in the budget and noted one change. After the budget approval, the state provided modified numbers for the county’s RV fees. The county was to receive \$2,111 more than the state projected during the county’s budget process. That resulted in an increase to the budget requirements to \$60,948,815 because the projection exceeded the budget’s plan. In answer to a question from Commissioner Elfering, Bob Heffner reported that the county’s assessed value would not be available until fall, but that the PILT funds were not included when the county put the budget together. He also reminded the board that the health insurance and labor contract figures were estimated. The PERS rates were projected at the rates estimated by the PERS Board, whose final rate changes would not be available until July 1st. So, all counties were cautioned to anticipate that they would be required to pay the estimated rates for at least the first two months of the state’s biennium. The COLA was assumed to be zero until bargaining was complete.

Public Comment:

Because there was no public attendance, Commissioner Givens opened and closed the floor to public comment at 9:06 a.m.

Deliberation and Decision: Bob Heffner reported that the budget adoption resolution had multiple parts. Part 1 adopted the fiscal year 2013-14 budget. Part 2 made the appropriations for the new fiscal year and part 3 imposed and categorized taxes for the tax year 2013-14. Commissioner Givens asked if he was correct in understanding that the bond levy on the jail expired in two years. Bob Heffner replied that it was set to expire in October of 2017.

Commissioner Elfering, in the matter of a resolution adopting the budget, making appropriations, and imposing and categorizing taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, moved approval of Budget Order 2014-01. Commissioner Givens seconded. The motion carried 2-0.

Other Discussion:

Commissioner Elfering expressed the board's appreciation for those who participated in putting the budget together. Bob Heffner noted that the PERS changes may produce savings and suggested that they should be applied to the end of year fund balance to prepare for probable shortfalls on other revenue streams in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Headley
Executive Secretary
Umatilla County
Board of Commissioners