

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Administrative Meeting of January 7, 2014
9:00 a.m., Room 121, County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: George Murdock, Vice Chair; Larry Givens, Commissioner

COUNTY COUNSEL: Doug Olsen

MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT: Dan Lonai, Umatilla County Administrative Services Director; Bob Stoltz, Umatilla County Print Shop Manager; Tom Fellows, Umatilla County Public Works Director; Kathy Allen, Umatilla County Elections Specialist; Patti Chapman, Umatilla County Elections Office Manager; Phil Wright, East Oregonian Reporter; Dave Stuvland, Umatilla County Elections Specialist; Paul Chalmers, Umatilla County Assessment and Taxation Director; Jolene Meadows, Umatilla County Facilities Manager; Jay Steiner, Umatilla County Maintenance Manager; Debbie Swenson, Umatilla County Office Assistant III - Switchboard

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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 is a public forum.

BUSINESS ON AGENDA

Employee of the Month: Commissioner Givens read the resolution naming Dave Stuvland the January 2014 Umatilla County Employee of the Month, moving approval. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Murdock voted in favor of the motion, which carried 2-0.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 25 – 26, 2013 Board of Commissioners Meeting were presented for approval. Commissioner Givens moved to approve the minutes of November 25-26, 2013. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Murdock each voted in favor and the motion carried 2-0.

Additions to agenda:

Discussion of 8th Street Bridge: Commissioner Givens moved to designate Doug Olsen and Tom Fellows to draft a letter with a proposal to the City of Pendleton to be approved by the

Board after the city provided a response. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Murdock voted in favor of the motion, which carried 2-0.

Consent Agenda: None.

Agenda Items:

1. **Accelerating tax redemption period:** Doug Olsen explained that the request related to a tax lot that was foreclosed on in 2012. The redemption period would expire in November 2014. The owner of the lot was unknown. The lot was surrounded by other property in Adams and lined up with an alleyway. It was believed that it was originally intended as part of the right of way for the alleyway, but there is no record of ownership for the lot. Commissioner Givens asked if the property could have belonged to the City of Adams. Doug Olsen responded that there was no record of the city ever owning that lot. **Commissioner Givens moved adoption of Order No. TX2014-01, in the matter of accelerating tax foreclosed property redemption period. Commissioner Murdock seconded. The motion carried 2-0 with both Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Murdock voting in favor of it.**

2. **Approve payment of share for grant match:** Commissioner Givens summarized the request, stating that because the county was a member of the re-use authority that received a grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment requiring a cash match, the county would contribute its prorated match amount of \$10,400 using fund 1004-55010. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve payment of pro-rated match for the Department of Defense 2013-14 grant to UMADRA in the amount of \$10,400, from the Board of Commissioners professional services line. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Murdock each voted in favor of the motion which carried 2-0.**

Other Discussion:

Water Meeting: Commissioner Givens reported that a meeting with short notice regarding the Walla Walla Basin water matters was to be hosted by the Tribes and the Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council to be held in the afternoon. He planned to attend the meeting while Commissioner Murdock would go to the West End Mayors' meeting due to the Chair's illness.

Review of Revised Schedule: Due to Commissioner Elfering's illness and other changes in the schedule, some items were added to or changed on the schedule. Among the added items were the water meeting at Tamastlikt on Tuesday the 8th at noon, Commissioner Murdock's attendance at the AOC Human Services Committee meetings in Salem all day Friday the 10th, and the Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) conference call on Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Givens added that a \$1.8 million grant for the improvement to the Walla Walla Basin was approved and could also be addressed at the water meeting. The grant funding improvements

would include the three irrigation districts in the north part of the county and into the south Walla Walla County area.

Scheduling of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held January 15, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Headley
Executive Secretary
Umatilla County
Board of Commissioners