

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board of Commissioners' Meeting of February 5, 2014
9:00 a.m., Room 114, County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

COUNTY COUNSEL: Doug Olsen

MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT: Bob Heffner, Umatilla County Budget Director; Tamra Mabbott, Umatilla County Land Use Planning Director; Paul Chalmers, Umatilla County Assessment and Taxation Director; Dan Durfey, Umatilla County Public Works Weed Foreman; and Phil Wright, East Oregonian Reporter.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair Elfering reminded all present that the meeting was a public forum.

BUSINESS ON AGENDA

Employee of the Month: Commissioner Elfering read the resolution naming Tamra Partney the February 2014 Umatilla County Employee of the Month. Commissioner Murdock moved approval. Commissioner Givens seconded. Commissioner Givens, Commissioner Murdock, and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor of the motion, which carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Givens moved approval of minutes dated January 29, 2014, December 11, 2013, and December 18, 2013 each of which was circulated by email. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Givens, Commissioner Murdock and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor and the motion passed 3-0.

Additions to the agenda: None

Public Input: None

Agenda Items:

- Budget Transfers:** Bob Hefner gave the staff report on each of the 3 transfers.

For Budget Order 2014-36, Records require an \$8070 increase to Personnel Services. For Order 2014-37, the Transitional Housing requires a \$10,040 increase in its Materials and Services from the Transition House contingency fund. For Order 2014-38, Code Enforcement requires a \$4858 increase due to planning staff reclassification. There were not any questions.

Commissioner Givens, in the matter of a resolution making a transfer of appropriations pursuant to ORS 294.463 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 moved to adopt Budget Order 2014-36. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor of the motion which carried 3-0.

Commissioner Givens, in the matter of a resolution making a transfer of appropriations pursuant to ORS 294.463 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 moved to adopt Budget Order 2014-37. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor of the motion which carried 3-0.

Commissioner Givens, in the matter of a resolution making a transfer of appropriations pursuant to ORS 294.463 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 moved to adopt Budget Order 2014-38. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor of the motion which carried 3-0.

2. **Weed Control Products Purchase Approval:** The county issued a request for proposals for its annual purchase of weed control products. Dan Durfey recommends Wilbur-Ellis as it has the lowest proposal. It has supplied the chemicals the last few years. Doug Olsen added there was a correction on the request and the total was \$92,737. Bids were also received from Helena Chemical and Crop Protection.

Commissioner Murdock moved the approval of Wilbur-Ellis as the vendor for the Weed Department's herbicide purchases and authorize the purchase of herbicide. Commissioner Givens seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor of the motion which carried 3-0.

3. **Building Code Program Agreement Discussion:** Doug Olsen presented a draft of the proposed contract for review and input. Tamra Mabbott explained one of the terms of the contract was the City of Pendleton would pay the County 5% of revenues. Because there is a fair amount of risk for the City, the County would share in any deficit for the first 2 years of the program should there be one. The County has a similar agreement with the City of Hermiston for the Urban Growth area. Those revenues are 20 or 25 percent paid to the County. The idea is those funds would offset any deficit paid to the City of Pendleton. **The Board did not propose any changes at this time.**

4. **Adams Community Benefit Plan Grant:** Doug Olsen explained the grant application was for a new copier and supplies for the Adams Library. **Commissioner Givens, in the matter of approval of 2013 Grant of City of Adams Community Benefit Plan moved approval of Order Number BCC 2014-007. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Givens,**

Commissioner Murdock, and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor and the motion carried 3-0.

5. **Early Learning Hub Formation:** Commissioner Murdock gave a brief background as to what the Early Learning Hub is and its intended purpose. He is recommending County support for the immediate formation and implementation of the Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub. **Commissioner Murdock, In the matter of Support for Formation of Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub, moved approval of Order Number BCC2014-008. Commissioner Givens seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor of the motion, which carried 3-0.**

6. **Private Sale of Property - Jensen:** Doug Olsen reported the County foreclosed on this tax lot for delinquent taxes. The lot is zoned GF, is .14 acres, and has a value of \$250. The County was approached by the pending owner of the surrounding property to purchase this tax lot. It fell within the requirements for a private sale.

Commissioner Murdock, In the matter of Authorizing Sale of County land by Private sale to Karl E. & Lana Jean Jensen, moved to approve Order Number TX2014-02. Commissioner Givens seconded. Commissioner Givens, Commissioner Murdock, and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor of the motion, which carried 3-0.

7. **Private Sale of Property – Sederburg:** Doug Olsen reported the County foreclosed on this tax lot for delinquent taxes. The lot is a 14 foot strip in the middle of another parcel, .05 acres, is non-buildable and has a real market value of \$1250. The owner of the surrounding property would like to purchase this property. It also meets the requirements for a private sale. **Commissioner Givens, In the matter of Authorizing Sale of County land by Private sale to Eric C. Sederburg, moved to approve Order Number TX2014-03. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Givens, Commissioner Murdock, and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor of the motion, which carried 3-0.**

New Business: Paul Chalmers wanted to bring to the attention of the Commissioners House Bill 4141. The bill was to have school districts not be subject to property tax exemptions, so that the districts would still receive property taxes on property that was exempt. The bill would require the assessment department create many new taxing codes to implement the bill, without any benefit to school districts. The assessors are opposing the bill. **Commissioner Givens made the motion for the Board of Commissioners to oppose the legislation, seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Commissioner Givens, Commissioner Murdock, and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor of the motion, which carried 3-0.**

Other Discussion: None.

Scheduling of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held February 5, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Human Resources