

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Administrative Meeting of April 8, 2014
10:00 a.m., Rm 121, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Bill Elfering, Chair; George Murdock, Vice-Chair; and Larry Givens, Commissioner

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Hulette Johnson, Community & Economic Development Director; Robert Pahl, Director of Finance; Bob Heffner, Director of Budget; Paul Chalmers, Director of Assessment & Taxation; and Jack L. Esp.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m, Chair Elfering reminded those present the meeting was a public forum.

BUSINESS ON AGENDA

1. **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes.** Commissioner Givens moved to approve the minutes of the 04/02/14 meeting; Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
2. **Additions to Agenda**
 - a. Umatilla County Strategic Plan. Commissioner Murdock had a copy of the plan to be discussed under #5, New Business.
3. **Agenda Items**

New Business

 - a. City of Pendleton Grant Application Support. The city submitted a grant application to update their Transportation System Plan and requests county support of their application. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve the county support; sign letter of approval of TGM application; Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
 - b. Appointments to West Umatilla Mosquito Control District. Doug Olsen advised the recommendation is to reappoint William Caplinger (Position #1) and Glenn Chowning (Position #5) to the West Umatilla Mosquito Control District Board of Trustees. These are four year terms. **Comm Givens moved to approve Order No. BCC2014-019; Seconded by Comm Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
 - c. AOC Dues Payable. Approval is sought for payable to the Association of Oregon Counties for 2014 dues in the amount of \$19,755.20 (amount requires Board approval). Dues are based on county population and number of county employees. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve; Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**

- d. Creation of New A & T Technology Reserve Fund: Funds have become available due to reduction in personnel in the A & T Dept. for the purpose of technology enhancements for that department. The program will last for 2 years and should be reviewed no later than 04/01/16 for continuation or abolishment. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve Order No. BCC2014-020; Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
 - e. Creation of New PERS Reserve Fund: This reserve is to be funded out of funds from the cash carry-forward for future retirement benefit costs. Discussion included PERS percentage increases (Bob Heffner said that is unknown at this time). **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve Order No. BCC2014-021; Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
 - f. Umatilla County Strategic Plan Adoption: Commissioner Murdock noted this plan has been developing since November; it is the outline/plan for the county's direction with input from all departments. Commissioner Givens noted all entities should have a strategic plan—it is an important tool. Commissioner Murdock said it's a good way to memorialize goals, technology, training and etc. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve Order No. BCC2014-022; Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
4. **Other Discussion**
- a. Commissioner. Murdock noted he had attended the EOCCO Funders meeting in John Day on Monday, 04/07. It is a forum for Eastern Oregon counties (12 total) to apply for grants.
 - b. Commissioner Elfering noted he met with Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston on Monday, 04/07, regarding Hermiston's plan to transfer misdemeanor cases to Umatilla County Circuit Court. This will have funding and workload impact on the county DA. It will be about 16 cases more each month to prosecute. More meetings are scheduled to discuss this issue.
 - c. 8th Street Bridge. Commissioner Elfering noted ongoing discussions between the City of Pendleton and the county. The county rejected the city's last proposal – now waiting for a response from the city to move forward.
 - d. Student Leadership Day. All feedback has been positive; good interest by students, teachers and county staff. The Commissioners would like to see Public Works and the Planning Dept. added to the program for next year – need to work out logistics.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt
Executive Secretary
Umatilla County Board of Commissioners