

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Administrative Meeting of July 9, 2014
9:00 a.m., Rm 121, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Others Present: Phil Wright, East Oregonian

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Chair Elfering reminded those present the meeting was a public forum.

1. Correspondence. Chair Elfering read letters:
 - a. Law Enforcement Appreciation Week thank you from Landover Hills Mobile Home Park Acreage (Sage Brush Rd. and Joy Ln.) to Sheriff's Dept. and Code Enforcement for jobs well done.
 - b. Out of state thanks yous from Schmitts and from Johnsons (Washington residents) to Sheriff Rowan for pleasant and efficient experience with Concealed Handgun Licensing Unit; great customer service.
 - c. Thank you to Sheriff Rowan and staff for assistance during Weston's Pioneer Days from Mayor Duane Thul and Councilor Jennifer Spurgeon. Sheriff's Dept. presence relieved concerns and maintained organization; appreciate all your efforts.
 - d. 911 Consolidation with Hermiston – thank you to the BCC for all the support from Lt. Kath Lieuallen. The project was completed/transferred without a hitch and help was good. They are proud of the new center.
 - e. Appreciate BCC Support - email read by Commissioner Givens; thank you from the Kasebergs for BCC support of proposal to Oregon Geographic Name Board to correct the spelling of Kaseberg Canyon.
2. Pilot Rock/Kinzua Problems. Commissioner Murdock reported a conversation with John Taylor expressing concerns about the Kinzua property by Pilot Rock. Mr. Taylor is asking for BCC to take a position on this landfill issue – combustion during hot dry season is a safety hazard. The BCC concurred it is supportive and will take an official position.
3. Bee Hazard on Mill Creek. Commissioner Givens reported a conversation with Linda Pratt on Mill Creek Road near Harris Park. Discussion included fact there is no ordinance and permitted use; bees have several hives in that area. No action at this time.
4. Commissioner Murdock also wished to add to the agenda: discussion regarding the Blue Mountain Recovery Center and a BCC executive session regarding real estate (to be on the next Board meeting agenda for proper notice).

5. **Approval of Last Meeting Minutes.** Commissioner Givens moved to approve the minutes of the 06/18/14 and 06/26/14 Board of Commissioners Administrative meetings; **Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**

BUSINESS ON AGENDA

1. **Change of date for July 16 Board meeting.** Commissioner Givens noted he has a conflict appointment date and the 07/16/14 Board meeting will need to be changed for a quorum. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve moving the July 16 Board meeting to July 17. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

2. **New Positions – Human Services.**

- a. **CARE Specialist I.** Doug Olsen presented. The CARE Program is seeking to add these two new positions. Funding will be paid from the new grant and additional funding (in the form of a contract) from the Hermiston School District; effective 8/1/14. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve the new positions as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

Commissioner Murdock reported he had written a grant to the Youth Development Program for an additional \$92,000; notice is to be received by the week of July 7 if it is approved (or not).

- b. **Mental Health Specialist I.** Doug Olsen presented. The Alcohol and Drug Services Division is seeking to create a new administrative position for the division. Rather than a program manager, the administrative functions for the division will be part of the duties of the Mental Health Specialist II. Funding for the position will be paid from the program enhanced dollars from the state (GOBHI). Commissioner Murdock noted the program is expanding as well as the financial resources becoming available. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve the new position of Mental Health Specialist I. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

3. **Local Reuse Authority Agreement.** The Umatilla Army Depot Reuse Authority is seeking to revise the IGA among the governmental agencies to reflect the transition toward development of the property. The entity will be renamed to Columbia Development Authority, the Board size will be reduced to 5, with each entity having one vote. Otherwise, the terms of the agreement are similar to the original. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve the Amended and Restated Columbia Development authority Intergovernmental Agreement and authorize the Chair to sign; also to confirm appointment of Commissioner Elfering as a Board representative with Commissioner Givens as alternate. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

4. **Purchase of Vehicle.** Doug Olsen presented. Approval is sought for issuance of a Request for Proposals for a program or slighted used SUV for Commissioner Givens as his existing vehicle has high miles and mechanical issues. Funding for the purchase will be through the Fleet Management Fund, and was part of the recommendation from the committee for funding. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve authorizing bids as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

5. **Service Clubs Participation Policy.** Doug Olsen presented. Discussion included what types of organizations/clubs should be included; who is to be covered under a new policy (i.e., managers, coordinators, elected officials); membership fees; and how many the County would cover. The

BCC has previously discussed the idea of the County providing a greater participation and being more visible in the community. The suggestion is to limit to service clubs (Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Altrusa, Soroptomist) and to limit to one club per person, but more than one person can belong to an individual club, to be approved by the liaison commissioner, with the liaison commissioner who will keep the BCC apprised. Doug Olsen indicated that he had enough information now to draft a policy and bring it back before the Board for formal adoption.

6. Set Up Next Meeting of the Medical Marijuana Taskforce. Chair Elfering noted he has appointed Tamra Mabbott to serve as the committee chair. Commissioner Givens felt there should be a health care representative as well as an A&D representative (which is the case). Therefore, Tamra Mabbott will be in charge of setting the next meeting and appointments of members she deems necessary and appropriate.
7. Appointment to Fair Board. Commissioner Givens reported he received a letter from Steve Anderson, a current Fair Board member, requesting that he be reappointed to complete the term of the position. Mr. Anderson was appointed to complete the term of a person who resigned, which term will expire 12/31/14. **Commissioner Givens moved to adopt Order BCC 2014-048. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.** Doug Olsen will send a letter of confirmation to Mr. Anderson per Commissioner Givens' request.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

1. Kinzua Landfill. Commissioner Murdock felt the BCC should go on record for the aggressive pursuit of DEQ and possibly the EPA about handling / clean-up of the landfill at the Kinzua facility in Pilot Rock. Discussion included issues of burning/combustion, smoke, watershed, concerns about health and safety, and the location being adjacent to County property. Doug Olsen and George Murdock were instructed to draft a resolution and send a letter to the appropriate entity(ies). Commissioner Elfering noted he had recently spoken with Mayor Carnes who is scheduling meetings with the DEQ and the owner(s) of the Kinzua property; he will keep the BCC apprised after follow-up with Mayor Carnes. **Commissioner Murdock moved that a Board resolution be prepared in support of increased action by the DEQ and EPA on the clean-up of the Kinzua landfill and that letters be prepared as well urging the DEQ to take a strong stance on final clean-up. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Doug Olsen will prepare a resolution for Board consideration at their next meeting. Carried, 3-0.**
2. Blue Mountain Recovery. Commissioner Murdock reported he had recently attending a meeting chaired by Scott Fairley to consider options for using the current site of the Blue Mountain Recovery Center. He noted the state wants to mitigate the loss of jobs to Pendleton and also the services that are no longer provided. The state is talking about solutions to deal with patients and looking for reasonable alternatives to save funds. The facility is old, cost is high to operate it (an estimated \$860,000/year) and it is not adaptable to any other reasonable use – might be best to just level the buildings. The City of Pendleton is responsible for the decision. The property is zoned R2.

Commissioner Murdock continued, saying there is still a need to address the issue of mentally ill people who are being jailed since there is no place for them to go -- not the appropriate place. In a meeting with Chuck Wood and Mark Royal, discussion included possibly using the current housing (unused at this time) at the old Community Corrections facility rather than jailing the mentally ill. Pendleton City Council is to meet soon to discuss alternatives/possibilities.

3. Public Safety Summit. Commissioner Elfering noted a meeting will be held 07/22/14 at the Community Justice Center for the Eastern Oregon Public Safety Summit. 60 or so officers,

sheriffs, judges and district attorneys will meet to primarily deal with issues of funding and ways to support what needs to be done for public safety. Two safety summit meetings were previously held in other areas of the state.

4. Commissioner Givens noted the following regarding his upcoming schedule:
 - a. Highway 11. He will be meeting this week with Norm Sager and Clive Kaiser in Milton-Freewater to continue discussions about developing Highway 11 – this has been in the works a long time with not much forward movement; hoping to make some progress.
 - b. EO Counties Association. He will attend a meeting August 1 in John Day for the main purpose of discussing comments to the Blue Mountain Forest Service plan (deadline is 8/15). After such time, member counties will be asked to sign off on comments decided by the group to submit in addition to the group as a whole.
 - c. NEACT. He will attend this joint meeting August 7 in Baker City (or La Grande).
 - d. Economic Business Forum. He has been invited to attend a meeting on August 13 in Pendleton.

5. Commissioner Murdock reported the triennial review of the Health Department is proceeding on schedule.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary

Umatilla County Board of Commissioners