

**MINUTES**  
**UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Administrative Meeting of August 12, 2014  
9:00 a.m., Rm 121, Umatilla County Courthouse  
Pendleton, Oregon

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**Commissioners Present:** Bill Elfering, Chair; and Larry Givens, Commissioner  
**Absent:** George Murdock, Vice-Chair  
**County Counsel:** Doug Olsen  
**Others Present:** Paul Chalmers, A&T; George Plaven, East Oregonian reporter.

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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.

There were no additions to the agenda.

**BUSINESS ON AGENDA**

1. Appoint Technical Advisory Committee for Highway 395. Doug Olsen provided background. The second phase of the Highway 395 North project will include a committee comprised of land and business owners to work with staff and a consultant. The proposed TAC will meet 2 or 3 times with the consultant to provide input on the analysis and solutions for improvement for commercial and industrial businesses along Highway 395 North. The TAC will also help host an Open House. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve Order No. BCC2014-056. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried 2-0.**
2. Blue Mountain Forest Management Plan. Commissioner Elfering noted this stems from a recent meeting Commissioner Givens attended of the Eastern Oregon Counties Association in John Day where the group voted to not support any of the six alternatives presented in the plan. In addition, each county (13 plus) will be submitting individual Board orders for not supporting the plan. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve Order No. BCC 2014-057. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried 2-0.**
3. AWERE Payable to Sunset Housing, Inc. Doug Olsen presented. As part of the 2014 AWERE Grant, Sunset Housing, Inc. was awarded \$9,150 for a security system and pond removal. The recipient does not have the funds to pay for the project and then seek reimbursement. Approval is sought for prepayment to Sunset Housing, Inc. to pay a portion of the security system cost to Smith Security in the amount of \$4,574.81. Mr. Olsen noted this process of prepayment has been done previously if a grantee does not have the means to pay and then be reimbursed. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve the payable to Sunset Housing, Inc. in the amount of \$4,574.81. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried 2-0.**
4. CHL Card Program Purchase. Doug Olsen provided background. Authorization is sought by the Sheriff Civil Division for the purchase of software and a new special printer that will printout Concealed Handgun Licenses and also Employee IDs. After researching the purchase, only one

vendor was found that will meet the requirements and needs of the County. The proposal from IdentiSys is for \$12,034.40 for a Datacard color printer and software. Mr. Olsen advised funds are available for the purchase. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve purchase of the printer and software from IdentiSys for \$12,034.40. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried 2--0.**

5. Payable to Sungard. Doug Olsen presented background. This is for financial software maintenance. The invoice is for \$40,591.63, which is over \$5,000.00, thus requiring Commissioner approval. This is a yearly, routine expense for the financial system, and has been budgeted. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve the payable to Sungard in the amount of \$40,591.63. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried 2-0.**
6. Appointments to Medical Marijuana Committee. Commissioner Elfering noted when the Board initially appointed the committee (on 04/17/14), it included having the power to add members as needed. It also included directions “to study options available to the county for the adoption of regulations within the county.” The committee has met twice and by consensus recommends the Board appoint three persons from outside the county in order to provide a balance of interests on the committee. The new proposed members are: Tammie Williams, RN and Planning Commission member; William E. Perkinson, Attorney/Advocate; and Chris Bettineski, Pendleton School District. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve Order No. BCC 2014-058. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried 2-0.**

Commissioner Givens noted other counties are having issues in dealing with the potential legalization of marijuana (Jackson and Curry and maybe 1 or 2 more). Discussion included GMO (genetically modified) and that marijuana meets the qualifications.

#### Staff Reports / Issues.

- a. Round-Up Association letter. Paul Chalmers noted the letter deals with the request to re-value taxes. Mr. Olsen noted there is an appeal process. Mr. Chalmers talked about the appeal process and timeline; including approaches for determining taxes (in this case, with a cost approach).
  - b. Tribal Sovereignty – to be discussed at the 08/20/14 BCC meeting. Mr. Chalmers noted this may include Reservation trust property in relation to taxes. Commissioner Elfering noted he has a meeting scheduled with Dave Tovey at CTUIR on 08/18/14 and he will plan to talk to Paul Chalmers for his input regarding taxes and other issues.
7. Commissioner Calendars. Commissioner Elfering will meet with Mark Royal from Community Justice later that day; the LPSCC meeting was cancelled; the Morrow Pacific Permit hearing will be held later that day in Boardman. Commissioner Elfering will attend a dinner meeting in Pendleton to meet Sean Robbins. Senior Managers will meet 08/13/14 and will discuss, in part, a space/facility needs survey by Dan Lonai. Also on 08/13, the Echo Community Benefit meeting may possibly be re-scheduled.
  8. Meeting regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources. Commissioner Givens noted he attended an AOC committee meeting on 08/11/14 where the group discussed taking back public lands and natural resources to state control. He noted all western states are looking at these issues. Idaho has determined an estimated \$50 to \$60 million would be involved in their state. He added the AOC committee is waiting to see what direction Utah is going before moving forward.

9. PILT. Commissioner Givens noted that the Western Interstate Region (WIR) of NACO is putting together another push to fund PILT – no other information at this time; this is just the early stages of discussion.

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melinda Slatt*

Executive Secretary

Umatilla County Board of Commissioners