

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of August 20, 2014
9:00 a.m., Rm 130, 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

Members and Guests Present: Scott Stanton, Hermiston Fire Chief; Pat Hart, Hermiston Fire Dept. – retired; Ric Shannon, Hermiston Fire Dept. – Board Chair; Lt. Stewart Harp, Sheriff’s Office; Sgt. Kenny Franks, Sheriff’s Office; Virginia Beebe, Hermiston Senior Center – Vice Chair; Bob Heffner, Budget Director; Phil Wright, East Oregonian.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair Bill Elfering reminded all present that the meeting was a public forum; the meeting is recorded and minutes will be taken.

Pledge of Allegiance. Those in the room stood, saluted the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards/Recognitions/Correspondence. Chair Elfering asked for any recognition or correspondence? He read a letter recently received from a citizen to Sgt. Holcomb regarding a concealed weapon license – great service was appreciated. Thank you to employees who work so hard and represent Umatilla County in favorable way.

Minutes. Regarding the 7/2/14 meeting minutes, Commissioner Givens moved to approve. Seconded by Chair Elfering. Carried. Regarding the 7/9/14Administrative meeting minutes, Commissioner Givens moved to approve. Seconded by Chair Elfering. Carried.

Additions to Agenda. None.

Recognition of Visitors/Public Input: Chair Elfering called for any visitors who wished to provide information at this time (other than on the regular business agenda). None were noted other than on regular agenda.

He then asked for anyone wish to address the Board? None at this time.

Agenda

1. **Umatilla County Fire District #1 Formation.** Chair Elfering opened the public hearing. Doug Olsen presented the staff report. The Board initiated the formation of Umatilla County Fire District #1 to include boundaries of Hermiston and Stanfield Fire Districts and other areas outside

those current districts. Boundaries were identified and it is now before Board for public input. If the Board chooses to move forward, it goes on to the November 4 election/ballot for the voters, along with the question for permanent rate and board members. This Board does not have to handle the dissolution of the two districts, just formation of the new district. The petition meets with statutory standards. Scott Stanton, Fire Chief of Hermiston, was present. He gave background. Fire Chiefs initially met to discuss cooperative efforts to improve service and possible future collaboration. At the next meeting in 2010, they talked about one new district. A feasibility study was done in 2012 and recommended ultimately to combine to one district. (Copies of the study can be obtained.) An internal study was conducted and agreed with the third party study. Commissioner Givens asked Chief Stanton to refer to the map on the monitor regarding the boundaries, “no man’s land” – he feels this is a great step forward for protection and safety. Chief Stanton noted some citizens in those areas wished to be in the new district.

Chief Elfering asked for any objections or other public comments. None were made. He then closed the Hearing. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve BCC 2014-060 for Reformation of Umatilla County Fire District #1 and Calling for Election. Seconded by Chair Elfering. Carried.**

2. Hermiston Senior Center. Chair Elfering introduced Dennis Doherty, who in turn introduced Virginia Beebe (Hermiston Senior Center Vice-Chair and board member). A CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) is being applied for. This is federal money that goes to the state, and will be for the benefit of senior citizens through the Senior Center in Hermiston. The Center was incorporated in 1981 in a building on the present County Fairgrounds. The lease of the current facility will expire when the fair is moved to the new site. They do not want to move up to the EOTEC site. A couple of locations have been identified. Financing is needed, thus the application for CDBG. There is no requirement for local matching, it is up to 100% funding. The application must go out by end of September. They are looking for support of the concept to include with the application. The Senior Center appointed a committee and recommended going forward with the application.

Ms. Beebe thanked Mr. Doherty for his assistance in going through this process. They are looking for 50 letters of support. She has been with the Hermiston Senior Center since 1995 at her mother’s and aunt’s request to be involved. She now lives in Pendleton, but is committed to the Hermiston Senior Center. She talked about numbers varying through the years, but the commitment is strong.

Commissioner Givens noted he was encouraged by the project and asked about the location. Mr. Doherty said the property site is still to be selected – a list of 3-4 potential sites will be presented to the state and the decision will be made at that time. On Monday (08/25/14), the Hermiston City Council will meet and discuss this project. The only two sites being considered at this time are the old Armand Larive School site, and on the North side of 4th Street – directly behind the Hermiston Convention Center. Chair Elfering asked about numbers at the Center. Ms. Beebe noted there are usually from 45 up to 80; Meals on Wheels is not counted in this number. They are only open two days a week and the number fluctuates. She noted they are not affiliated with CAPECO – since 1996. She elaborated on the way CAPECO operated, based on dollar amounts. The Hermiston Senior Center is very active, there is no joining/membership fee. All are welcome

and some children come with grandparents. Commissioner Givens commented on Meals on Wheels as a good connection to the community as well as nutrition.

Mr. Doherty noted that CAPECO is supportive and it has endorsed the grant application. Ms. Beebe also noted that the Hermiston Hospital has also committed with a support letter. Chair Elfering then read the Board's proposed letter of support. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve and sign the letter of support to go with the CDBG application for the Hermiston Senior Center. Seconded by Chair Elfering. Carried.**

3. Adams Community Benefit Plan Grants. Doug Olsen noted approval is sought for two grants for the Adams Community Benefit Plan to the Adams Ladies Club totaling \$3,682.59. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve Order No. BCC2014-059. Seconded by Chair Elfering. Carried.**
4. Walla Walla County Agreement. Chair Elfering noted the road is public and the Umatilla County has jurisdiction over it for permitting purposes. Walla Walla wants to pave Lovers Lane/Gardena Ditch Road, including the portion located in Oregon. An agreement has been drafted to allow Walla Walla County to improve the portion of the road in Oregon, at its expense. No County funds will be used in the project. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve and authorize signing of a Road Improvement Contract with Walla Walla County. He plans to contact the Walla Walla Board to discuss this. Seconded by Chair Elfering. Carried.**
5. Taser Replacement. Presented by Sgt. Kenny Franks. The request is for 8 new tasers and 25 cartridges in order to update and make equipment current. Chair Elfering went over the dollar figures, totaling \$8,516.10. Mr. Olsen noted funds are budgeted for the purchase. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve the purchase of Tasers, accessories and cartridges. Seconded by Chair Elfering. Carried.**
6. Budget Transfers. Bob Heffner reported. There are two budget transfers. One is for the DA's office, Budget Order 2015-02. This is for purchase of a Karpel records program to interface with the new law enforcement program at a cost of \$12,940, an increase in Capital Outlay to come from the General Fund Contingency. The second, Budget Order 2015-03, is for Records Archiving to provide reimbursement to Computer Information Services for programming services; this will be for a transfer of \$37,200 appropriations from its Contingency category to its Materials & Services category. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve of Budget Order 2015-02. Seconded by Chair Elfering. Carried. Commissioner Givens moved to approve Budget Order 2015-03. Seconded by Chair Elfering. Carried.**

Doug Olsen noted the SUV bids were due to be opened at 10 a.m. At 9:40 Chair Elfering noted the meeting would stand in recess until that time.

Chair Elfering announced the Board was back on record at 10 a.m.

7. Used SUV Bids. Doug Olsen noted four bids were received (for replacement of Commissioner Givens' County vehicle). The sealed bids were opened and reviewed by the Board. They were from: Tom Denchel Ford in Hermiston, Legacy Ford, Sherrell Chevrolet in Hermiston and Power Ford-Lincoln at Newport. After discussion, Commissioner Givens proposed going with Tom Denchel Ford because it met the specifications (including used), one-day delivery (where others

were a longer timeframe). Discussion included dollar amounts and specifications (including new or used). Mr. Olsen noted factors include date of delivery and being located within the county for warranty work. After brief discussion, **Chair Elfering moved to accept the bid from Tom Denchel Ford for the 2015 Explorer in the amount of \$34,000 because it can be delivered in 1 day and met the specifications. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried.**

There was no further business.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary
Umatilla County Board of Commissioners