

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of January 21, 2015
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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Commissioners Present: Commissioner George Murdock, Chair; Bill Elfering, Vice-Chair
Absent: Commissioner Larry Givens was absent.

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Tom Fellows, Public Works Director; Bob Heffner, Budget; Dan Lonai, Administrative Services Director; Zack Scheibner, Intern in BCC office; and Robert Pahl, CFO.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. Chair George Murdock reminded all present that the meeting was a public forum. It is being recorded and minutes will be taken. If persons wish to speak before the BCC, identify yourself and where you live for the record.

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

Awards/Recognitions/Correspondence

Commissioner Elfering read a Letter of Commendation from the Sheriff’s Office – for Search and Rescue team (Dwight Johnson, Jan Good, Robert English, Julie Hendren, Travis Lundquist, Cheryle Post, Richard Pullen, and Jonathan Quinlin) who located a lost hunter from Eugene – he was found safe due to their hard work and diligent efforts. Search and Rescue also received a public commendation at a recent Pendleton City Council meeting.

Chair Murdock read a thank you from Arne Swanson. He noted the Solid Waste Advisory Committee had an open position on their board for about 6-7 months. Mr. Swanson wrote he was happy to serve on the Board and he thanked the Commissioners for the confidence. As a side note, Mr. Swanson is president elect of the Pendleton Chamber.

Acknowledgment was made of Zack Scheibner – serving his last week of an internship in the Board of Commissioners office. He has been helpful and has learned a great deal from many departments in the County.

Minutes. None at this time.

Public input. None at this time.

Additions to Agenda. None at this time.

Agenda

1. Supplemental Budgets. Chair Murdock opened the public hearing at 9:06 a.m. and asked Bob Heffner to provide the staff report. Mr. Heffner gave the report. Three supplemental budgets are to be considered. Budget Order No. 2015-37 for Fair Fund. The Fair received a donation of \$2,194 to be used for the Fair Court. Materials & Services appropriations have been increased by that amount for to allow the expenditure. Mr. Olsen advised the donation was from Tom Denchel Ford. Cindy Driscoll at Tom Denchel was instrumental in having the funds donated to the Fair.

Budget Order No. 2015-38 is for General Fund- Human Resources. Approval was received to acquire a new copier. Expenditure requires an increase of \$5,158 in Capital Outlay appropriations; supported by a transfer from General Fund Contingency.

Budget Order 2015-39 is for General Fund – Building Maintenance. This is for replacement of doors and removal of tile on the second floor. Bids approved for the project will require a \$36,637 increase in Capital outlay. Support for the appropriation increase will be provided by grants from State Courts. There were no other questions or public input. Chair Murdock adjourned hearing at 9:15 a.m. **Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Budget Order 2015-37. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0. Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Budget Order 2015-38. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0. Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Budget Order 2015-39. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**

2. Drilling and Blasting Contract. Tom Fellows, Public Works Director, reported. Blasting is done two to three times a year; there is no charge for the aggregate just payment for the drilling and blasting. A request for proposal for the services was issued. The lowest proposal of \$52,200 was received from Barnes, Inc. out of Lewiston, ID. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve contract of \$52,200 with Barnes, Inc. for drilling and blasting of the Struve Gravel Pit. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
3. CDBG Rehab Grant Application. Mr. Olsen reported this is an intergovernmental agreement. The City of Pendleton is making application for a Community Development Block Grant for Housing Rehabilitation. The City is asking the Cities of Adams and Pilot Rock and the County to jointly apply for the grant. Three jurisdictions must participate in the project. If approved, the City would be the lead agency to handle grant reporting requirements and administrative duties. Commissioner Elfering advised he was approached some time ago about the County's willingness to participate in order to get the grant. It would show good support to the City of Pendleton. Mr. Olsen noted funds can be available for those who apply if the grant is received. Chair Murdock noted appreciation to Chuck Wood (City Councilor) for approaching the County before-hand. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve participation in the Housing Rehabilitation Project and authorize signing of the Intergovernmental Agreement. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
4. Amend Ambulance Service Ordinance. Chair Murdock called the public hearing to order at 9:14. Mr. Olsen reported. This is the second reading. The first reading was in July 2014; it was not scheduled for a second reading, which was discovered just recently. Not much material change; amendments proposed are to simplify the renewal process and confirm with practice, delete

outdated provisions and clean up duplicative sections. Chair Murdock asked for questions. None were heard. He closed the Public Hearing at 9:16 a.m. **Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2014-05, the second reading of the Ordinance. Chair Murdock seconded. Carried, 2-0.**

5. EURUS Grants. Mr. Olsen reported. The Eurus Community Benefit Board met and recommended approval of 10 of the 17 applications. He talked about MFDA, Cemetery District (a road project). The Cemetery District had already received a grant from Economic Development for about \$10,000. Mr. Pahl noted, in light of recent requests (multiple), he requests Board discussion about funding being used for items that may not be allowed under grant requirements. He is not sure funds can be used for operations. He is not sure of Eurus charter requirements. Commissioner Elfering advised that \$10,000 in funds from Economic Development recently went to the Milton-Freewater Downtown Alliance. This appeared to be a duplication. Mr. Pahl advised MFDA has applied for and received Eurus money for the last several years and they have requested it again this year. He felt the Board has discretion for approval (or denial) of funding requests. Commissioner Elfering noted the previous discussion about \$10,000 to the Cemetery District for roads and County Public Works did the paving. Commissioner Elfering advised no Economic Developments funds had been awarded to the Kiwanis at this time. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve grants of Eurus Community Benefit Program to: Milton-Freewater Chamber, Martin Family memorial Park; Downtown alliance; Sherri Widmer; Junior Show; Downtown Alliance; Library; High School; Cemetery Maintenance District; and Kiwanis – and to adopt Order No. BCC2015-006. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**

6. Ballot Address Printer - Elections. Dan Lonai, Administrative Services Director, gave the staff report and background. This is printing for ballots envelopes with bar codes. The current printer cannot be fixed any longer. He checked into alternatives and they found it best to ask 3 different vendors for bids. He provided specifications of the printers and costs. The recommendation is to go with the printer from Olympic Distributors for \$6,725. They also need maintenance – he went through the costs. This year the ballot printing was done by an outside company (used nearly statewide), savings were achieved by going that route rather than hand-work by Elections. The source of funding is internal. Chair Murdock asked if this is an emergency expenditure. Mr. Lonai responded yes, it needs to be done before ballots go out later this year. And, there may be an increase in ballots.

Chair Murdock asked about the costs of printing an extra 12,000 to 14,000 ballots that would be a result of pending legislation. Mr. Lonai noted that each ballot costs about \$1/each up to \$1.50/each, which could be an additional increase of about \$15,000 to \$20,000. Down the road five years, if some ballots are not used (2 presidential vote cycles), they can be removed from the rolls. Mr. Lonai advised the legislature is putting forth a Bill to help off-set costs (along with the Clerk's Association). The cost increases when sending out extra ballots. He noted about \$6,000 in savings has been achieved based on reworking some things and streamlining. Ryder Graphics out of Bend would be the out-source. They do all the printing – they do at least 30 counties in Oregon. They do great maintenance and sometimes at no cost. The previous system has been in use since 2002. Commissioner Elfering noted Mr. Lonai's good process for streamlining is really helping the budget. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve purchase of an address**

printer from Olympic Distribution for \$6,725 plus \$400 for maintenance for one year. Chair Murdock seconded. Carried, 2-0.

Commissioner Reports

1. Commissioner Elfering.
 - a. Columbia Development Authority. This is the biggest item he has been involved with. Congressional help has been obtained to go to the Army to go forward with transfer as agreed years ago and not have to pay for returning the property. He feels the promise from 20+ years there should be no cost. Chair Murdock agreed and noted the communities living with safety threat for 20+ years; it should not cost anything to transfer the property back.

2. Chair Murdock.
 - a. Driver's licenses for undocumented workers. Chair Murdock talked about advancing legislation to issue driver's licenses. He recently read another newspaper article about Senator Bill Hansell being reported as saying the Umatilla County Commissioners supported him in this regard. Chair Murdock is pursuing investigation of the article.
 - b. UAV. He recently spent a couple of hours touring the UAV site at the Pendleton Airport. (Commissioner Elfering said he also had toured the facility.) Chair Murdock noted his fascination with this project – Pendleton has an asset that is not duplicated anywhere else in Eastern Oregon – usually competing with the City of Hermiston and the CTUIR. In this case, Pendleton is looking at creating nearly 100 to 150 jobs. In other states, millions of dollars of support has been obtained for similar UAV projects. He wants to take this up as a future agenda item – something to permit the commissioners to weigh in on this project. Commissioner Elfering advised he believes they may be coming to the Board of Commissioners for support. This is a tremendous opportunity. Chair Murdock suggested that Commissioner Elfering and Mr. Olsen do some investigation in order to move forward.

There was no further business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary
Umatilla County Board of Commissioners