

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of May 6, 2015
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Tom Fellows, Public Works Director; Robert Pahl, CFO; and Bill Miller, UCSO - Reserves

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair George Murdock welcomed all and reminded those 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, please identify yourself and state 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. Chair Murdock read correspondence. 1) From Bob Ward, City Manager of Umatilla – thanks for working with them and the Port through recent difficulties. 2) Several cards with positive comments for Jack Remillard, Emergency Management, when he presented a program to people in Pocatello about his work on the emergency situation of the bus wreck that happened near Pendleton a few winters ago. 3) Reminder there is a Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony on 5/15/15 at Til Taylor Park, Pendleton. The ceremony begins at 11 a.m. and the public is invited.

Acknowledgment of minutes of previous meeting. Commissioner Givens moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2015. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.

Additions to Agenda. None.

Public Input and Recognition of Visitors. None.

Presentations to the Board. None.

Agenda

1. **Excavator Purchase.** Presented by Tom Fellows. As part of the Public Works Department’s process for updating equipment, there is an opportunity to purchase this used 2007 Caterpillar 315CL excavator. Request for Proposals were issued and Western States Equipment was the only one to respond meeting specifications. He recommends purchase. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve the purchase of a used excavator as outlined, in the amount of \$115,000. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**

2. Grant Approval. Presented by Doug Olsen. Authorization is sought for a payable to OSU Extension Service for contribution towards construction of the Don Horneck Memorial Building at the Extension Service campus in Hermiston from Economic Development funding. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve the grant and payable to the OSU Extension Service in the amount of \$20,000 toward construction of the Don Horneck Memorial Building. Seconded by Chair Murdock.** Discussion: Commissioner Givens advised this building had been planned and designed last year and Mr. Horneck had worked on the project. He passed away shortly thereafter. **Carried, 2-0.**
3. Taser Purchase. Presented by Bill Miller, UCSO County Reserves. Tasers will help supplement the ones on hand that were very old. A grant in amount of \$10,000 was received from Wildhorse Foundation to help with the purchase of 9 Tasers (with warranties, battery packs and holsters). The total is \$11,745.05; remaining balance will be paid from the Reserves account. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve the payable to Taser International. Seconded by Chair Murdock.** Question by Chair Murdock about training. Mr. Miller said he is an instructor. All those who use Tasers receive training every year. Instructors are trained every 2 years. **Carried, 2-0.**
4. Ryder Elections Payable. Mr. Olsen presented. This is an annual routine expense for conducting an election, and has been budgeted. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve the payable to Ryder Elections Services in amount of \$13,053.18 for printing ballots. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
5. Property For Sale. Mr. Olsen presented. Approval is sought for annual auction of foreclosed property. There are quite a few properties at this time including a number of properties, including houses and vacant lots (as listed in Order No. TX2015-02). Minimum sale amounts are based by law on real market value set by the Assessor's office with the exception for two properties left from previous auctions, which amounts were previously set by the Board at an earlier meeting. Auction is planned for 5/27/15. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve and adopt Order No. TX2015-02. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
6. May 20 Board Meeting. Mr. Olsen advised he did not believe there will be a quorum for the regularly scheduled Board meeting. Commissioner Givens advised he will be out of the office at that time. Chair Murdock advised he will be in Portland on the night of 5/19. Mr. Olsen noted supplemental budgets need to be acted upon and notices have been published. He had checked Commissioner Elfering's schedule and suggested the possible need to reschedule. **After further discussion, Commissioner Givens moved that Board meeting be changed on 5/20/15 to begin at 1 p.m. rather than 9 a.m. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
7. Executive Session. Per ORS 192.660(2)(a,b, and h) Chair Murdock called for an Executive Session at 9:23 a.m. Separate minutes would be taken. Chair Murdock ended the Executive Session at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioners' Reports:

Commissioner Givens advised he will attend an MPO meeting that afternoon to meet the new director. He went to the EOTEC site the day before and noted nothing can be seen from Ott Road, but work is

progressing. Gravel is down where the parking lot will be and the road from Airport Road to the facility is graveled. He will leave for Salem on Sunday to attend an AOC Board meeting on Monday, May 10.

Chair Murdock advised that day he will attend the Wildhorse Foundation awards luncheon and board meeting. He will go to Salem Thursday night, attend AOC/LGAC & Health and Human Services Subcommittee meetings on Friday night then return to Pendleton. He will not attend AOC meetings on Monday.

Chair Murdock advised he will be looking at the Human Services Department as liaison commissioner to determine organization, identifying who will oversee all contracts, supervision of employees, and what is the County's role regarding contracts and as a participant – direct provider vs. contract.

Commissioner Givens talked about the County's history of using agents for some services (contracting out) and the need to weigh out items of employing directly vs. contracts, e.g. Public Works projects. He also talked about the recent PERS ruling and the fiscal impact on the County.

Chair Murdock noted that he and Mr. Pahl are looking at indirect costs county-wide to obtain a broader array of savings. PILT money was mentioned as a way to have a reserve fund to cover some expenses if needed and as appropriate. Mr. Olsen advised there is an adopted Board Order creating the fund. Mr. Pahl added there is authority for the Board designate additional funds within the fund requirements. Chair Murdock added that the reserve will only be used for the narrow list of things for which it was created.

There was no further business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary
Umatilla County Board of Commissioners