

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 2, 2015
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Paul Chalmers, Assessment & Taxation Director; Jennifer Blake, Human Resources Director; Phil Wright, East Oregonian; Cindy and Larry Curry; Judy Jenner, UCo Health Office Manager; Taylor Smith, UCo Health AmeriCorps/Vista Volunteer

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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 and would also likely be made available to the public as it is being video-recorded. 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 led by Commissioner Elfering.

Awards/Recognitions/Correspondence. (1) Commissioner Elfering read a letter of appreciation from Trooper Marcus Burke, OSP about a DPSST training recently hosted by Umatilla County Sheriff's Office for training and rating new recruits. The UCSO hospitality was excellent and all were impressed with the memorable training. (2) Chair Murdock read a thank you letter from Mick Harris at Lifeline for the Board of Commissioners' letter of support to FCC about the important program in helping low income Americans by ensuring access to vital communications. This program is 30 years old. Lifeline is in need of modernizing. (3) From The Mustangers – thank you for recent donation (from tourism) relative to the grounds used for local events and to bring in tourism and dollars along with it.

Acknowledgment of Minutes of Previous Meetings. Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Work Session minutes on 08/04/15 to discuss Joint Management Agreement and roads in the Hermiston area. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0. For the record, Chair Murdock noted Commissioner Givens is in Wisconsin attending a family wedding.

Additions to Agenda. Doug Olsen noted one additional item referred by Finance, a payable regarding EOTEC for Board action.

Public Input and Recognition of Visitors. None other than what is on the agenda.

Presentations to the Board. None.

Agenda – Business Items

1. NACCHO Grant – Public Health. Taylor Smith, AmeriCorps /VISTA volunteer, presented. Umatilla County Public Health is looking to obtain a grant to assist with accreditation of the program. She referred to items projected on the monitors, including the specifics of accreditation, why it is being sought, what is considered and what it takes. This is a one-time grant. Meghan DeBolt, Public Health Director, noted it is not an operational grant (up to \$15,000); it will help with the accreditation fee. The remainder would be to hire a consultant to assist with the Community Health Plan. An assessment was done 3 to 4 years ago and help is needed to work through a plan with action steps to drive health initiatives in the community. Chair Murdock noted in his role with AOC Health & Human Services Committee, not all counties are on cutting edge of modernization like Umatilla County. Health needs are changing and Umatilla County is at the forefront. We would be the fourth or fifth county in the State who is accredited -- a feather in UCo Health's cap. Five teams are included (of which Chair Murdock is one of the members). **Chair Murdock moved to approve/authorize application for the NACCHO Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 2-0.**
2. Clear Alliance. Doug Olsen noted a presentation was made in August by John Trumbo. After discussion it was decided to not sign on as commissioners or as a Board but rather for individual commissioners to sign on, if desired.
3. Appointment to Local Community Advisory Council. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve/adopt Order No. BCC 2015-070 appointing Mary Ann Wren to the LCAC to Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (EOCCO). Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
4. Appointment to Behavioral Health Advisory Committee. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve/adopt Order No. BCC 2015-068 appointing Mary Olsen to the BHAC. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
5. Appointment to Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve/adopt Order No. BCC2015-069 appointing Mary Olsen to the LPSCC. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
6. Post-PERS Employment. Mr. Olsen presented. Approval is sought for the Community Justice Department to employ a PERS retiree to fill the position due to retirement. Pursuant to Personnel Policy 4.7, the position would be filled for the remainder of the fiscal year. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve hiring of a PERS retiree as Temporary Special Employee under the restrictions of Personnel Policy 4.7, effective 9/1/15 to 6/30/16. Seconded by Chair Murdock, Carried, 2-0.**
7. Creation of Position - CARE Program. Mr. Olsen noted that on this request for the creation of two new positions, one position is currently funded within another department and the other is to be paid from anticipated funding from City of Umatilla. Chair Murdock noted this is consistent with prior discussion by the Board. Commissioner Elfering added it is a transfer of a truancy position and a position from Youth Services. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve**

creation of 1.5 CARE Specialist positions, contingent on receipt of funding, effective 9/1/15. Chair Murdock seconded. Carried, 2-0.

8. Foreclosure Notice Publication. Mr. Olsen presented. Approval is sought for selection of the East Oregonian as the newspaper for publication of the annual tax foreclosure notice. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve/adopt Order No. TX2015-03. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
9. Payable to NOWA . Commissioner Elfering noted this is a budgeted item, \$60,000 total for membership. A listing of accomplishments is extensive regarding distribution of irrigation water and dealing with preexisting water rights. NOWA has used surplus water to distribute in the Hermiston area and north Morrow County. They were successful in receiving about \$40 million of funding from the state legislature for water delivery. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the \$60,000 payable to the Northeast Oregon Water Association. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
10. Sale of Property. Mr. Olsen presented. This property is located on SW 1st Street, foreclosed for delinquent property taxes. No bids were made at auction; since that time it has been available for private sale. Recently a bid of \$9,015 was received from John Adams and John Fenton – above the minimum amount allowed by law. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the sale and adopt Order No. BCC2015-071. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
11. Payable to EOTEC. Mr. Olsen noted authorization is sought for a portion of construction cost of the exposition center building. A HUD grant was approved back in 2006 for that purpose. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the payable to EOTEC in the amount of \$410,130. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.** Commissioner Elfering added the site is coming along but a little behind schedule. Infrastructure is in and the building is pre-engineered on site. There is a lot of work to be done so it is not guaranteed to be ready occupancy next year, although it is possible. He will attend another EOTEC meeting later that day and updates will be made.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Elfering. EOTEC – development is progressing and time is short. On plus side, there is about 1 year to get it done. Regarding location of food booths, they will be temporary structures on concrete pads.

Dispatch Advisory – the committee has met a couple of times. There is positive input about developing cost assessment and factors to consider. There is a consultant coming in to evaluate the dispatch system (and likely the entire IT system of the County).

Chair Murdock noted the next Board meeting is on 9/16, during Round-Up; it will have business items only. He requested at the first October meeting he would like an EOTEC presentation about progress and status.

Adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary

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