

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Administrative Meeting of September 23, 2015
3:30 p.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Bob Nooy, County Public Works/Shop; and Mary Olsen, I/DD Program Manager

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.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 Board, please identify yourself and state where you live for the record.

Acknowledgment of Minutes of Previous Meetings. Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the 8/19/15 Board minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Additions to Agenda. None.

Agenda – Business Items

1. **Purchase of Vehicle for A&T.** Doug Olsen reported. Bids went out for a used vehicle and four were received. Paul Chalmers’ recommendation is to request bids for a new vehicle (through the Fleet Management Program) and cancel the existing request for proposals. Chair Murdock noted Mr. Chalmers felt he could get a new vehicle for about the same price as a used vehicle; he asked Bob Nooy, Public Works/Shop Director, to clarify. He responded that new vehicles are running around \$17,000 and up to \$20,000. **Commissioner Givens moved to reject the bids and have Mr. Chalmers provide direction at a near future Board meeting. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**

2. **Public Works Pickup Purchase.** Several bid were received for the purchase of a new pickup for the Public Works Department. Bob Nooy noted Hubbard Chevrolet is able to deliver a new pick up sooner. He noted that Ford is having difficulty getting F150 pickups and cannot deliver a pickup in the time needed. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve purchase of a new 2016 Chevrolet Silverado from Hubbard Chevrolet in the amount of \$24,540.09. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**

3. **Purchase of Vehicle for DD Program.** Mary Olsen reported. Invitations to bid for two vehicles were issued and three bids were received. The recommendation is to go with the lowest bid. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve purchase of two 2016 Ford Fusions from Tom Denchel Ford in the amount of \$35,600. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**

4. Owyhee Canyonlands Monument. Chair Murdock reported. Malheur County has indicated that roughly 1/3 of their County could be made a monument by the designation. Malheur County has requested other counties join its Board in opposing the action for a conservation/wilderness area. **Chair Murdock felt the position should be taken in support of Malheur County and moved to adopt Order No. BCC 2015-076. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.** Commissioner Elfering noted the impact is huge in Malheur County and could have devastating economic consequences.
5. Lee Street Grade Legalization. Mr. Olsen reported. In preparation for transfer of a portion of Lee Street Grade to the City of Pendleton when the new bridge is constructed, the location of the road needs to be legalized and the process will require surveying and then a public hearing set for the legalization. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve and adopt Order 2015-03 for ordering a survey. Commissioner Givens seconded. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Elfering moved approve/adopt Order No. 2015-04 to set hearing date for November 4, 2015. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
6. Authorize Sale of Property. Mr. Olsen reported. Authorization is sought for sale of property foreclosed for delinquent property taxes. The property is an unimproved lot in Weston that did not sell at auction with a minimum bid of \$14,720. A bid was submitted from by Kenneth & Sandra Hearn in the amount of \$ 2,208, which meets minimum requirements. The recommendation is to approve the purchase by the Hearn. **Commissioner Givens moved to adopt Order No. BCC2015-077. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**
7. BOPTA Appointments. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the appointments of members Terry Carty, Don Daggett and Commissioner George Murdock with Commissioner Elfering as the alternate to the Board of Property Tax Appeals for 2015 appeals, and to adopt Order No. BCC 2015-078. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
8. Burn Ban. Mr. Olsen noted that due to the improvement in weather conditions the lifting of the ban on all burning is proposed. **Commissioner Givens moved to adopt Order No. BCC2015-079. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**
9. 2016 Fair. Mr. Olsen reported. Due to the potential delay in construction of the EOTEC facility, it is proposed to hold the 2016 Fair at its current location. It is hoped the delay will allow for completion of a quality EOTEC facility and more time to obtain needed funds. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve/adopt Order No. BCC2015-080. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**
10. Kennewick Man. Chair Murdock noted that he was contacted by Chuck Sams at the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation requesting the County provide a letter of support for the adoption of S. 1979, the Bring the Ancient One Home Act of 2015. Discussion noted there is no fiscal impact to the County. The recommendation/ support will go to Washington D.C. **Chair Murdock moved to approve the Letter of Support and to authorize the Chair to sign. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**

11. Columbia Development Authority Fiscal Agent. Commissioner Elfering noted this would designate Umatilla County as the fiscal agent for the CDA, including payroll management and to administrator its Office of Economic Adjustment grant. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Umatilla County acting as fiscal agent for Columbia Development Authority and its OEA grant and payroll management. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

There was no Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary
Umatilla County Board of Commissioners