

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of October 5, 2016
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: Alisha Southwick, School Health & Community Wellness; Joe Fiumara, Environmental Health Supervisor; Tammy Sundin, Community Corrections Office Manager; Paul Chalmers, Assessment & Taxation Director; Rachel Reynolds, A&T, Lisa Blagg, A&T; John McCullough, A&T; Misty Lanegan, A&T; Marie Simonis, Finance/Budget Assistant Director; Brandon Seitz, Assistant Planner

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair George Murdock welcomed all.

Pledge of Allegiance. Led by Commissioner Elfering.

Chair Murdock reminded those present that the meeting is a public forum. It is being video and audio recorded and minutes will be taken. Comments will become part of the meeting record. Please sign in on the visitor's sheet. If persons wish to speak before the Board, please come to the podium, identify yourself and state where you live for the record.

Awards/Recognitions. Chair Murdock announced the Employee of the Quarter for Umatilla County's Excellence program for the 4th quarter. He read the nomination letters for John McCullough, Residential Appraiser in Assessment & Taxation. Congratulations and thank you for outstanding service. John came forward to accept his award, Bob Stoltz took pictures and Tammy Sundin presented him with balloons and candy.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the minutes of the 9/21/16 Board meeting. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.

Additions to Agenda. None.

Public Comments. None.

Presentations: None.

Correspondence. Commissioner Elfering read a thank you letter from City of Ukiah for the \$1,500 grant for a reader board. (Funds are from Economic and Community Development department.) (2) He read a letter to Lt. Holcomb from Mary Haagen and Linda Miller, thank you to the Sheriff's office and community coming together to help save a 4-year old boy in Hermiston who had wandered away from home. (3) He read a letter to Sheriff Rowan from Walla Walla County Sheriff John Turner, thank you for continuing annual partnership for law

enforcement at their county fair. He commended Sgt. Adam Gregory, Deputy Josh Roberts, Deputy Calin Meade, Deputy Jon Roberts and Deputy Nathan Rankin for their professionalism and conduct.

Business Items

1. Fee Ordinance Amendment. Chair Murdock called the public hearing to order at 9:09 a.m. Doug Olsen advised this is the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-10 for proposed fees for the on-site septic inspection program; fees are the same the State of Oregon charges and will be in effect when the program transfers to County in November. He read through the fees by type of activity. For most fees there is a \$100 surcharge fee to pass through to citizens and applicants. These are all brand new fees since this will be a new program. Chair Murdock asked for additional comments. None. He asked for those in favor? None. Those in opposition? None. Chair Murdock did the first reading of the ordinance and closed the hearing at 9:12 a.m. **Commissioner Elfering moved to set the Ordinance for a second hearing on 10/19/16. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
2. Courthouse Upgrades. Postponed to the 10/19/16 meeting.
3. Set Property Auction. Mr. Olsen noted this is to follow up on the 21 recently foreclosed Sunridge Estates lots. Order No. TX2016-05 sets out each property, real market value and minimum bid. Paul Chalmers, Assessment & Taxation Director, added this is in conjunction with the City of Pendleton's desire to move forward ASAP through public auction.

Mr. Chalmers talked about sales activity and dollar amounts/bids listed. He hopes real market values will be offered; there may be some topography issues. Some lots are suitable for small farm/animals (on the Tutuilla side). The intent is to offer the whole package, but if there is no interest in that, individual lots will be offered. If a lot(s) is not sold, then the county can attempt to sell through private sales. Mr. Olsen added if under private sale, it will go before the Board for approval. **Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt order TX2016-05. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**

4. Health Educator Position – Public Health. Alisha Southwick, School Health & Wellness Supervisor, presented. The request is for approval of an Education Specialist Position – Suicide Prevention. UCO Health was awarded the Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention grant for three years. The \$65,000 grant each federal fiscal year covers all expenses related to the suicide prevention program. There is no General Fund involved. Suicide is the leading cause of death for ages 15 to 35 in Oregon and rates have gone up since 2011. This will provide prevention work in many areas as set out in the grant agreement (i.e. health education, training for staff and community agencies and working with the local Mental Health Authority for prevention as well as dealing with loss after a suicide). In response to a question from Commissioner Elfering about the extent of the problem in Umatilla County, Ms. Southwick advised this year there have been several. In an area survey, 27.2% of 11th graders reported they are sad for at least 2 consecutive weeks. Chair Murdock noted this program is particularly meaningful since Garrett Smith was a PHS graduate. **Chair Murdock moved to approve the position of Public Health Education Specialist. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 2-0.**
5. Vehicles for A&D. Mr. Olsen reported. This is to seek approval for the issuance of a request for proposal for two used vehicles for the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program (one mid-sized sedan and one small sedan). Funds are adequate in their budget to support the request. **Chair Murdock moved to authorize. Commissioner Elfering seconded.** Question: in the future will there be pressure on fleet

management program? Mr. Olsen advised it would not since fleet management is for general fund. The A&D department will have to pay for any vehicle replacement. **Carried, 2-0.**

6. Oregon Solutions Application. Brandon Seitz, Assistant Planner, presented. He has recently served on the advisory committee of the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area. This application to Oregon Solutions is to work on reducing nitrate contamination in groundwater from a variety of sources in the area – an ongoing issue for the last 25 years. Two lead agencies -- DEQ and ODA -- are in support of the project. **Commissioner Elfering moved to support the application. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
7. Harris Park Grant. Mr. Olsen presented on behalf of Tom Fellows, Public Works Director. This is to request support for a grant through the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department for a vault toilet, which would be permanent vs. renting portable units. **Chair Murdock moved to approve grant application, and noted Commissioner Givens was also in support (expressed earlier in the week). Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 2-0.** Chair Murdock noted Mr. Fellows' absence due to attendance at a statewide meeting where he is receiving an award along with Tillamook County for the "sister county" partnership program.
8. Road Dedication. Mr. Olsen presented. This is seeking to dedicate a tax foreclosed property that is part of Banks Lane. Public Road dedication makes it clear the property is available to the public – it is official notice. It will continue as a local access road, where the county does not have maintenance responsibility. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve a sign Dedication Deed for the property as outlined. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
9. BOPTA Appointments. Mr. Olsen advised this is for annual appointment of members to the Board of Property Tax Appeals, including Commissioner Murdock (Commissioner Elfering, alternate), Michael "Terry" Carty" and Donald Daggett. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve and adopt Order No. BCC2016-073.** Mr. Olsen pointed out statute requires a government representative must chair the committee. **Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**

There was no executive session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt,

Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners