

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of January 4, 2017
9:00 a.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: Tom Fellows, Public Works Director; Paul Hendricks, Assistant Watermaster; Curtis Cooley, Assistant Watermaster; Dan Lonai, Administrative Services Director; Tammy Sundin, Community Corrections Officer Manager; Jim Setzer, Public Health Director; Robert Pahl, Chief Finance Officer

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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 was led by Commissioner Givens.

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. If persons wish to speak before the Board, please come to the podium, identify yourself and state where you live for the record.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognition. Commissioner Elfering read a letter of commendation to Deputy Nathan Rankin and Reserve Deputy Travis Stark. While traveling on Hwy 395, a radio call came in where they were first responders with an AED device. They saved the man's life and performed CPR until EMTs could take over. Thank you to deputies for emergency and care – AEDs are now in all vehicles.

He then recognized Watermasters office staff – Paul Hendricks and Curtis Cooley. Unfortunately, Mike Ladd and Greg Silbernagel had a meeting conflict and could not attend today's meeting. He proceeded to recognize Curtis Cooley as receiving Umatilla County's first quarter 2017 Employee Excellence Award and read the nomination letter. Congratulations Curtis for a job well done! Commissioner Elfering awarded him a certificate and an 8-hour paid time-off slip. Dan Lonai took a picture.

Chair Murdock then read a letter from Aimee Herbert, from Human Services Alcohol & Drug Division, on her last day of work in 2016 where she advised she is moving to Nevada for her husband's new job. She thanked him and the County for support over the last 2 1/2 years.

Chair Murdock acknowledged Jim Setzer, new Public Health Director. He officially started work on 1/2/17 after arriving from Namibia on December 15. Mr. Setzer commented he is looking forward to working at the County and thanked all for the support in getting settled upon his arrival. He elaborated on his career where he provided a lot of technical assistance in organizing and managing public health as well as teaching planning, management and organizing public health efforts. This is an exciting new opportunity to improve lives of citizens in the County. Commissioner Givens welcomed him to the County, the State of Oregon and the northern hemisphere! Jim added that it was 95 degrees when he left Namibia and came to about 15 degrees in Pendleton.

Public input for those items other than on agenda. Chair Murdock recognized Mr. Bracher who suggested parking spaces for the public could be reserved in front of the courthouse. Chair Murdock responded that Dan Lonai has ordered signs to mark the front 5 spaces as reserved. Mr. Bracher also expressed appreciation for the County clean-up of the maintenance building and lot across the street. Commissioner Givens commended Mr. Lonai and the maintenance staff for their vision in clean-up efforts on County property.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Commissioner Givens moved to approve the Board minutes of the 11/23/16 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.

Additions to Agenda. None.

Presentations: None

Business Items:

1. **Swearing In.** Commissioner Elfering won his election in November for a 4-year term. Dan Lonai Administrative Services Director and County Clerk, gave the oath of office and Commissioner Elfering was sworn in whereupon he signed his certificate.
2. **Election of 2017 Officers.** *(moved to end of agenda).*
3. **Reschedule March 1 Board Meeting.** Commissioner Elfering moved to approve rescheduling the 3/1/17 meeting to 3/8/17 (for the purpose of ensuring a quorum). Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.
4. **Sale of Property.** Doug Olsen presented. This is to authorize sale of foreclosed property due to delinquent taxes, house located in Umatilla; bid was received from Clyde & Betty Nobles for \$31,090, which meets the statutory minimum. Commissioner Givens moved to adopt Order BCC2017-002. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.
5. **Payable – Otis Elevator.** Mr. Olsen presented. This is for the annual maintenance for the courthouse elevator in the amount of \$13,196.15 Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the payable to Otis Elevator Company in the amount of \$13,196.15. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.
6. **Sheriff Exempt Payout.** Mr. Olsen presented at the request of Human Resources. Commissioner Givens asked if this clears comp time. Mr. Olsen advised yes for this department; however, there are other departments still outstanding. Some time ago, all other non-exempt employees' comp time was paid out as part of CBA negotiations. Commissioner Elfering moved to approve payout of comp time to four employees. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
7. **2017 Officers.** Mr. Olsen presented. This is part of county reorganization to elect new leadership for 2017 – Commissioner Givens has been nominated to serve as chair for the year with Commissioner Elfering serving as vice-chair and Commissioner Murdock stepping down after serving the past two years as chair. Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Order No. BCC 2017-001. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.
8. Executive Session. None.

Commissioner Reports.

Commissioner Elfering reported as the East Oregonian article stated, the water issue at Depot has been resolved. The process is in final steps of turning property back to the Columbia Development Authority with the imminent process to be completed by September.

Commissioner Givens reported he will attend the Walla Walla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting in Walla Walla that afternoon, which will include roads in the north end of Umatilla County. Boundaries have been expanded as proposed in December. It will now include old Milton-Freewater Highway 339 and go over to Powerline Road and to Cemetery Road to Stateline – all are now part of MPO boundaries. It will allow prioritizing of projects in that area if there are federal transportation funds available. The Walla Walla area is looking to expand to the entire Walla Walla County except for Burbank and Burbank rural urban growth area (which is included in the Tri-Cities MPO). The new boundaries will only add about \$12,000 to planning MPO money.

Commissioner Elfering expressed appreciation for his new 4-year term. Looking at economic recovery from the last 10-12 years, projects look good moving forward. He invited all to come to the Commissioners' office for refreshments to share.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt,

Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners