

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of February 21, 2018
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Thomas Roberts, County Emergency Manager; District Attorney's Office: Jennifer Meacham, Laura Jokenen, Carlos Fematt, Kellie Sims Richardson, Daniel Badal, Dan Primus, Jaclyn Jenkins; Phil Wright, East Oregonian; Jennifer Blake, County Human Resources Director; Robert Pahl, County Chief Finance Officer

CALL TO ORDER

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Murdock.

He read a proclamation from the Pendleton Honor Task Force honoring DA Dan Primus, a young citizen making a profound difference. He was presented with a copy of the proclamation and photos were taken.

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. He noted there will be a point for public input before business items for other than those listed on the agenda.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognition. Chair Murdock noted Jennifer Olsen, Umatilla Count Veterans Service Officer, has been awarded the Dole Caregivers recognition. She has been chosen to be a Fellow this year based on her leadership, courage and advocacy in the community. Congratulations, Jennifer!

Minutes of Previous Meeting None.

Additions to Agenda. None.

Public input for those items other than on agenda. Chair Murdock advised this is the time for public input (for other than a scheduled item on the agenda) and also for recognition of visitors. None were noted.

Business Items:

1. **Wolf Depredation Grants.** Chair Murdock declared a conflict of interest. Doug Olsen presented. The advisory committee made recommendations for grants for non-lethal and preventative measures to be paid from state funding. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve the grants as outlined in Order No. BCC2018-016, totaling \$83,771. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried 2-0; Chair Murdock abstained.**

2. Planning Commission Appointments. Mr. Olsen presented. Three members' terms have expired. Recommendations are to appoint two to the Commission – Molly Tucker Hasenbank and Hoot Royer. (They are replacing Dan Marlatt and Randy Randall.) In addition, Tammy Williams is requested to be reappointed. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-015. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**
3. Drilling & Blasting Contract. Mr. Olsen presented on behalf of Tom Fellows, Public Works Director. This is for drilling the Casper gravel pit. Requests for Proposals were issued. The Department recommends the lowest bid from Aggregate Resources Industries in the amount of \$1.99/yard. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**
4. Emergency Training Contract. Thomas Roberts, Emergency Manager, presented. He is requesting continuance of the requirements outlined in the previously Board approved grant from Homeland Security for the purpose of conducting exercises. He proposes to use a locally contracted person, Dean Marcum, to conduct two table top exercises in the amount of \$11,000. In response to Commissioner Givens' question about location, Mr. Roberts noted one will be held in Hermiston and one in Pendleton. The amount is for the two exercises (or about one-half each). Mr. Marcum has performed this exercise and is a master practitioner. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.** Mr. Roberts added this is grant funded except for 20%, which is soft match.
5. Charter Review Committee. Mr. Olsen presented. The Board initiated the process in December and citizen applications were received representing a variety of communities. The recommendation is for the appointment of 9 members vs. 7 and will serve until the review function is ended; hopefully, to be completed by 7/1/19. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-017 (including: Sally Anderson-Hansell, Jerry Baker, Genna Banica, Daniel Dorran, Mark Gomolski, Michele Grable, Jennifer Spurgeon, Donald Miller and Kim Puzey). Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

Executive Session. None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt, Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners