

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of April 17, 2018
10:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Undersheriff Jim Littlefield; Gina Miller, County Planning-Code Enforcement; Dennis Olson, County Solid Waste Committee; Joseph Fiumara, UCo Health; Kim Weissenfluh, County Developmental Disabilities Program Manager; Kathy Lieuallen, 911 Manager

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair 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. He noted a point for public input before business items for other than agenda.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognition. Chair Murdock noted (1) a thank you letter was received from Caleb Glenn for county support at livestock show. (2) He asked Undersheriff Littlefield to report about a recognition; Littlefield advised the Sheriff's Office will receive the DUII enforcement agency of the year for Oregon at a conference May 3. This is due to increased capacity for DUII arrests, as well as two Drug Recognition Experts (Josh Roberts, lead, and also a DRE instructor and regional coordinator). Investigation is leading to safer communities.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the minutes of the 4/4/18 Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Additions to Agenda. None.

Public input. 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.

Business Items:

1. **Solid Waste Franchise Renewals.** Gina Miller, Planning Department/Code Enforcement Officer, presented. She also introduced Mike McHenry and Dennis Olson. She reported Solid Waste Committee met April 3, 2018 and relayed the recommendations for renewal for both types of Solid Waste Franchises -- for disposal and for collection. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-028 Granting Solid Waste Disposal Franchise to Desert Wind, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0;**

Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-029 Granting Solid Waste Disposal Franchise to Humbert Refuse and Recycling, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-030 Granting Solid Waste Disposal Franchise to Pendleton Sanitary Service, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-031 Granting Solid Waste Collection Franchise to Humbert Refuse and Recycling, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-032 Granting Solid Waste Collection Franchise to Pendleton Sanitary Service, Inc.. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-033 Granting Solid Waste Collection Franchise to Sanitary Disposal, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-034 Granting Solid Waste Collection Franchise to Eastern Oregon Waste Maintenance LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-035 Granting Solid Waste Collection Franchise to Quality Compost, LLC . Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

2. Annual Solid waste Advisory Committee Report. Ms. Miller presented a report to the Commissioners. Commissioner Givens commented about the new SWAC Chair, Dennis Olson, who replaced Susan McHenry, retiring after many years of service. Ms. Miller identified barriers and changes as results of SB 263 as well as changes to franchises regarding recycling and reporting to DEQ. She is hoping to soon receive word of award of a large grant for a household waste disposal event (this year rotation is set for Pendleton -- last year was Hermiston). The 2016 event in Pendleton was about an \$80,000 event with an independent contractor.

Discussion turned to issues with recyclables to China (not accepting plastics from U.S. since January 2018). Mr. McHenry noted SB 263 enacted Jan. 2018 regarding recyclables – China is not accepting mixed-recyclables. This is a worldwide problem that affects us locally. Garbage is going to landfills at this time – hoping to recycle somehow in the future. He feels recycling must be separated – contamination results in co-mingling. He is looking at collection programs regarding resource separation, public “retraining”, etc. Ms. Miller noted while this is happening in the world marketplace, franchises are still facing increased requirements –more documentation, reporting, etc. She feels being involved at the legislative/state level is a good. Mr. Olson advised the recycling problem is also happening in Washington (where he lives); they don’t know what to do with recycling since the public dumps it all together. This will require education/training.

3. Appointment to Solid Waste Committee. Mr. Olsen presented. Due to Susan McHenry’s retirement in December 2017, Mike McHenry has agreed to serve the remainder of her term on the Solid Waste Committee. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-027. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.** Also, Commissioner Elfering talked about Susan McHenry and her many years of service; all appreciate her hard work on the SWAC and other advisory committees.
4. Vehicles Purchase – Developmental Disabilities Program. Kim Weissenfluh, CDDP Coordinator, presented. Last month, two requests for proposals were issued for 4-5 vehicles (up to three compact cars and 2 mid-size cars). Recommendation is to purchase three compact cars from Tom Denchel Ford (in stock) and two mid-size cards from Bruce Chevrolet (can be delivered in 90 day). Time of delivery for these vehicles is a determining factor. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve as outlined in the**

amount of \$50,500 to Tom Denchel Ford and \$36,240 to Bruce Chevrolet. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Back to Presentation (10:25 a.m.): Commissioner Elfering commented about “Text to 911”; he asked Kathy Lieuallen, Dispatch Manager, to share pertinent details. She handed out brochures. In October 2016 at a statewide 911 managers meeting the group talked about the next generation of 911 -- text messages thru 911; however, there is not a standard for cell phone companies. The Consortium in the metro/Willamette Valley found a solution – a web-based program. In March 2018, she and the Grant County 911 manager combined to get the system started with permission from the State 911 program (since the state is paying for it). They then contacted FCC for a unique number followed by contacting a vendor for a contract. Installation and maintenance fees cost for 3 years is a total of \$19,200, which will be paid by the State 911 Program. This is a great service to hearing impaired, deaf and speech impaired. She advised it is still best to call 911, but if you can’t, text 911. It took a lot of ground work with cell phone companies. On April 10, they went live. Umatilla and Grant Counties and the Milton-Freewater Police Department have the service (as well as Deschutes County and Frontier Phone in Condon-Gilliam County). Those who don’t have the program at this time are: Morrow County, Union County and in Washington, Walla Walla and Benton County. There will be reply messages set up through the 911 text system and, although it is a little slower since it goes through the internet, it is easy to use.

5. Patrol Division reclassification/Restructure. Commissioner Elfering introduced Undersheriff Littlefield who presented. This is a request for adjustment in criminal and patrol divisions regarding supervision. With increases of patrol deputies (double over the last few years) it would add Sergeants from the patrol ranks; that is, current positions moved into supervisory roles for support of line staff and also to provide coverage. In addition to direct supervision, it would include administrative duties and program oversight. Adding two Sergeants will improve service. Budget is available and there will be a cost savings with less overtime (projected). Commissioner Elfering wanted assurance that costs are closely monitored. Undersheriff noted these are exempt positions, thus not eligible for overtime. Chair Murdock added, for the record, the reclassifications would not create openings and, secondly, patrols will continue. In adopting the reclassification, this is on the merits of the presentation, not quid pro quo. Plus, there is need to figure out the impact on overtime and related costs once it is determined who fills the positions as well as monitoring the change. Undersheriff agreed that monitoring will continue. Front line support and adequate supervision at that level is critical. The Sheriff’s Office wants to provide more than just basic services; the goal is to keep the community safer. There are good candidates as well as variables, but they feel the change is pretty well pinned down. Chair Murdock reiterated it would be good to revisit this reclassification in October when he meets again with him and the Sheriff regarding next year’s budget. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
6. Vehicle Purchase – Public Health. Mr. Olsen presented. A request for proposals for the purchase of an SUV was issued, with proposals due at this time. Two proposals have been received for consideration. The proposals were opened and read. 1) from Gresham Ford, 2018 Ford Explorer \$28,489; to be received within 120 days after order. 2) from Tom Denchel Ford, 2019 Cherokee Latitude \$23,750 -- to be ordered for receipt within 10-12 weeks; and a 2018 Ford Explorer \$28,600 also ordered and available in 10-12 weeks. All meet specifications. Joe Fiumara, UCo Health, noted the specs were for 4-wheel drive or all-wheel drive. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the lowest bid from Tom Denchel for a 2019 Jeep. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
7. Sam Cook Building Office Space. Mr. Olsen presented. This request is for Dr. Rice to utilize space at the Sam Cook Building (A&D) in Hermiston. It would be for MAT treatment purpose only. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

8. Property Release. Mr. Olsen presented. This is related to a transaction from 1958 when the County sold property to Westland Irrigation; which reserved mineral rights to the county. Currently Lamb-Weston is doing an expansion in the subject area. The request is to release any mineral rights in the subject area to Lamb-Weston. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
9. Echo Community Benefit Plan Grants. Commissioner Elfering presented; recommendation is award grants to Echo Fire Department – one for \$5,600 (sight system) and second for \$4,922 (security system). **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-036. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
10. Board Meeting Schedule. Mr. Olsen presented. Two regularly scheduled upcoming meetings need to be reset: July 4 to July 3 (holiday) and August 15 to August 22 (for quorum). **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
11. National County Government Month Proclamation. Chair Murdock presented. April is National County Government month. Mr. Olsen advised this is the same as last year except it has been updated with the current NACo President project. **Commissioner Givens, as a National Association of Counties Board member, moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-038. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**

There was no executive session.

Commissioner Reports.

Commissioner Givens has talked with Mr. Olsen as well as Human Resources Director about changes in the job description for the Fair coordinator for this year's Fair.

Commissioner Elfering added he had heard the City of Hermiston has denied the County's request to move modular buildings to the EOTEC site for Fair office and storage. The county is withdrawing their bids to the Milton-Freewater School District for the 2 modulars.

Commissioner Murdock added, for the record, on behalf of the county he formally submitted a grant request for \$465,000 to the AOC Task Force on Court Facilities for consideration of security modification to the courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners