

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of July 3, 2018
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

Commissioner Present: Chair George Murdock

Commissioner Absent: Vice-Chair Bill Elfering and Commissioner Larry Givens

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Dan Lonai, Administrative Services Director; Jennifer Blake, Human Resources Director; Dick Ferranti, Ferranti-Graybeal Insurance Agent; Capt. Dave Williamson, Sheriff's Office; Tammy Sundin, Community Corrections Office Manager; Mark Royal, LPSCC Coordinator; Tom Fellows, County Public Works Director; John Shafer, 911 Dispatch; Robert Pahl, County Chief Finance Officer; Phil Wright, EO Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair Murdock. He noted Commissioner Givens had planned to be gone, but Commissioner Elfering was expected. In the meantime, Doug Olsen, County Counsel, advised without a quorum (two) present, no action could be taken.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Murdock.

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 is a point for public input before business items other than those on the agenda.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognition.

Employee of the Quarter: Dan Lonai noted the EOQ recipient had an I.T. emergency at the jail early that morning and would arrive as soon as possible.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Mr. Olsen reiterated business could not be conducted without a quorum.

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 were noted.

Business Items:

1. **Insurance Presentation.** Dick Ferranti, insurance agent, reported this is for the County's annual insurance renewal. First is property and casualty (liability and others) and second is workers' compensation. He outlined **Property and Casualty.** The County is covered through CIS (CityCounty Insurance Services) for public entities, a self-insured pool. Chair Murdock, in looking at the premium amount listed on the paperwork, asked about a presentation by Sheriff Rowan the day before where the CIS premium for the

Sheriff's Office alone is over \$300,000. Mr. Ferranti advised a big issue and the big jump is "general liability," which covers the Sheriff's office. He noted two claims were a huge liability -- there is reserve for them. Those claims stay on the history for a few years. The 2018-19 net annual cost is \$536,881 compared to \$491,651 for 2017-18. He also outlined discounts of \$17,823 multi-line; and advisor (agent) allowance of \$59,412, plus a negotiated set fee of \$20,000 (a flat fee increased this year to \$20,000 from \$19,000 last year).

Workers' Compensation is based on a payroll basis and upon the job (hazardous or not). In particular, he talked about loss history from 1980 to present with averages over 10-year periods. This year total cost increased about \$15,000. However, history is showing a downward trend which will be good for the next year. He also explained discounts/allowances, equating to net premium of \$170,785 (+ state tax: \$13,663, terrorism: \$2,361, agent negotiated fee: \$9,000) for total cost of \$195,809). This is compared to net premium of \$157,868 last year – a total cost \$180,639).

He noted the County selected SAIF for workers' compensation because of the dividends they are paying. However, dividends are not guaranteed. He handed out a sheet of dividend history. He pointed out the County received a computed dividend in 2017 of \$82,922, which wouldn't have been received if the County had not chosen SAIF for workers' compensation coverage.

Staff's recommendation is to accept the presentation. No action was taken.

Employee of the Quarter Presentation. Riley Wortman in I.T. is the recipient. Chair Murdock read the nomination of his peers. Congratulations and thank you to Riley for his excellent work at the County! He was presented with a certificate, Paid Time-Off slip, balloons and candy. A photo was taken for county-wide employee email distribution.

Mr. Olsen and Chair Murdock discussed agenda items needing action and timeframes, noting another Board meeting would need to be scheduled in the next two weeks to take action of business items on today's agenda.

Chair Murdock adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

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