

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of October 17, 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: Susan Bower, EO Business Source; John Shafer, Sheriff's Office; Rick Pullen; Gina Miller, County Code Enforcement; Jennifer Blake, County Human Resources Director; Tom Fellows, County Public Works Director; Kim Weissenfluh, County Developmental Disabilities Program Manager; Robert Pahl, County Chief Finance Officer; Phil Wright, East Oregonian; Douglas Goe, bond counsel to St. Anthony Hospital

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 gave a reminder to come to the microphone to be heard on the record. In addition, there is a point for public input before business items for other than agenda items.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognition. Chair Murdock noted from previous meetings, individuals in the community are recognized for extraordinary contributions. Today, Susan Bower was brought under pretenses to receive the Pendleton Honor Task Force award for October 2018. Ms. Bower spent 17 years as an executive of Banc One Corp, moved to Pendleton in 2005, has served as President of the Pendleton Chamber, Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, consultant to Pendleton Urban Renewal, BMCC instructor and more. She also provided the jumpstart of the School to Careers program at Pendleton High School. EO Business Source helps with capacity building and works with for and non-profit entities as well as government entities and communities. He also expressed pride in her work with professional development with Umatilla County's department heads, managers and employees. He asked Ms. Bower to come forward to receive her plaque and have a photo taken. Congratulations! Chair Murdock added that Pendleton is very lucky to have people here who may not otherwise live here – one reason or another brings them here.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. Commissioner Givens moved to approve minutes of the Board's 3/20/18 joint meeting with Morrow County. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0. Chair Murdock noted as matter of record, the plan is to meet jointly three times per year. The next (winter) meeting will be hosted by Umatilla County at the Stafford Hansell Government Center – yet to be scheduled.

Additions to Agenda. None.

Public input. Chair Murdock advised this is the time for general public input (for other than a scheduled item on the agenda). There was none.

Business Items:

1. **Hospital Bond Reissuance – Public Hearing.** Chair Murdock called the public hearing to order at 9:09 a.m. Doug Goe, 1120 NW Couch St., Portland – bond counsel to St. Anthony Hospital. This is a continuation of a bond issue from 2008 done for benefit of Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic in Hermiston through a loan with Bank of America, which loan is now ending (closing on November 1). The clinic has a useful life of 25+ years. The agreement is for another seven years with a federal requirement of bond to remain tax exempt, there must be a public hearing as properly noticed. After the Board’s hearing, consideration will be in the form of an Order. In addition, the Hospital Facility Authority established by the County will convene at noon to take action regarding this financing. Mr. Olsen explained the purpose of the public hearing; there is no obligation to the Board or Hospital Facility Board – the public body is the County to first take action, then on to the Hospital Facility Board. The hearing is for the purpose of general public ability to ask questions, of which there were none. Chair Murdock closed the hearing at 9:13 a.m. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve/adopt Order No. BCC 2018-071 (reissuing and extending the revenue bond). Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

2. **Juvenile Detention Facility Remodel.** Kim Weissenfluh, CDDP Program Manager, presented. This is to request up to \$171,059 for the second round of remodel to the old juvenile detention facility to make it useable office space for the CDDP. County maintenance has prepared a project list, including 10 upstairs cells (as done previously on the first floor) as well as changing storage space, meeting room, floor space into a conference room with mobile walls so that trainings can be held on-site vs. most of the time going to Salem. A regional training center for CDDP will be great cost saving and Chair Murdock added it is a great repurpose of the facility. Ms. Weissenfluh noted no General Fund money will be used -- it is carry-over funds from state contracts. Chair Murdock also praised the work of County Maintenance in the remodel. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

3. **Lifting Temporary Burn Ban.** Gina Miller, staff liaison to the Smoke Management program, requests lifting the non-agricultural burn ban due to rainfall and cooler temperatures. In addition, other entities are lifting their burn bans. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-069. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**

4. **Compact Excavator Purchase.** Tom Fellows, Public Works Director, presented. This is the request the approval for purchase of a small excavator for Harris Park. At Harris Park they are working on brush removal for fire prevention. In the past, a bigger excavator was rented through Public Works, but this equipment would be more useful. They are constantly upgrading and improving the irrigation system. He also hopes to be awarded a grant for another vault toilet, for which the excavator would be another use. This is a low-hour equipment through the State DAS contract and also includes warranty at a cost of \$34,800. Funds are available and budgeted. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.** Chair Murdock thanked Mr. Fellows for his and staff’s hard work and the great improvements at Harris Park since he took over oversight; he has heard a lot of positive reviews from people staying at the park. Mr. Fellows agreed the staff there do a great job and he will pass on wonderful comments.

5. **Appointment to West Umatilla Mosquito Control District Board.** Mr. Olsen presented. Due to a resignation on the West Umatilla Mosquito Control District Board, there is a vacancy. It is requested

and recommended to appoint David Trott. **Commissioner Givens moved to adopt Order No. BCC2018-068. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**

6. NAIFA Donation. Commissioner Elfering read into the record a Resolution acknowledging the generous contributions of the National Association of Investment & Financial Advisers-Blue Mountain Chapter to Umatilla County. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-070. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.** Mr. Olsen noted since 2015 NAIFA-Blue Mountain Chapter has contributed over \$20,000. Chair Murdock added that Melinda Slatt administers the fund in the Commissioners' office.

7. Fair Board Appointment. Mr. Olsen presented. It is proposed that Mel Keeley be reappointed for one more year to allow for a new Fair Board members to "shadow" a board member for a year. This will allow first to extend the term and also to review applications for the vacancy and, upon completed interviews, to come back for board-elect action. Another long-term Fair Board person's term is coming up. Commissioner Elfering added the process of term ends and looking for people to serve as a position-elect has worked well. Commissioner Givens also noted fair board members are required to work long hours and many times use their own money to put on the fair. Chair Murdock reiterated the need to make it a practice of choosing fair board members to shadow – planning a year ahead makes sense – he prefers getting out of extending board terms. **Commissioner Givens moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-072. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**

No Executive Session.

Commissioner Reports.

Commissioner Elfering – nothing to report.

Commissioner Givens noted at AOC meetings (two weeks ago) – they are still working on finances. Audits were done and looking to correct some spending in the form of additional invoicing to all 36 counties paying to cover repayment of loaned funds.

There was no Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners