

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Administrative Meeting of February 11, 2020
2:30 p.m., Emergency Operations Center, Umatilla County Justice Center
Pendleton, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair John Shafer, Vice-Chair George Murdock and Commissioner Bill Elfering
County Counsel: Doug Olsen
Members and Guests Present: Bob Waldher, Planning Department Director; Amy Ashton-Williams, Human Services Director; Kathleen Cathey, Field Representative for US Senator Ron Wyden.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Shafer called the meeting to order at 2:30 a.m. This is an emergency special meeting to address the continuing flooding occurring in Umatilla County.

Business Items

1. Fee Waiver. Bob Waldher presented. Due to the flooding, it is anticipated that property owners will be filing for zoning permits for repairs and structure replacements. The proposal is to waive filing fees for a permit for dwelling replacements. Fees for a zoning permit (\$100) and floodplain development permit (\$250) would be waived for those properties impacted by the flooding. **Commissioner Murdock moved to waive necessary fees for replacement dwelling resulting from flooding. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Motion carried, 3-0.**

2. Disposal. Bob Waldher indicated a plan to provide dumpsters in a number of locations to dispose of damaged items and paying for the cost through the nuisance abatement fund. Areas would include Echo, Milton-Freewater and Pendleton. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Motion carried, 3-0.**

Further discussion included tours of the flooding being planned for federal legislators. Impacts to the industrial area by the flooding may result in closures of those business for a number of months. Both impacted businesses are planning to stay in the area. Red Cross is providing shelter and meals for those relocated by the flooding. There were 23 people in the shelter last night. A total of 116 have stayed overnight. 2900 meals have been provided.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted for: *Melinda Slatt*, Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners