

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of August 21, 2024
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair John Shafer, Vice-Chair Timmons and Commissioner Dan Dorrn

County Counsel Doug Olsen

Guests Present: Dan Lonai, Umatilla County Administrative Services Director; Jennifer Blake, Umatilla County HR Directory; Camryn Fridy, Umatilla County HR; Rachael Reynolds, Assessment & Taxation Director; Bob Waldher, Umatilla County Planning Director; Dale Primmer, Community Justice Director; Digna Moreno, Community Justice Deputy Director; Jim Meyers, Community Corrections; Karen Primmer, UCSO Captain; Paul Wolverton, UCSO Captain; Kim Beck, UC Human Services Director; Dawn Skinner, Community Justice Supervisor; Rick Partlow, Community Corrections; Stephanie Miller; Mitch Hernandez, Assessment & Taxation; Lt Justin Russell, Justice Center Dispatch; Amy Pearson, CDDP Supervisor; McKenzie Bowey, GIS Supervisor; Jim Littlefield, Undersheriff UCSO; Riley Wortman, Umatilla County IT Manager;

Video link or Calling in: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Shafer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He reminded all that the meeting is a public forum and there is a call-in option provided. There is time on the agenda to provide input (or for hearings) to provide comment. The meeting is being video and audio recorded and minutes will be taken. Also, meetings are now live-streaming. Comments will become part of the meeting record and ask that they be three minutes or under. If persons wish to speak before the Board, please identify yourself and state where you live in order to be heard on the record – also note if you are speaking on behalf of others.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Shafer.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognitions Chair Shafer read a NACo acknowledgement letter. He highlighted the values of the NACo Leadership Academy program and recognized the managers that have graduated the program. Each graduate’s name was called and they came to the front of the room to receive their challenge coin and a handshake.

Minutes – Commissioner Dorrn moved to approve the minutes from 8/7/2024 Board meeting. **Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3 - 0.**

Additions to Agenda – None.

Public Comments and Recognition of Visitors – None

Business Items

1. **IT Maintenance Payable** – Presented by Dan Lonai, Umatilla County Director of Administrative Services. The renewal of the server agreements is before the Board. Two Dell maintenance quotes for the courthouse data center have been received. One for a one year renewal and the other for a three year renewal. The one-year renewal is part of IT’s budget, the three-year renewal is not. By going with the three-year renewal option the county would save \$17,270 over three years. The department is recommending going with the three-year option, but it will require a budget transfer. Commissioner Dorrان asked, are we covering 3-4 pieces of hardware? Mr. Lonai, there are 7 pieces of hardware, they are all the same age, they were bought as a package deal 3 years ago, and should last for at least another 3 years. The maintenance portion requires them to provide a response within a 4 hour time frame, they ship equipment overnight and have a technician to come install it, it includes tech support as well and we use that often. **Commissioner Timmons moved to approve and sign the attached agreement with Dell in the amount of \$83,809.00 for a 3-year maintenance contract. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0.**

2. **IT Subscription Payable** - Presented by Riley Wortman, Umatilla County IT Manager. We are requesting our subscription with KnowBe4 be renewed for 3 years at the cost of \$24,964.20. We use KnowBe4 as a training platform for new hires and current employees continuing training to help protect against phishing attacks. **Commissioner Doran moved to approve the renewal of KnowBe4 for 3 years in the amount of \$24,964.20. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**

3. **IT Purchase** – Presented by Riley Wortman, Umatilla County IT Manager. We are requesting approval of purchase of an Air Gapped Backup solution for \$323,173.00. IT and EM applied for the SLGCP grant through OEM for this project, and it has been awarded. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve the purchase of an Air Gapped Backup solution for \$323,173.00. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**

4. **Tax Foreclosure Publication** - Presented by Doug Olsen, Umatilla County Counsel. The annual foreclosure case for delinquent property taxes will begin in the near future. One of the statutory requirements is to publish a notice in the local newspaper. The order designating the newspaper is before the Board for consideration. There are 30 accounts at this time. The newspaper is the only way to publish allowed by the statute. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Order No. TX2024-01. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**

5. **Echo CBP Grants** – Presented by Doug Olsen, Umatilla County Counsel. The Echo Community Benefit Plan committee is recommending funding of a grant from the community benefit plan for 2024. The grant is before the Board for approval. The plan is to rebuild a block house replica at Ft. Henrietta Park and this would go toward the design and engineering costs. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve grant and adopt Order No. BCC2024-057. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**

6. **Board Payable - EOCA** – Presented by Doug Olsen, Umatilla County Counsel. Approval is sought for payment of Eastern Oregon Counties Association Dues. The amount includes membership (amount based on PILT payments) and BIC optional support. The payment is before the Board due

to the amount. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve payment to Union County EOCA in the amount of \$15,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**

7. Board Payable - Corps - Presented by Doug Olsen, Umatilla County Counsel. The Army Corps of Engineers continues to process the application for an easement for water intake station. The Corps is requesting an additional payment of \$86,000 toward additional work to process the application. The payment is before the Board for Approval. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve payment tot Army Corps of Engineers in the amount of \$86,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
8. Fair Payable – Presented by Doug Olsen, Umatilla County Counsel. Approval is sought for payment of expenses related to the Fair Latino night entertainment. The payable is before the Board due to the amount. Commissioner Timmons, do we have these types of expense for all of the entertainment for the Fair. Mr. Olsen, yes, for advertisement and the entertainment. Commissioner Dorrان explains that most of those are paid by the Fair. Velasco has been involved since we changed producer of Latino day/night. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve payable to Velasco Used Car Sales in the amount of \$6,958.00. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
9. CDBG Application - Presented by Doug Olsen, Umatilla County Counsel. The County has been requested to act as the applicant for a Community Development Block Grant. The grant would be for the PATH Project and be used for indoor and outdoor kitchen projects. The process would require the county to contract with a consultant to act as the grant administrator. Ducote Consulting will be drafting the application. The application process would follow the usual CDBG requirements, including a public hearing to approve the project. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve County as the applicant for a CDBG grant and authorize contract with Ducote Consulting LLC for preparing the application and, if needed, grant administration. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
10. SMR Legislation- Presented by Commissioner Dorrان. The County is seeking to assist in the drafting of legislation to allow for the siting of Small Modular Reactors (SMR). Tonkon Torp would be contracted to draft and to advocate for the legislation. The estimated total cost is \$30,000. This would be funded through economic development reserve fund, with potential funding support from partners. Commissioner Dorrان added that asking for Umatilla County to be a pilot project for SMR Technology. Working with Tonkin and their legal staff we would come up with 3 different alternatives of legislative language and make sure we have the strongest points from all 3 and move forward. SMR's don't require an excess of water, they do need some. Statistically the safety of these is great. Transmission lines may not be needed, which may or may not be a bigger issue politically, environmentally, and visually all of those aspects need to be taken in to account. How do we find solutions to mitigate some of the issues that were involved around other renewable energy? Zero carbon nuclear or small modular reactors are an option that could be doable, a lot of permitting is still needed, both State and Federal. There is a misnomer about The State of Oregon banning nuclear energy and that is not the case. What they did was change the referendum procedures to make siting of nuclear reactors very difficult. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve County to draft and support legislation for the siting of SMRs, with cost up to \$30,000.00 and to authorize Chair to execute any necessary contracts. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0**

11. Executive Session – Employment/Real Property – ORS 192.660(2)(a,b,e,h) – None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Shafer: It was definitely a successful Fair, hats off to all of the volunteers, and all the work and time they put in.

Commissioner Dorran: I would just like to reinforce the leadership awards today, and emphasize the importance of this. We saw the future of Umatilla County here today.

Fair news – Livestock sales reach over \$1.5 million, \$250,000 more than last year and 60 more animals. The bump program was out of this world.

Commissioner Timmons: The Fair wouldn't happen without the parents as well.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Shafer at 9:42 a.m.

Kelsey Bailey

Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners