

**MINUTES**  
**UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - WORK SESSION**

Meeting of April 30, 2026  
2:30 pm, Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse  
Pendleton, Oregon

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**Commissioners Present:** Chair Dan Dorran, Vice-Chair John Shafer and Commissioner Cindy Timmons

**County Counsels:** Doug Olsen, Nicholas Warner

**Guests Present:** Robert Pahl, Chief Financial Officer; Jason Jensen, Chief Financial Officer; Jennifer Blake, HR Director; Kimberly Lindsay, E.D. CCS; Justin Thomas, HR Director CCS;

**Video link or Calling in:** None

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dorran called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm. 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** - led by Chair Dorran.

**Additions to Agenda** – None

**Public Comments and Recognition of Visitors** – Justin Thomas introduced himself and gave a brief personal background. All others gave a brief introduction.

**Business Items**

1. **CCS Quarterly Update** – Presented by Kimberly Lindsay, ED Community Counseling Solutions. The Community Counseling Connections newsletter was distributed and an overview was provided featuring program spotlights, including the organization's efforts on housing and community programs.

When the County posted the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Detox Center, the timing was not in line with CCS being able to respond. There have since been discussions about taking advantage of the Rural Health Transformation Program. State funds are available, and the proposal is for the County to submit a grant application for a Crisis Stabilization Center. Each entity can have one grant submission/application that can include up to three projects for proposed funding.

The first phase of the grant, if funded, would be used for remodeling the previous Detox Center building into a Crisis Stabilization Center. A remodel would be necessary to meet the specific requirements of such facility. Phase two could then support staffing and other operational costs. Funding from the grant will support a new program and the necessary facility remodel, as opposed to constructing a brand-new building. Commissioner Shafer, Kimberly and Martie, Maintenance

Department Director, toured the old detox building and came up with some ideas for the remodel. Martie has the blue prints and will work on providing some numbers, he will likely do some of the work while contracting some of it out.

There are Service Element 66 (SE66) funds that were passed along to CCS for detox services, which are in holding, they could also go towards this project. If the grant is received use of the SE66 funds can be delayed until the grant money runs out. Financial sustainability is a concern, the first year involves building a clientele while being fully staffed regardless of the number being housed. It is estimated that keeping four beds full would be a break-even point.

A crisis stabilization center is a voluntary facility where individuals struggling with mental health or addiction issues may stay for one to three days, but can leave at any time. This is not a facility that handles medical detox or for those that need to be put on a hold. They will be provided resources, rest, and support. Due to the staffing requirements of a Detox Center, it is noted that staffing a Crisis Stabilization Center would be easier with less higher-level professionals required, many of the staff members are peers.

Public Health has a carve-out within this funding program and are not required to be part of the County's application to receive funds. There was some discussion regarding CARE applying for this program, they will need to collaborate on one application for the County. Commissioner Shafer and Kimberly will work together to write the grant if the decision of the Board is so, applications are due in three weeks.

The opioid settlement funds, were originally allocated for a municipal court intervention program (MIP). Since the Hermiston municipal court was shut down, CCS proposed reallocating \$120,000 of the MIP funds to the existing IMPACTS program. With CJC budget reductions they cut IMPACTS budget by roughly 30%. The IMPACTS program serves high utilizers of both the jail and hospital systems. And is a very successful that serves individuals with addictions and mental health issues. About 95% of those served have addictions issues leaving 5% being treated for mental health. Details of the contract were discussed and will be reviewed by County Counsel.

CCS is serving about one-third of the jail population for opioid use disorder. Their funding is predicted to remain the same while costs are increasing. The law enforcement liaison program has reached almost 400

Other handouts included the Customer Satisfaction Survey, Warmline Report and Law Enforcement Liaison and Zero Suicide programs information sheets.

Umatilla County received Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) certification. This means there will be more screening for chronic health conditions, creating more referrals and getting people connected with the appropriate clinicians. The funding allows for more people specifically trained to screen for these issues at the beginning of the process.

The CCS presentation ended at 3:29 pm, Kimberly and Justin left the meeting.

2. Per Diem Policy - Presented by Nick Warner, Deputy County Counsel. Per Diem rates for County employees have not been updated recently. This policy would update meal rates. Chair Dorran commented that the proposed changes give a cleaner definition of travel plan. Jennifer Blake explained that rates were based on GSA rates, averaged them across the state, and then positioned in the middle. The policy will be brought forward to a BOC meeting after typos and formatting issues are corrected.
3. Commissioner Shafer recently spoke to Bobby Levy, historically the County has sponsored Women's Coalition and she was wanting to know if she could expect that again? There were no objections.
4. Commissioner Shafer, there was a recent situation where he was trying to reserve a larger conference room, but the court has both large rooms reserved. He thought the intent of remodeling the 3<sup>rd</sup> story room was to reduce scheduling conflicts and help ensure the Commissioners had access to a large conference room. As the liaison, Chair Dorran will discuss the issue with courts.
5. Chair Dorran asked to add the pinkies for the following BOC meeting to these work sessions. – Nick will do that.
6. Chair Dorran also inquired as to what portion the County pays towards printing of the Voters' Pamphlets. Commissioner Timmons will find out.
7. Chair Dorran also questioned whether or not it was cost effective to repair the recently damaged 2022 Ford Explorer. It was unknown as to the value of the vehicle, he will follow up with Lt. Josh Roberts.

Commissioner Reports: None

With no other items, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Dorran at 3:37 pm.

*Kelsey Bailey*

Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners