

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting of August 17, 2022
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair John Shafer, Vice-Chair Dan Dorran, and Commissioner George Murdock

County Counsel Doug Olsen

Guests Present: Dave Price, BMA President; Robert Pahl, Chief Finance Officer; Tom Fellows, Public Works Director; Kim Beck, CDDP & Veterans Manager; Patrol Sgt. Josh Roberts, Sheriff's Office

Video link or Calling in: Jennifer Blake, Human Resources Director; Alisha Lundgren, UCo Health Deputy Director (*+see list of attendance, copy on file*)

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. 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

Awards/Correspondence/Recognitions. – None.

Minutes – None.

Additions to Agenda – None.

Public Comments – Dave Price, 80488 Zerba Rd, Athena, BMA President. He understands the county is filing for a contested case on the Nolin Hills project. When Energy Facility Siting Council and Department of Energy released the decision on August 4, 2022, he was disappointed in both entities with that record (specifically, p. 11). He understands the county has now retained an outside land use attorney. DOE has maintained their position that the 2-mile setback is not required and their reason is that nowhere in the county's land use plan specifically requires such, which he finds strange. The land use plan (specifically, Goal 3 and EFU) is a big picture document with the objectives of farmland use. Two miles was carefully considered and identified by studies and research over many years tied to state noise law. Is EFSC saying, is any setback required? He's confused. The issue is a challenge to local authority – the Board of Commissioners. This will affect Umatilla County and all counties statewide. He commends the Board on taking the initiative to prepare for a contested case that will be long and expensive. BMA is 100% behind the decision and thank you.

Business Items

1. **Harris Park Purchase.** Presented by Tom Fellows, Public Works Director. Harris Park would like to make improvements to the park, including purchase of a new vault toilet to service the camping area below the shop and across the main road from the shop. There are two vault toilets on site now. Approval is sought to order a Gunnison 6'6"X14'8" unit from CXT using the State of Oregon ORCPP contract. The cost of this unit delivered to Harris Park would be \$30,355.20. A Wildhorse grant would pay \$14,000, leaving a remainder of \$16,355.20. Public Works will apply for an Oregon Parks grant to cover some or all of the \$16,000

If that grant isn't awarded, there is still money in the budget to cover the cost. The lag time between order and delivery is estimated at 180 days; therefore, if ordered now, the new toilet could be installed before camping season 2023. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve and authorize the purchase. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**

2. Power Broom Purchase. Presented by Mr. Fellows. The Public Works department is interested in purchasing a new power broom from PAPE Machinery. This purchase is on the current equipment replacement list. The broom, a new 2021 Superior DT74J is currently at the Pasco yard. This would utilize the HGAC purchase contract in the amount of \$62,397. It would replace an older broom in the fleet planned to be sold at auction later this year. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
3. Creation of Position – DD Program. Presented by Kim Beck, DD Program Manager. Permission is requested to create a new Service Coordinator position to assist in creating consistency with monitoring requirements of foster homes, residential homes, and employment sites. The cost is approximately \$110,000/annually to be paid from carry-over dollars for the 2021-'22 DD budget. This is 100% state funded – no general fund impact. The request was reviewed with the liaison commissioner, HR director, and Finance director prior to submission. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
4. Sheriff's Office Purchase. Presented by Patrol Sgt. Josh Roberts. Approval is sought to purchase a WRAP safety restraint system with 20 ankle straps to be used to restrain combative individuals when transporting to the jail. Capt. Wolverton attended training on this unit. After researching options, it is the preferred and recommended option to meet the needs. They are portable units. The cost of the system and ankle straps is \$7,602.37. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
5. Public Health Position Reclassification. Presented by Alisha Lundgren, Deputy Director UCO Health. UCO Health currently sponsors and staffs the Pendleton SBHC's (school based health clinics). The staff consists of a Nurse Practitioner, two Counselors through CCS, Office Assistant and Medical Assistant. The current NP and team have a primary need for additional office assistant support rather than MA specific support. Also, the MA position has been vacant for over a year with limited interest in the position. The Health Department is seeking the reclassification of the Medical Assistant position to an Office Assistant II position at 0.8 FTE with a school year type schedule. There is no general fund impact. Any changes for staffing at SBHC are reviewed with the partners (they meet three times/year with the school district and hospital representative). **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve reclassification as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried, 3-0.**
6. Department Ordinance Amendment – Public Hearing. Chair Shafer called the public hearing to order at 9:26 a.m. Doug Olsen presented. It has been five years since the last update to the county department organization ordinance and organizational chart. With some changes in the county structure, the ordinance and chart need to reflected the changes. Chair Shafer asked for public comments. There were none heard. He closed the public hearing at 9:27 a.m. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2022-10 and set the second reading for September 7, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried, 3-0.**
7. Pipeline Consultant. Presented by Mr. Olsen. As the design and construction on the central pipeline are progressing, it has been apparent that an irrigation system consultant is beneficial. Michael Bergstrom is recommended as the consultant. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve the contract with Michael Bergstrom. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**

Executive Session – none.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Murdock: nothing.

Commissioner Dorrان: The 2022 County Fair and Farm City Pro Rodeo were exceptional this year. The livestock sale increased to about \$1.1 million (although final numbers are still not available). There is amazing community support. \$455,000 was made for steers alone; and last year was great, at around \$750,000. Also, concerts were full – great entertainment. Latino night is always good and increased again this year. An additional \$20,000 was added at the rodeo with over \$350,000 in payout. Hats off to the Fair Board (a working board) as well as Angie McNalley, manager, and Diana Juarez, office assistant. Also, thank you to county staff, finance office on the dollar side, which requires a lot of coordination.

Commissioner Shafer: Safety/security was well represented at the Fair as well as medics – great work.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners