

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting of June 7, 2023
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

County Counsel Doug Olsen (Virtual)

Guests Present: Jim Littlefield, Umatilla County Undersheriff, Mark Tanner, Umatilla County Maintenance Manager, Jamie Shockman, Umatilla County Sheriff Office Records, Norm Kralman, Blue Mountain Alliance Treasurer, Ann Jolly, Blue Mountain Alliance Member, Marlene McClintock, Blue Mountain Alliance Member, Dave Price, Blue Mountain Alliance Member, Ron Brown, Blue Mountain Alliance Member, Granella Thompson, Blue Mountain Alliance Member, Suni Danforth, Blue Mountain Alliance Member, Ryan Stoner, Blue Mountain Alliance Member, Dustin Erickson, Umatilla County Sheriff Office Lieutenant, Kenny Franks, Umatilla County Sheriff Office Jail Captain, Sage Delong, Umatilla County Emergency Manager, Savannah Lane, Umatilla County Assistant Director of Budget and Finance, Cameron Anderson, Barnett & Moro P.C., Jennifer Blake, Umatilla County Human Resources Director, Marie Simonis, Umatilla County Assistant of Budget and Finance, Klaus Hoehna, G.B. Shannon, Blue Mountain Alliance Member,

Video link or Calling in:

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dorran 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 Dorran

Awards/Correspondence/Recognitions. Commissioner Dorran recognizes Umatilla County Search and Rescue for Search and Rescue month, have the are premier volunteers in the state, our county is preferred and get ask to help in a lot of responses, policies and procedures, on behalf of the board want to recognizes the Umatilla County Search and Rescue this month. Job well done.

Minutes – None.

Additions to Agenda – ETOEC Request for use of Fair Ground Facility

Public Comments and Recognition of Visitors

Suni Danforth - 225 Maple Ave, Milton Freewater, OR – would like to ask a question. She received an email regarding the preliminary request for Amendment One of Wheat Ridge Renewable Energy facility east site certificate to the Oregon Department of Energy on May 16, 2023. ODE received a preliminary

request for amendment one to the site certificate. She want to know if the Commissioners are aware and if they are commenting on this amendment. The project is in both Morrow County and Umatilla County. This facility was originally approved for 66 wind turbines and they want to increase it with an additional 40 wind turbines and want to increase the site boundary from 4,582 acres and to up to 79,424 acres, a giant increase on just an amendment. Also increasing access roads 44 miles to a total of 64 miles, large ask for just an amendment, are you aware of it?

Commissioner Dorran responded that he personally is aware of it and the land use department is aware of it and will be participating in the process.

Ms. Danforth added that there is a deadline but not sure what that deadline is. Once there is a proposed order there will be public comment and don't know how much of this is going into Umatilla County. She wanted to make sure that the County is aware of it and make sure all three of you are involved in it.

Business Items

1. Nolan Hills – Presented by Dave Price, 80488 Zerba Road, Athena, OR - He is providing an introduction for the group. A saying that was given to him by a previous supervisor was “if it was easy than everyone would be doing it” and that this quote applies to this situation. The commissioners job is not easy. The BMA, himself and other citizens of the county extend their thanks to the Commissioners for doing their job. The county did a great job on their special advisory group and its letter submitted to EFSC in May of 2022 with good points. This was was totally discredited by the judge later when a proposed order was issued by EFSC. The order specially attacked local authority of this count. DOE and EFEC have totally lost track of the purpose of the government is and how it was designed. If you want to be convinced of that read the decision by the administrative law judge which is 35 pages. They should be embarrassed by that decision, there are many legal flaws and omissions in it and it is a haughty piece of work. The county is in the contested case but now you need to meet the deadline to do that to file an exception, which you did or planning to do that, we want to say thank you for that and that is your job. The government system is basically set up that land use planning is like an umbrella, broad general guidance from a state basis, each county is different, each county sets up developing a plan like a “how to” plan which we did, the county is right on the ball with that. It is difficult to understanding why the DOE is attacking the county local authority, we are spending valuable time and money trying to fight it.

Suni Danforth - 225 Maple Ave Milton Freewater, OR- Here today not about Nolan Hills project but here about the County right to uphold its ordinances and the state has to follow that. We are in our 50th year of having land use codes. We have been burdened by the state to have that. The county is allowed to have more stringent codes than the state in siting energy projects and many other things. Yet the state in this decision does not have to follow that and the state can override what the county ordinances are. This is larger than this project, this is about having rule of law following the ordinances that are in place. We must follow the ordinances, our ordinances are 152.616 HH which is a two mile setback for wind turbines. State says it does not need to comply with that. We must follow to the Supreme Court because we will win. There is case law on this in fact Blue Mountain Alliance took a project to the Supreme Court and won on the two mile set back on health and welfare. There is case law that will win this. This situation is stronger than the decision of one person saying we aren't going to grant you a contested case. We ask that you take this to the supreme court. Have you filed anything to have this reviewed?

Comm Dorran respond that we filed to have this reviewed. Comm Shafer added that is the next step in the process

Ms. Danforth continued, what this is that the state says the county must follow the OARs and the state will not follow their own ordinances, thank you

Granella Thompson, 51949 Johnson Road, Weston, Oregon – She is extremely frustrated with the attitude in the country among government bureaucrats and politicians that if we don't like a law we ignore it and do what we want, An attitude that rights and freedoms don't matter. We don't want that attitude in Umatilla County. She wants to help in any way that she can to help and protect us and ask that the Commissioners do the same. Laws that protect prime farm land designated as exclusive use, are now being developed for energy companies. That rule of law changed suddenly. We set laws in place 50 years ago for land use laws and the state set up guidelines and local set up planning commissions. In 1977 and 1978 she served on the Weston Planning Commission, saw what local groups could do, involved the community and the public through that. Umatilla County residents gathered petitions and the state must respect and follow guidelines set by local entities and also held hearings and fought all the way to the Supreme Court to keep wind turbines to be placed two miles from a resident. Fought due to towers being placed just across a fence from a house and the residents got nothing from it but noise and vibrations and it was a peaceful place, she looked into the vibrations because they wanted to put them behind her house but it was her land so she could say no. Houses were vibrating and we talked to the people that lived next to them. The animals stopped eating really good when the turbines were turned a certain way, if they were close enough to the vibrations then they didn't thrive and their own health was damaged. The house dropped tremendously in value, the properties rights could affect another. Rule is being thrown aside because the state has decided to place a wind tower in Umatilla County within that two mile setback and seeing if anyone can stop them. Fight for the welfare of rural residents. The people in Umatilla County need to be fought for, the Commissioners need to do the fighting and know that you are going into the process don't want you to stop, not just fighting for Umatilla County but for anyone with a local code, strongly recommend a good land use lawyer, will do anything we can to help fight that fight

Ryan Stoner- 60925 Highway 204 Weston, Oregon - In 2008 we started an effort to protect our county from the energy development that we saw coming in. This group of people with other groups. He has thousands of hours into the document that set the rules for wind development in Umatilla County, collected over 3,200 signatures and that was the biggest at that time, to help develop these codes and standards for energy development. We went to the Supreme Court, have had run ins with the energy development and won and proven we can win at the Supreme Court. Previous case law has already established that local jurisdiction is supposed to supersede big government, we are not supposed to be told by Salem and Portland what we do in our county. Local jurisdiction should decide how we want our county to vote, we had had this fight before and we know that we can win. There is an administrative judge on that 35 page document and didn't see a lot of legal jargon it was more of a political agenda, think that we if we go to a judge in the Supreme Court in a real environment we will win, just like previously, need to go forward with process to appeal this. We set these rules, in 2008 when we got the tribes and local organizations together and how we got the wildlife protected and how we set aside our views to protect the county with the setbacks, move forward to keep encroaching on our citizens. Our group is willing to offer up resources, our attorney, money, whatever it takes to help with that. We paid and funded this

once before as private citizens and all the money has already been spent. 4 or 5 years and hours of meetings to support this effort. This is very minimal to appeal this compared to what we have been through and the money that we have spent, hate to see us lose it now

Suni Danforth – She is wanting to offer up Daniel Kearns, he is an awesome land use attorney. He has represented Blue Mountain Alliance. She is willing to give \$5,000 personally to fight this and take this to the supreme court. The county budget has a lot of money set aside, a lot of energy projects and data projects that we are getting money from and think we should use their money to fight this.

Norman Kralman- 521151 Fruitvale Rd Milton Freewater, OR – He prepared written testimony that he gave to the Board. He was part of the original group that started 16 years ago, didn't know anything about wind energy at that time as a public servant. We have spent thousand and thousand and dollars and hours, so proud of the fact that these people stood up and came forward about the two mile setback. A lot of other issues that were not served. He brought a range magazine article and the article tells the excellent history to help inform, don't know how they can give permits to kills national birds.

Ron Brown, 84160 Winesap Road Milton Freewater, OR - He is giving an example of what is happening here. This year he was asked to be on the Division 10 rule for the State of Oregon, to changed and revamp all of the water law that has been in place since the beginning of time. How did the state handle that, they redlined everything and said they are going to start over. Think about starting over when you have 1888 and 1889 senior water rights, another example of the legislature doing things for Salem and not locally. We fought in that to maintain the current laws we could and still follow the rules that they asked us to do. It was asked 20 years ago and the legislature drug their feet, basalts are dropping and the river is going to be divided up many more ways besides just the farmers. This is exactly what they are trying to do on the energy side. They have a transmission line that follows the river and we fought like heck to keep them out of there because of the highly erodible land, went through ESA to keep 200 miles of road out of there that was going to put soil into that river when we had given up 30% of our water as farmers to clean it up and have fish go down the river. This is a foothold if we don't stop it, them going right back into the Blue Mountains and starting over. They won't give us an opportunity from the local level if this gets passed, passionate about this because he has grown up in Milton Freewater and runs a fairly large business, the largest apple production facility in the state of Oregon. He sat down with the tribes, USFW, NOAA, sat down at the table and came up with agreements, then joined this alliance, stopped them from putting up towers in the most beautiful area in the foothills of the blues. We need to stop the top down that is happening in the State of Oregon. We need for people to stop bypassing the rules that we already have, if we need to change the rules than do it from a local level and the state can't change them. Every county is different. If it takes money from local people I think we can find that.

Commissioner Shafer - Thanked Mr. Brown for being on the Division 10 rule. He was the one that nominated him to be on there, the importance of having a local voice.

Marlene McClintock- 85175 Hwy 339 Milton-Freewater, OR – She joined in 2008 when she saw them coming for the Blues. It is imperative that we save this land. We elected you as our Commissioners to stand and represent us, especially the land owners in this county. We have to try, this issue has huge ramification into the future, we have so much to lose, stand and fight and we will fight with you. She provided her written testimony.

Debra Lee - 85054 Hawthorne Lane, Milton-Freewater, OR - Her farm is on Dry Creek Oregon. In the early 70's her Uncle Jack and other farmers in Oregon fought for land use laws. They have been good ones and need to be upheld. Chipping away our good land use laws makes her mad, disappointing and makes her sick. We shouldn't have to be talking about this. Just filed May 1 for the centennial award. Two and half months to put the land ownerships together from 1871 until now and proud of that. Love where we live, love our animals, peace and beauty of where we live. Milton Freewater has the most beauty of the whole county, have the most valuable land, the land is fertile, the most diversified land, agribusiness. We need to sustain that and not give it away or drive people away because of the towers that are close to people houses and interfering with people trying to farm. Passionate about it, want to protect her branches of her family. Value of Umatilla County is the beauty. She provided her written testimony.

Marla Ruthman- 84547 Weis Road Milton-Freewater, OR- She has been off and on that road for 88 years. The land goes back to the late 1800's in Umatilla County, proud of our county and the Commissioners. All the past that helped us years ago with this project, went out and got over 3,000 voters to sign up against these wind machines that have created so much damage to our lives, worked so hard. We have a beauty and have fought for it and will continue to fight for it. Want the Commissioners to fight too. Remember when these went in in Arlington and remember the accidents on the highway due to distraction, remember when they went in west of Umapine and people are underneath them. People moving from Portland and coming to our beautiful area and having them built in our beautiful area. People want us to go to Idaho and we don't want that, we want our county and we want our state

Commissioner Shafer - Thank you all for coming, it is a long drive and more so with the road construction. We are going to have to make a decision if we go forward to the Supreme Court or not. We can't make a decision today without having that discussion. We haven't been answering some of those emails that you are sending to all of us because we can't really reply to those emails if it goes to all of us because then it becomes an illegal meeting. He can't say how he is going to vote. When he first campaigned as Commissioner this is something that he was asked about routinely in Milton-Freewater, he made a promise then and going to uphold his promise now. Thank you all for coming again it means a lot that you are here

Commissioner Timmons- I think it is important that everyone took the time and effort to come down here to be heard. We are here to listen to the people in our county

Ann Jolly - 225 Maple Avenue Milton Freewater – She has been with Blue Mountain Alliance since inception, contributed as she could financially and whatever else. How this goes affects every county in the state. Would like you to consider Mr. Kearns as a knowledge land use attorney. She would help Blue Mountain Alliance with finances. We have accomplished this already to the state Supreme Court. Personal believe that if you will be courageous and go to the Supreme Court on behalf of everyone than we will win, if we don't go and try then we can't do anything and it takes courage

Klaus Hoehna- 78061 Lupine Lane, Weston, OR - When he was made aware of this he went and talked to some his neighbors on Weston Mountain. A lot of people aren't informed and they either ignore it or whatever. Once you explain things, the green light goes on and they ask what are the Commissioners doing. He told them that they are in support of covering our bases here and we are going to talk to them and try to convince them to go to the Supreme Court if that is what it takes

on this issue. Appreciative of your involvement. Stand by your decision on this. Hope you take a proactive approach because it is precedent setting. Agree with everything was said earlier, can't do a better job of reiterating these facts, strongly consider fighting this all the way to the Supreme Court.

2. Transportation Development Plan- Presented by Bob Walhder, Umatilla County Planning Manager. Approval is sought to adopt a transportation development plan. Umatilla County received 5304 grant funds to contract with a consultant to develop a Transit Development Plan (TDP) for the County's and region's transit needs. Kittelson & Associates (consultant) and the Transit Coordinator created a TDP Advisory Committee, and all helped draft a plan. On May 17, 2023, the Umatilla County Transportation Advisory Committee recommended approval of the Transit Development Plan. The TDP will guide transit and transportation projects over the next 20 years in Umatilla County and identifies potential funding sources and explores transit governance options. **Commissioner Shafer moved to adopt Order No. BCC2023-025. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
3. Audit Presentation – Presented by Robert Pahl, Umatilla County Chief Financial Officer and Cameron Anderson, Barnett and Moro. Mr. Anderson summarized the process for the audit and review portions of the report. There is one comment to the State of Oregon regarding the limit on the amount to be invested. The report was accepted by the Board and the firm and the finance office were thanked for their work.
4. Community Corrections Purchase - Presented by Dale Primmer, Community Corrections Director. Approval is sought for the purchase of a replacement air conditioning unit in the amount of \$7,987.00 from Pendleton Electric. The office located at 4705 NW Pioneer Place, has had a unit failure and repair is not an option. The building was built in 1997 and there are six different zones for heat pumps. Pendleton Electric has been servicing the building since inception. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve purchase as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
5. Budget Hearing- Chair Dorran opened the public hearing at 09:58 a.m. The staff report was presented by Robert Pahl, Chief Financial Officer. The budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 was approved by the budget committee and the budget is before the Board for public input and formal adoption. Chair Dorran asked for public comments or questions. There were none. Chair Dorran closed the public hearing at 09:59 a.m. Deliberations. None. Chair Dorran wanted to thank the finance team and all of the department heads for putting this all together. **Commissioner Shafer moved to adopt Order No. Budget 2024-01. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
6. Solid Waste Committee Appointment – Presented by Chair Dorran. The terms for David Faux and Arne Swanson on the Solid Waste Committee have expired. They are willing to be reappointed and have been recommended for appointment. The appointment is before the Board for approval. **Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. BCC2023-026. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**

7. Insurance – Presented by Jennifer Blake, Umatilla County Human Resources Director. The County has received a quote to renew its health and dental insurance plans with Pacific Source with an increase in premiums for medical of 4% and for dental of 0%. **Commissioner Shafer moved to accept the 23-24 insurance rate increase of 4% to medical and 0% to dental as proposed with Pacific Source for renewal of health/vision and dental insurance coverages. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
8. SAIF Payable – Presented by Jennifer Blake, Human Resources Director. Approval is sought for the renewal of workers compensation insurance with SAIF Corporation. Approval is also sought for the payable to SAIF in the amount of \$199,913.83. The invoice is to be paid before the end of the month to receive the discounts. Commissioner Shafer recused himself from this agenda item. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve renewal of workers compensation insurance with SAIF Corporation. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 2-0. Commissioner Dorran moved to approve payable to SAIF in the amount of \$199,913.83. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 2-0.**
9. HR Contract – Presented by Jennifer Blake, Human Resources Director. Human Resources is requesting approval to contract with Lexipol Local Government Administration for policy manual and management. The company will review the existing policies and recommend changes to the county policies. Comm Dorran stated that seeing Lexipol at the Sheriff Office is great and the County is moving in a huge step. **Commissioner Timmons moved to approve the contract with Lexipol Local Government Administration for Policy Manual and Management with a cost of \$21,834.35. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
10. CBA Ratification - Presented by Jennifer Blake, Human Resources Director. Approval is sought to ratify and authorize signing of Collective Bargaining Agreement with UCLEA through June 30, 2026, including salary schedule. The county and the UCLEA have been negotiating a successor agreement to the collective bargaining agreement that will expire June 30, 2023. The changes include a revised salary schedule, cost of living increases of 4% for 2024-26, increase in life insurance coverage, boot allowance, and HRA contribution. The labor unit ratified this agreement last night. Commissioner Dorran wanted to thank the bargaining teams for all of the work and all of the time they put into that. **Commissioner Timmons moved to approve to ratify and authorized signing of Collective Bargaining Agreement with UCLEA through June 30, 2026, including salary schedule. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
11. Sheriff Office Purchase - Presented by Dustin Erickson, Umatilla County Jail Lieutenant. Approval is sought for the purchase of a replacement ice machine. The current ice machine in the jail is unrepairable. The total cost for the new unit is \$5,472.15. They would use line item 1540-54103. This is a fairly urgent item to replace. This is important item for medical services and the current ice machine has been there for at least 20 years and is beyond repair. Commissioner Dorran asked how many quotes did they get and how long is the warranty. Captain Franks shared that they only got one quote and not sure of the warranty but believes it was a couple years, why the price is over \$5,000 is that includes then coming out to install it. Commissioner Timmons asked what it takes to install it. Lieutenant Erickson shared that the breakdown of the cost is on the proposal. Commissioner Dorran shared that we are working on purchasing policy but seeing one quote is tough but knows that you guys are in a jam. Commissioner Timmons asked if the old one is still working? Lieutenant Erickson shared that it is completely dead. Commissioner Dorran asked how long is it going to take to get it. Lieutenant Erickson shared that they had an ETA for the end of May 2023 based on when we got approval, quick turnaround. Commissioner Timmons shared that

we need to get more than one quote and that is important. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve purchase as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**

12. Sale of Grader - Presented by Chair Dorran. Approval is sought for the sale of a 2016 CAT 12M 2 motor grader to Baker County for \$160,000. The Public Works Department has a used surplus motor grader. Baker County is interested in purchasing the grader for \$160,000, which is consistent with current sales. The grader is a 2016 CAT 12M 2. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the sale of a 2016 CAT 12M 2 motor grader to Baker County for \$160,000. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried, 3-0.**
13. Maintenance Payable- Drywall - Presented by Mark Tanner, Umatilla County Maintenance Manager. Approval is sought for the payable to Norton Construction, LLC in the amount of \$7,500 for drywall for the new Hermiston Community Corrections facility. The payable is before the Board for approval due to the amount. This will be reimbursed by Community Corrections. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the payable as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
14. Maintenance Payable-Flooring- Presented by Mark Tanner, Umatilla County Maintenance Manager. Approval is sought for a payable to Pendleton Floors, Inc. in the amount of \$17,780.03 for flooring for the new Hermiston Community Corrections facility. The payable is before the Board for approval due to the amount. This will be reimbursed by Community Corrections. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the payable as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
15. Ambulance Franchises - Presented by Sage DeLong, Umatilla County Emergency Manager. The ASA Committee is recommending a six-month extension to the franchise contracts to allow for the application process, which has been delayed due transition of the Emergency Manager and delay in sending out the ASA Application. This extension would allow for continuation service and of the current application timeline (by six months) to prevent a rushed process or have it run into the wildfire season. Commissioner Dorran asked have you been contacted by the ambulance areas? Sage shared that he has been contacted by Pendleton Fire and quite a few others and bringing this to their attention they said the timeframe would be really difficult to complete now and extension would be needed. Commissioner Dorran asked if any of them have asked for any changes or anything for them to look at? Sage shared that none of them have. **Commissioner Timmons moved to extend the ASA Franchise Agreements and adopt Order No. BCC2023-024. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
16. Safety Action Plan - Presented by Chair Dorran. A resolution is before the Board for review and consideration for support of the development of a comprehensive safety action plan for Umatilla County. Grants are being pursued to assist in the development of the plan. **Commissioner Dorran moved to adopt Order No. BCC2023-027. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
17. Pendleton Children's Center - Presented by Commissioner Shafer. On November 9, 2022, the Board approved a grant from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund to the Pendleton Children's Center in the amount of \$250,000. The grant was to be paid \$125,000 from the 2022-23 funds, and \$125,000 from the 2023-24 allotment. The first portion has been paid. The second round of the funding is expected in October or November 2023. Due to the closure of a child care center, the Pendleton Children's Center has accelerated its expansion to accommodate additional children and is requesting an advance on the next grant installment. Commissioner Timmons asked Robert Pahl if there was money available and he shared that there was. **Commissioner Shafer moved to**

approve payment of \$25,000 to the Pendleton Children's Center from Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund at this time, with remaining \$100,000 to be paid on receipt of 2023-24 funding. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.

18. ETOEC Concert. The county has been asked to consent to the use of a portion of the fair premises at EOTEC during the time for exclusive use for the fair. The Fair Board has discussed and is not in favor of the request. Commissioner Dorran stated they have asked for a concert exactly one week after the Fair concert and they are both a cultural concert. This would be a direct competition and we can't stop the concert because that is a different agreement with Farm City Pro Rodeo but we can limit the use of our facilities. This puts us in a dangerous situation because there will still be carnival equipment, vendor equipment and fair volunteers still putting things away and would ask our volunteers to modify their tear down of the fair to accommodate something that is in direct competition with our Fair. Commissioner Shafer asked who is wanting to put the concert on. Chair Dorran shared that it is a contractor through EOTEC. **Commissioner Dorran moved to endorse the Umatilla County Fair decision to not consent to the use of the premises for the planned event. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Shafer: None

Commissioner Dorran: Enjoy that the constituents are coming in and having discussions. He thought it was well presented by everyone. He always likes to see more of the community members and constituents come to the meetings on any subject.

Commissioner Timmons: Yesterday was invited to a meeting by Commissioner Shafer. It was the first meeting I have ever been to where I was almost physically sick. We have children and nine year olds that are trying to kill themselves, real issue in health care facilities, and is not a one time problem. It is rising to the top health care. This special meeting was held on how are we going to address this, hardest thing that I have had to do was sit in that meeting. Lots of great things of being a commissioner but that was tough, really feel for our parents and individuals that are having to deal with this right now, post pandemic that is a factor, hats off to those people trying to fix this issue.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Dorran at 10:25 a.m.

Lori Smith

Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners