

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting of June 16, 2021
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon
Public Call in #: 541-728-0275

- Commissioners Present:** Chair George Murdock and Vice-Chair John Shafer
Commissioner Dan Dorran calling in (9 am – 9:15 am)
- County Counsel:** Doug Olsen
- Guests Present:** Robert Pahl, Chief Finance Officer; Bob Waldher, Planning Director;
Megan Green, Planner; Tom Roberts, Emergency Manager
- Video link or Calling in:** Jennifer Blake, Human Resources Director; Tom Fellows, Public Works
Director; Joe Fiumara, Public Health Director; Bryce Dole, EO [+ *see
list of video or call-in, copy on file.*]

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Murdock 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. 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. He noted there is a point for public input before business items for other than agenda items.

Pledge of Allegiance

Awards/Correspondence/Recognition. Commissioner Shafer read recognitions for Commissioner Dorran (liaison commissioner to Sheriff’s Office) dispatcher Deena Josue recently graduated from training and was class speaker who coordinated with her class for the Jason Post family (funeral service). She achieved a 92% on her exam at academy while being away from a new baby. She received the Victor G. Atiyeh award at graduation – only one person in class is selected. This is a great honor! Commissioner Shafer added the last time someone from Umatilla County received the award was in, he believed, 1999 (Sterrin Ward (then Holcomb)). (2) A letter from Dr. Rob Waite & wife, Jodi (Shoshone, ID) thank you to Deputy Erik Palmer for his help while his family was at the Frazier Winom ATV park. They had a flat tire and Deputy Palmer was helpful and kind! Kudos to Umatilla County for hiring such fine officers!

Minutes – Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the Board minutes from the meetings of 5/26/21 and 6/2/21. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried, 3-0.

Additions to Agenda – none.

Public Comments – None.

Business Items

1. **Behavioral Health Contract.** Presented by Mr. Olsen. The county issued a request for proposals for behavioral health services and two proposals were received. On May 26, 2021, the Board gave the intent to award a contract to CCS (Community Counseling Solutions) for both components of the services. Following that, a protest was received from Lifeways who also submitted a proposal. The time for protest has passed. The Board can now act on the contract and also on the protest. The Board did not need any further background. Option include 1) proceed with awarding contract and override protest, 2) cancel it, or 3) reopen the request

for proposals. **Commissioner Shafer moved to override the protest and officially award the contract to Community Counseling Services and adoption of Order No. BCC2021-061. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrn.** Chair Murdock read a statement prior to the vote. Thanks to the committee who reviewed proposals for a new mental health and substance abuse provider.

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Commissioner Shafer also thanked the committee in efforts to choosing a provider, which stemmed from an independent consultant recommendation to put both services under the same umbrella. He feels it will be best care for citizens. He referred to an article in the EO wherein both providers have said they would work together no matter what – for the best services to citizens. **Carried, 3-0.**

3. Zoning Map Amendment Proposal - public hearing. Chair Murdock called the land use hearing to order at 9:09 a.m. [*Commissioner Dorrn excused himself for the remainder of the meeting.*] Chair Murdock read the opening statement and outline of the process, then the purpose of the hearing: Zoning Map Amendment #Z-316-21. Staff report was presented by Megan Green, Planner. Applicants Richard and Sandra Hunsaker, propose changes to Rezone Map 4N2804 and to partition 2 parcels within Hermiston UGB from F-2 (general rural zone, 19-acre minimum, to FU10 (future urban, 10-acre minimum). The Planning Commission heard the request on May 27, 2021 with a recommendation to add the amendment – findings & conclusions were adopted. Documents were received for the record from Richard Flaiz (objecting to criteria for amendment re: naming of the driveway and road size) and from Richard Hunsaker – written testimony and exhibits. **Motion to accept the exhibits was made by Commissioner Shafer. Seconded by Chair Murdock. Carried, 2-0.** Commissioner Shafer also pointed out the Planning Commission voted unanimously. Mr. Hunsaker was on-line – he had nothing to add.

Chair Murdock asked for proponents? None were heard. He asked for opponents? None were heard. And, no public agency comments were heard either; therefore, no rebuttal. And, there were no requests to continue or to keep the record open. Chair Murdock closed the hearing at 9:17 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Shafer to approve Amendment Z316-21 and adopt Ordinance No. 2021-04. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.

4. Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. This is for proposed updates to the Umatilla County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Presented by Bob Waldher. Also attending was Tom Roberts, Emergency Manager. Over the past year, they have collaborated with DLCDC to update the County's NHMP -- a multi-jurisdictional document that includes the county's 12 incorporated cities and four special districts. The updated NHMP will ensure all can maintain eligibility for federal disaster-related funding. The plan was preapproved 6/7/21 by various state and federal agencies contingent upon official adoption of the participating governments and entities. The plan is to be updated every five years. **Motion was made by Commissioner Shafer to adopt Order No. BCC 2021-060. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**

5. Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance. Doug Olsen presented. This is for annual renewal of liability and workers' compensation insurance. The recommendation is to renew the current liability insurance policy with City County Insurances Services, and to renew workers' compensation insurance coverage with SAIF through CCIS. By renewing through CCIS for workers compensation coverage, there may be a multiple policy discount while still retaining the same coverage and terms. **Motion made by Commissioner Shafer to approve renewals with CCIS as outlined . Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**

6. Youth Services Payable. Digna Moreno, Director, presented. Request is sought for payment to Price Computers for purchase of laptops and tablets. Parole Officers use them as well as kids (who receive services) to attend education and check-in during house arrest. Funds are coming out of a grant through the Oregon Youth Authority. All funds will be reimbursed to the county by the end of this fiscal year. The purpose of the purchase is to better serve kids and families and limiting time incarcerated. Commissioner Shafer commended Ms. Moreno for her work with "her kids". **Motion was made by Commissioner Shafer to**

approve the payment of \$7,340.75 to Price Computers. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.

7. Maintenance Payable - Lighting. Presented by Doug Olsen for Mark Tanner, Facilities Manager (who was tied up pouring concrete). Approval is sought for payment to HMS Commercial Services in the amount of \$6,432.75 for repairs to courthouse lighting, including outdoor lights and first floor hallway lights. **Motion was made by Commissioner Shafer to approve the payable. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
8. Maintenance Payable - HVAC. Mr. Olsen presented. Approval is sought for payment for repairs to the HVAC system to Murphy's Heating & Air LLC in the amount of \$16,415. Two air conditioning units failed and need to be replaced. **Motion was made by Commissioner Shafer to approve the payable. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
9. Public Health Payable. Joe Fiumara, Public Health Director, presented. Approval is sought for payment to Eagle Media Group for additional COVID radio announcements for the next fiscal year in the amount of \$60,268. Funds are from federal and state sources. **Motion was made by Commissioner Shafer to approve payable.** Chair Murdock also asked if announcements would eventually evolve into a variety of health messages for Spanish speaking, post-COVID. Mr. Fiumara affirmed there will be other health information beyond the pandemic. **Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
10. Foreclosed Property Bid. Presented by Doug Olsen. There are several properties still held by the County due to delinquent property taxes. A bid has been submitted for one of these properties. One bid was opened by Chair Murdock for property in the City of Weston, a former business on main street. \$35,000 was asked at auction, so the bid would have to be over \$6,500. The bid was \$7,011 from Mitchell Montehalin, III. **Motion was made by Commissioner Shafer to adopt Order No. BCC2021-062. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
11. Supplemental Budget – Public Hearing. Chair Murdock opened the public hearing at 9:43 a.m. The staff report was presented by Robert Pahl, Chief Finance Officer. There was one supplemental budget, Budget Order number 2021-77 (County Fair) requires increases in Transfers In of \$75,000 and in Contingency of \$75,000. Chair Murdock asked for public comments or questions. There were none. Chair Murdock closed the public hearing at 9:44 a.m. Deliberations. None.

In the matter approving Supplemental Budgets pursuant to ORS 294.471 for FY ending 6/30/21: Commissioner Shafer moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2021-77 (Program 4042 – County Fair). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.

12. Budget Transfers. Presented by Mr. Pahl. There were three budget transfers: Budget Order 2021-78 (STIF Program) requires an increase in Materials & Services of \$100,000 and a decrease of \$100,000 in Contingency. Order 2021-79 (Stimulus Reserve Program) requires an increase in Materials & Services of \$800,000 and a decrease of \$875,000 in Contingency. Order 2021-80 (General Fund: Computer Information Services) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$10,000 and a decrease of \$10,000 in Contingency.

In the matter approving a Budget Transfer pursuant to ORS 294.463 for FY ending 6/30/21: Commissioner Shafer moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2021-78 (Program 1014 – STIF Program). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.
Commissioner Shafer moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2021-79 (Program 9190 – Stimulus Reserve). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.
Commissioner Shafer moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2021-80 (Program 3522 – Computer Information Services). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.

13. Fee Ordinance Amendment – Public Hearing. Presented by Mr. Olsen. The proposed fee changes from the departments for the annual update to the comprehensive fee ordinances is before the Board for consideration. The first reading is set for today. Chair Murdock called the public hearing to order at 9:47 a.m. Chair Murdock asked for any public comment. None was heard. He closed the public hearing at 9:49 a.m. The proposed date for the second reading is July 7, 2021.

14. Other: Chair Murdock asked that the board schedule for the second half of the year come for action on 7/7/21.

Executive Session – none.

The meeting adjourned 9:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners