

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting of April 30, 2019
5:30 p.m., Room 114, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

Committee Members Present: Chair Michele Grable; Vice-Chair Don Miller; Sally Anderson Hansell; Jerry Baker; Genna Banica; Dan Dorran

Absent: Mark Gomolski; Jennifer McClure Spurgeon

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Guests Present: Phil Wright, East Oregonian

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 5:38 p.m.

1. Call to Order - The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:42, and reminded everyone that this is a public meeting.
2. Minutes of Previous Minutes - The minutes had been emailed to the committee members. The committee approved the minutes of April 11, 2019 by consensus.
3. Additions to Agenda - None
4. Public Input – None
5. Business Items:
 - A. Charter Changes. A summary of the proposed charter changes had earlier been sent to the Committee members to review. It consisted of five areas for consideration. The Committee reviewed the subjects of potential changes and did not have any wording changes. The item adding a minimum age for candidates for county commissioner was deferred for later review, to see if is needed or not.

The committee discussed the best method to address the changes, and if should be combined or separated into different potential ballot measures for voter consideration. Mr. Dorran moved to have the matters addressed in three different proposals—government structure, method of election, and Sheriff changes; seconded by Mr. Baker. Carried 6-0.

The first recommended charter change would be for the structure of the government, and would consist of proposed changes 1 (number of commissioners), 2a (3 elected by district, two at large), 2b (years for election), 3 (setting districts), and 4 (county manager). Mr. Miller moved to approve; seconded by Mr. Baker; Carried 6-0.

The second recommended charter change would address current requirement that commissioner be elected in November election. The proposal would be to have two or less candidates running in

November election, and if three or more candidates running in primary election, with two highest running in November election. These items were paragraph 2c and 2d. Mr. Baker moved to approve; seconded by Mr. Miller. Carried 6-0.

The third recommended charter change would change the wording in the charter from Law Enforcement Department to Sheriff's Office, and to make clear Sheriff had powers under Oregon law. These changes were set out in paragraph 5. Mr. Miller moved to approved; seconded by Ms. Anderson-Hansell. Carried 6-0.

- B. Next Meeting. The proposed recommendations will be sent to committee members to review. The next meeting will be in Pendleton, May 28, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. to finalize recommendations and discuss work session with the commissioners on May 29, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas R. Olsen

Umatilla County Counsel