

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of February 2, 2022
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

County Counsel Doug Olsen

Guests Present: Robert Pahl, Chief Finance Officer; Bob Waldher, Planning Director;

Video link or Calling in: Teddy Orr, Noxious Weed Supervisor; Sheriff’s Office: Undersheriff Jim Littlefield, Capt. Paul Wolverton; Mark Tanner, Facilities Manager (*+ see list of video or call-in, copy on file.*)

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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/Recognitions/Correspondence none.

Minutes – Commissioner Dorran moved to approve the minutes of the 1/19/22 meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried 3-0.

Additions to Agenda – none.

Public Comments – none.

Business Items

1. **Vehicle Repair.** Presented by Undersheriff Littlefield. In November 2021, a deer rammed into the driver’s door of a 2020 Dodge Durango patrol vehicle. After obtaining two preliminary estimates, approval is sought for payment to Pendleton Auto Body for repairs in the amount of \$8,912. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve payment as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried 3-0.** Undersheriff Littlefield then introduced newly appointed Capt. Paul Wolverton (effective 2/1, taking over for retiring Capt. Dave Williamson). Congratulations!

2. **Weed Control Product Contract.** Presented by Teddy Orr, Noxious Weed Supervisor. The County issued a request for proposals for the purchase of weed control products for 2022; three proposals were received. The recommendation is to award the contract to the lowest proposal, Wilbur-Ellis, in the amount of \$5,937.38. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried 3-0.**

3. Spray Monitoring Program Purchase. Presented by Mr. Orr. Approval is sought to purchase a spray monitoring program for roadside spray operations. He attended a convention where this equipment/software was demonstrated. This is live spray information and greatly improves efficiency of operators. This will eliminate many hours of employee data input and allow spray operators to spend more time on the road spraying rather than in the office filling out reports. The system for two spray trucks will be \$8,000, which will cover first year of maintenance fee for the software; thereafter, there will be an \$800 annual fee for program maintenance. In response to Commissioner Dorran's question about restoring/retaining information, Mr. Orr advised it will be on their servers/pads in truck using Wi-Fi. He will have access and can print maps – drawn as spraying by live feed. He can pre-enter what they are spraying and it will record everything. Commissioner Murdock commented about prior complaints (over-spraying or not spraying) with less efficient operations and less tracking capability. Mr. Orr talked about increased efficiency plus record skipping for accuracy. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve purchase of Spraysync hardware bundle for two roadside spray trucks as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried 3-0.**
4. Radio Advertisement Grant. Presented by Joe Fiumara, Public Health Director. Throughout the pandemic, UCo Health has utilized radio advertisements as an affordable way to reach many county residents. The Health department is looking to continue/update new contracts to ensure ability to provide health messaging. The proposed contract is with (Hermiston stations) KOHU, AM and FM with eight 30-second ads per day. Funds will be paid for from state issued grants that are program specific. No general fund impact is expected. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve a 12-month contract with 93.7 FM the Q and AM 1360 KOHU for health messaging, with a total cost of \$32,120 (broken out/paid monthly). Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried 3-0.**
5. Creation of Position – Public Health. Presented by Mr. Fiumara. Public Health is requesting to add a position. The county's STD disease rate has been high for several years. OHA has historically provided little funding for this. OHA was recently awarded a grant from the CDC to provide funding (new funding) to allow counties to hire staff to work on case investigation activities around STDs. The funding is through Program Element 10 in the amount of \$202,791 per fiscal year, through December 2025. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve creation of a Disease Prevention Specialist (Health Educator, Range 25). Seconded by Commissioner Dorran.** Chair Shafer stressed, for the record, there is no general fund impact. Mr. Fiumara: correct. **Carried, 3-0.**
6. Special Revenue Fund. Presented by Mr. Fiumara. This is for the establishment of a new fund account. Mr. Fiumara, noted CFO Mr. Pahl is presented for any questions. There were none. This is for modernization -- regional. The County received funding through the state for regional planning for Public Health. The funding will require being kept segregated from other funds and a special revenue fund account is necessary. The establishment of the fund is before the Board for approval. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve and adopt Order No. BCC2022-009. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried 3-0.**
7. Fair Payable. Doug Olsen presented. Approval is sought for payment to Shelco Electric for electrical work for the 2021 Fair. Commissioner Dorran noted Shelco's generosity – they charge the bare minimum and apply discounts. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve payment of \$5,035.15 to Shelco Electric, Inc. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock.** Mr. Pahl posed a question to clarify: how does the county decide about repairs attributed to the Fair or to EOTEC? The county pays rent on the Fair's behalf – he felt EOTEC should be responsible. Commissioner Dorran advised additional RV spots are supported through rental and cables were needed to supply to a distribution box; it is the Fair's equipment. One other thing, there was addition of another breaker box for fans with high heat (far side of the big barn), which were added at the last minute. **Motion carried, 3-0.**

8. Wolf Depredation Grants. Mr. Olsen presented. Commissioner Murdock declared a conflict. The Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee met and reviewed the applications for compensation for missing livestock and wolf deterrents. The grants and the payment are before the Board for approval, which payments include requests from five producers that incurred expenses, and compensation for missing livestock in 2020. Commissioner Dorran and Mr. Olsen also noted insufficient funding, therefore, there were reductions in payments and not all were paid. Chair Shafer noted the shortfall is to be addressed by Representative Levy through a proposed Bill. In a call with her the day before, she noted triple the amount of wolf depredations and the prior year was triple the amount before that. A lot of devastation with a huge need for dollars. Commissioner Dorran added it is not a wolf management program and it doesn't make producers whole. **Commissioner Dorran moved to adopt Order No. BCC2022-007. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Motion carried, 2-0. Commissioner Dorran moved to approve the payables for the wolf depredation program. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Motion carried, 2-0.**

9. Roofing Request for Proposals. Mark Tanner, Facilities Manager, presented. The Administrative Services department is seeking to issue a request for proposals to repair or replace the roofing on the maintenance facility. There are approximately seven major leaks causing problems as well as drywall damage. Commissioner Dorran asked about the proposal – there are two different types of roofs on the buildings – is Mr. Tanner looking to consolidate everything or just the leak issues? Mr. Tanner advised the leaks are in all areas; the worst are in the hot roof (tar roof) in the flat section, but the metal roof has several leaks too. The metal roof would be coated to seal and the other roof would be removed and replaced. **Commissioner Murdock moved to authorize issuance of a request for proposals as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Motion carried, 3-0.**

10. Columbia Development Authority Board Appointment. Chair Shafer presented. The county alternate position on the Columbia Development Authority Board is vacant. Bob Waldher, County Planning Director, is recommended for the appointment (beginning 2/2/22 and expiring 12/31/24). **Commissioner Shafer moved to adopt Order No. BCC2022-008. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Motion carried, 3-0.**

Executive Session – none.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Murdock none

Commissioner Dorran none

Commissioner Shafer none

Adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary, Board of Commissioners