

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

- Commissioners Present:** Chair John Shafer and Vice-Chair Dan Dorran
Commissioner George Murdock (attending virtually)
- County Counsel** Doug Olsen
- Guests Present:** Undersheriff Jim Littlefield, Cpt. Paul Wolverton, Cpt. Karen Primmer; SAR Sgt. Dwight Johnson; Tom Fellows, Public Works Director; Robert Pahl, Chief Finance Officer; Dan Lonai, Administrative Services Director; Mark Tanner, Facilities Manager; Riley Wortman, IT; Cindy Timmons; Bob Coleman, Gary Coleman, Carla McLane, Jennifer Blake, Human Resources Director; Bob Waldher, Planning Director; Megan Davchevski, Planner/Transit Coordinator
- Video link or Calling in:** Kim Beck, Developmental Disabilities Program Director

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. Commissioner Dorrان: recognizing the SARS group – Mill Creek area (Walla Walla reservoir area) rescue of a lost and injured hunter in area with no maintained trails or roads to access him. Good job! 2) In the Milton-Freewater are, South Fork Walla Walla River – there was a lot of tree damage due to very windy conditions causing downed limbs. Also, Harris Park flooding on the SFWW River – the road was in peril – county road crew worked to place rock and rip rap to save the road. Big shout out to Tom Fellows, Brian Johnson and crew. 3) Congratulations to Commissioner Shafer and to (soon to be) Commissioner-elect Cindy Timmons (here today). Although voter turnout is still disappointing (at the state level it’s 48.5% and Umatilla County actually is at 49.06%) -- ahead of the state number -- which is a win for Umatilla County. Commissioner Murdock: thanks to election staff and to A&T for their hard work. Director Rachael Reynolds advised him that taxes are collected at about 20% at this time. Great work in particular to those departments and staff. Chair Shafer added that property taxes can also be dropped off in Hermiston at the Stafford Hansell Government Center.

Minutes – Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve the minutes of the October 5 and October 19, 2022 Board meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.

Additions to Agenda – None.

Public Comments and Recognition of Visitors This is the time for public input for anything not on the regular agenda. None were heard.

Business Items

1. **Road Vacation.** Presented by Tom Fellows, Public Works Director. A petition was received for vacation of a portion of Center Street, located in Meadow Valley subdivision, west of Col. Jordan Road. It was platted in 1910. No utilities are associated; it is unimproved right of way. The County received a petition from property owners adjacent to Center Street to vacate a portion of the unimproved public road. Since all of the adjoining property owners signed the petition, a public hearing is not required. A Road Vacation Report is submitted from the Public Works Department, recommending that the portion of the road be vacated. The petition is before the Board for consideration. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Order No. RD2022-06. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock.** Commissioner Dorrان commented about history of that road from about 1902, plotted but nothing was done at that time. **Carried, 3-0.**
2. **Culvert Pipe Purchase.** Presented by Mr. Fellows. Since 2020 when a lot of culvert pipe was used, the department needs to replenish supply for inventory on-hand. This would be to restock some of the larger culvert pipe inventory. Three quotes were obtained and it is recommended purchasing from the low bidder, Arrow Construction in the amount of \$51,938.56. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to authorize the purchase. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
3. **Dispatch Computer Purchase.** Presented by Capt. Karen Primmer, Dispatch Manager. Three of the dispatch computers are six years old and the other three are five years old; all are out of warranty. A quote was received from a vendor for replacement of six PCs at \$1,175 each (total of \$7,050) – including 3-year warranty. Chair Shafer noted those computers get used 24 hours a day. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to authorize the purchase of new computers from Price Computers as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
4. **Justice Center Datacenter.** Presented by Riley Wortman, IT department. The Sheriff’s Office datacenter system is six years old (purchased May of 2016). Due to CJIS requirements, the system needs to be up-to-date. The new datacenter also includes Dell’s Data Protect system to backup (disaster recovery program) and secure data from cyberattacks. The total cost is of \$242,577.42. In response to Commissioner Dorrان’s questions about yearly expense and maintenance agreement, Mr. Wortman noted warranty is for 5 years, but there is not a yearly expense to this piece. Hardware and software are to update the system. Dispatch must have this system. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to authorize the purchase of a new datacenter and Data Protect system as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
5. **Developmental Disability Program Computers.** Mr. Wortman presented. Request is made to purchase 15 desktop computers at cost of \$14,205, plus Office and Acrobat software licenses for each (at \$9,316.80). The purchase will make their computer replacement schedule up-to-date and on-schedule to replace five computers every three years beginning next year. The total cost is approximately \$23,521.80. Carryover funds along with the current computer budget will pay for the entirety of this project. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried 3-0.**
6. **Patrol Division Computer Purchase.** Presented by Capt. Paul Wolverton. This is for replacement of about one-fourth of the computers for the Patrol Division. As part of a planned computer upgrade for the patrol division, a quote was received for eight computers at \$907/each (total of \$7,256). In addition, monitors for those computers plus a couple of more were purchased 10 years ago and need upgrading. The vendor gave a quote of \$358/each for 10 (total = \$3,580) for patrol division and one other monitor at \$265. The grand total is \$11,101. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to authorize the purchase of new computers and monitors from Price Computers as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
7. **Sheriff’s Office Payable.** Presented by Capt. Kenny Franks. Approval is sought for a payable for medical services. The invoice from CHI-St. Anthony Hospital is in the amount of \$6,563.80. It is before the Board due to the amount (over \$5,000). **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve the payable as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0.**

8. Emergency Management Grants. Presented by Undersheriff Littlefield (*for Tom Roberts, Emergency Manager – not present*). Two proposed agreements for Oregon Department of Emergency State Homeland Security Program grants are before for review and approval. One grant in amount of \$10,500 is to replace a cargo trailer referred to as the Incident Support Unit and has hauled critical materials and logistical items ranging from Sandbags to COVID PPE as well as assisting neighboring counties with other disaster logistics needs. The other grant in the amount of \$36,513.94 is for phase 1 of several upgrades to the UCSO facility (front lobby area). Plans are to upgrade the glass in the UCSO main reception area, upgrade the gate to the north of UCSO and to place a second set of doors in the hallway leading to the Media Room area for added security and noise reduction. Upgrades will depend on available funding. Updated quotes will be needed, anticipating rising costs. Mr. Olsen noted the grants were awarded and Board action is for the agreements to be approved. Spending is to occur sometime in 2024. The Board could approve the agreement, but then any purchases could require further board action. **Commissioner Dorrn moved to approve the grants as presented, with no authorization to purchase any items until quotes are brought back for board approval. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
9. Post Retirement Employment. Presented by Jennifer Blake, HR Director. Under the county policy for the employment of post-retirement PERS individuals, the approval by the Board is to be done annually. Three post-retirement employees are requesting to continue to be employed as Temporary Special Employees beyond December 31, 2022. The individual would continue to be employed in current position as at-will employees. Written request to continue employment has been obtained from the employee and manager approval of the request has also been provided. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve employment of PERS retirees under the restrictions of Personnel Policy 4.7 with salary and benefits consistent with the current positions through 2023. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrn. Carried, 3-0.**
10. Electrical Upgrades Contract. Presented by Mark Tanner, Facilities Director. The county issued a Request for Proposals for electrical upgrades to the DD program facility. One proposal was received from Double S Electric in the amount of \$34,290 and is the recommendation for award. Mr. Tanner advised that only one company submitted a bid. He called 6 businesses to get quotes plus posting is on the county website. There are no general fund dollars associated with this. **Commissioner Dorrn moved to approve the contract for electrical upgrades to Double S Electric as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
11. Maintenance Facility Payable - Unitech. Presented by Mr. Tanner. Approval is sought for a payable from UniTech Communications for camera installation, cabling, and fiber link in the amount of \$29,425.09 for the new maintenance facility. This payable is before the Board due to the amount. **Commissioner Dorrn moved to approve the payable to UniTech Communities as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
12. Maintenance Facility Payable - Heating. Presented by Mr. Tanner. Approval is sought for a payable from Murphy's Heating & Air LLC for ducting and heating in the new maintenance facility in the amount of \$12,475.25. This payable is before the Board due to the amount. **Commissioner Dorrn moved to approve the payable to Murphy's Heating & Air LLC as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
13. Community Corrections Facilities Payable - Plumbing. Presented by Mr. Tanner. Approval is sought for a payable for plumbing at the new Hermiston Community Corrections facility. The invoice from Rob Merriman Plumbing Inc. in the amount of \$5,410.53 is before the Board due to the amount. It will be reimbursed for community corrections. There is a remodel account where invoices are tracked with the finance office regarding reimbursement. Mr. Pahl added that costs are handled per each quarter. **Commissioner Dorrn moved to approve the payable to Merriman Plumbing Inc. as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**

14. Community Corrections Facilities Payable - Hardware. Presented by Mr. Lonai. Approval is sought for a payable for locks and hardware at the new Hermiston Community Corrections facility. The invoice from E&S Hardware & Supply Inc. in the amount of \$6,355.50 is before the Board due to the amount. This is roughly half the cost of that item. There is no general fund impact. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve the payable to E&S Hardware & Supply Inc. as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
15. Transportation Grant Applications. Presented by Megan Davchevski, Planner & Transit Coordinator. Approval is sought to submit grant applications for operations of the Hermiston Hopper and Pilot Rocket transit routes, both of which are currently funded under discretionary fund grants the county applied for and are operated by Kayak Public Transit. She explained the two operations are intercommunity transit routes; estimated expense for the Hopper for FY24-25 is \$632,336 and, for Pilot Rocket, the amount is \$285,647. Discretionary fund matching dollars will come from the STIF plan. The county's Transportation Advisory Committee met on 11/7 and voted to recommend approval of the application with minor changes to both to clarify the county's reserve fund won't be used as the matching source. The application is submitted to ODOT, which conducts project selection. The Board is requested to make two actions. Commissioner Dorrان met with Megan to get ridership numbers; he was surprised at growth of ridership. She's done a great job coordinating the transit program. Hopper gave 8,309 rides and Rocket gave 9,306, which are both up. Chair Shafer also noted some staff also utilize the service. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve the Hermiston Hopper Discretionary Fund grant application as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve the Pilot Rocket Discretionary Fund grant application grant as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
16. LUBGWMA Letter. Presented by Bob Waldher, Planning Director. A draft letter is before the Board for approval. Over the last several months Umatilla and Morrow Counties have worked together on this program (Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area) -- especially working with DEQ and Randy Jones, who is planning to retire. Both counties' leadership would like to request that he be assigned to this project for another year -- post-retirement. That is the purpose of the letter. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve the letter. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
17. Fair Payable - Bleachers. Presented by Commissioner Dorrان. Approval is sought for a payable for bleacher rental at the 2022 Fair. The invoice from EOTEC in the amount of \$6,600 is before the Board due to the amount. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve the payable to EOTEC as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
18. Fair Payable - Electrical. Presented by Commissioner Dorrان. Approval is sought for a payable for electrical design and connection of generators for exhibitor camping at the 2022 Fair. The City of Hermiston will be paying a portion of the cost. The invoice from Hollywood Lights in the amount of \$10,764.02 is before the Board due to the amount. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to approve the payable to Hollywood Lights as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
19. EURUS Grants. Presented by Commissioner Shafer. The Eurus Community Benefit Plan board is recommending funding of grants for the 2022 community benefit plan. The grants are before the Board for approval. Total of \$42,000 (\$5,000 grants each for eight projects, and a \$2,000 grant for a Japanese exchange student visitation), as outlined by Commissioner Shafer. Mr. Pahl advised donations have come from Eurus (since 2015) and they continue to voluntarily make annual donations. **Commissioner Murdock moved to adopt Order No. BCC2022-059. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0.**

20. Local Assistance Grant Fund. Presented by Commissioner Shafer. Authorization is sought for a grant from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund as part of the American Rescue Plan. The grant would be for renovation costs at the Pendleton Children’s Center. The amount requested is \$250,000. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the grant and payment to the Pendleton Children’s Center as outlined [\$125,000 from this allotment and \$125,000 in the second allotment (*assuming the funding would arrive*) for a total of \$250,000]. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock.** Commissioner Dorran commented, he’s going to vote no, as the county hasn’t received funds yet and doesn’t support and commit additional funding from dollars not yet received. He felt this is a precedent he doesn’t want to set. Commissioner Murdock reiterated the county must receive the second allotment of funds for the second \$125,000 payment. **Carried, 2-1 (no vote by Commissioner Dorran).**
21. Supplemental Budgets – Public Hearing. Chair Shafer called the public hearing to order at 9:43 a.m. Robert Pahl, CFO, gave the staff report. There was one supplemental budget, Budget Order number: 2023-10 (General Fund-General County) requires increases in Beginning Cash of \$3,000,000 and in Contingency of \$3,000,000. There were no questions from the Board. There were no comments from the public. Chair Shafer closed the public hearing at 9:45 a.m.

In the matter approving Supplemental Budgets pursuant to ORS 294.471 for FY ending 6/30/23: Commissioner Dorran moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-10 (Program 9001 – General County). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.

22. Budget Transfers. Mr. Pahl presented. There were 25 budget transfers, Budget Orders numbers: 2023-02, (General Fund-Board of Commissioners Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$77,613 and a decrease in Contingency of \$77,613. 2023-03 (General Fund-Human Resources) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$65,654 and a decrease in Contingency of \$65,654. 2023-04, (General Fund -Jail) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$490,316 and a decrease in Contingency of \$490,316. 2023-05 (General Fund-Sheriff’s Office Administrative Services) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$98,124 and a decrease in Contingency of \$98,124. 2023-06, (General Fund-Criminal Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$343,290 and a decrease in Contingency of \$343,290. 2023-07 (General Fund-District Attorney) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$161,803 and a decrease in Contingency of \$161,803. 2023-08, (General Fund-Support Enforcement) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$17,755 and a decrease in Contingency of \$17,755. 2023-09 (General Fund-Victim Witness Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$58,762, and a decrease in Contingency of \$58,762. 2023-11, (General Fund-Finance Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$139,407 and a decrease in Contingency of \$139,407. 2023-12 (General Fund-Assessor Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$193,502 and a decrease in Contingency of \$193,502. 2023-13, (General Fund –Tax Collector Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$34,095 and a decrease in Contingency of \$34,095. 2023-14 (General Fund-Administrative Services Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$42,467 and a decrease in Contingency of \$42,467. 2023-15, (General Fund-Building Maintenance Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$59,614 and a decrease in Contingency of \$59,614. 2023-16 (General Fund-Records Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$20,664 and a decrease in Contingency of \$20,664. 2023-17, (General Fund-Computer Information Services Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$93,535 and a decrease in Contingency of \$93,535. 2023-18 (General Fund-Communication and Information Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$6,382, and a decrease in Contingency of \$6,382. 2023-19, (General Fund-GIS Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$16,082 and a decrease in Contingency of \$16,082. 2023-20 (General Fund-Elections Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$33,206 and a decrease in Contingency of \$33,206. 2023-21, (General Fund –Emergency Management Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$29,895 and a decrease in Contingency of \$29,895. 2023-22 (General Fund-Planning Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$102,023 and a decrease in Contingency of \$102,023. 2023-23, (General Fund-Code

Enforcement Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$10,431 and a decrease in Contingency of \$10,431. 2023-24 (General Fund-Surveyor Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$3,211 and a decrease in Contingency of \$3,211. 2023-25, (General Fund-Juvenile Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$3,376 and a decrease in Contingency of \$3,376. 2023-26 (General Fund-Veterans Service Program) requires an increase in Personnel Services of \$36,233, and a decrease in Contingency of \$36,233.

In the matter approving Budget Transfers pursuant to ORS 294.463 for FY ending 6/30/23:
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-02 (Program 1004 – Board of Commissioners). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-03 (Program 1006 – Human Resources). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-04 (Program 1540 – Jail). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-05 (Program 1559 – Sheriff’s Office Administrative Division). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-06 (Program 1560 – Criminal Division). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-07 (Program 2022 – District Attorney). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-08 (Program 2023 – D.A. Support Enforcement). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-09 (Program 2050 – Victim Witness). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-11 (Program 2517 – Finance). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-12 (Program 3002 – Assessor). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-13 (Program 3006 – Tax Collector). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-14 (Program 3503 – Administrative Services). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-15 (Program 3503 – Administrative Services). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-16 (Program 3518 – Records). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-17 (Program 3522 – Computer Information Services). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-18 (Program 3523 – Communication and Information). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-19 (Program 3524 – GIS). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-20 (Program 3530 – Elections). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-21 (Program 4032 – Emergency Management). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-22 (Program 4054 – Land Use Planning). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.
Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-23 (Program 4056 – Code Enforcement). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-24 (Program 4564 – Surveyor). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-25 (Program 5342 – Juvenile). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Budget Order No. 2023-26 (Program 5770 – Veterans Services). Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.

23. Wildhorse Foundation. Mr. Olsen advised the term for Commissioner Shafer on the Wildhorse Foundation Board will expire by November 30, 2022. He’s eligible to serve another two-year term and his nomination is before the board for action. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Order No. BCC2022-060. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
24. Creation of Position – Developmental Disabilities Program. Presented by Kim Beck, director of Human Services (attending remotely – training at her office). Request is made to create a new Administrative Assistant position in order to fill a gap related to the office’s day-to-day operations and administrative support needed to ensure compliance with the Office of Developmental Disabilities rules and regulations. The duties are currently being completed by all staff, creating a very inefficient system. Cost is approximately \$103,000 annually. Special funds from ODDS through ARPA funding for the next two years will support the position, and any additional costs will be absorbed into the ongoing DD budget using carryover dollars. No general fund dollars. The request has been previously reviewed with the liaison Commissioner (Shafer), HR Director, and Finance Director. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0.**

Executive Session – None.

Commissioner Reports.

Chair Shafer asked Dan Lonai to give updated elections information. All ballots received up to yesterday (11/1) have been counted. Over 25% of ballots were received yesterday – over 6,000. Around 20,000 altogether. There are a few with challenges. 300-500 more ballots were received in the mail today. At the moment, he was not seeing any real tight races that unreceived ballots would change the outcome. A couple of litigation holds were filed yesterday and were forwarded to County Counsel for handling. 1) ballots received that don’t have clear postmark on them 2) registration of 16 year-olds and then 18 year-olds resulting from state programming error, which has to do with birthdays of 16 year-olds getting their driver’s license (a motor voter issue). There are probably less than 50 of those. Elections staff were here until around 2 am. At the moment, for voter turnout, Umatilla County is ranked 34 out of 36 counties. Likely it is tied to the commissioner race – more interested voters. He noticed a lot of folks waited to the last day to drop off their ballots.

In response to Chair Shafer regarding counting under-votes, Mr. Lonai noted under-votes are not on website – he will have to verify those numbers. There was discussion about the state reporting website and differences compared to Umatilla County’s site. One thing that happens regarding percentage and percentage turnout, the state is different. IT is working on reporting under-votes in particular (and over-votes too). Under-votes shouldn’t be included in the total count. Chair Shafer gave kudos to Dan Lonai and elections staff for their hard work. Mr. Lonai gave a shout out to elections, IT, sheriff’s office, city staff to get everything finished.

Commissioners Murdock. He noted the AOC office, near the state capitol, allows a place for commissioners to work when they are in Salem.

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Melinda Slatt, Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners