

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of April 17, 2019
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Vice-Chair George Murdock and Commissioner John Shafer
Absent: Chair Bill Elfering,

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Dan Lonai, County Administrative Services Director; Sgt. Josh Roberts, Sheriff's Office; Cory Hardy, County Public Works; Scott Stanton, Umatilla County Fire District #1; Thomas Roberts, County Emergency Manager; Scott Fiumara, UCo Health Director; Jennifer Blake, County Human Resources Director; Mark Tanner, County Facilities Manager; Chet Sater, Bureau of Reclamation; Sean Kimbrel, Reclamation VFO Manager; Lt. Sterrin Holcomb, UCSO; Capt. Kathy Lieuallen, UCSO; Kathleen Davidson, District Attorney's Office Manager; Greg Silbernagel, Oregon Water Resources Department -Watermaster

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice-Chair Murdock. He reminded those present that the meeting is a public forum. It is being video and audio recorded and minutes will be taken. Comments will become part of the meeting record. If persons wish to speak before the Board, please come to the podium, identify yourself and state where you live for the record by coming to the microphone 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 was led by Commissioner Shafer.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognition. Commissioner Shafer presented on behalf of Commissioner Elfering who is at a conference in Arizona:

1. Sgt. Josh Roberts will be awarded DUII Multi-Disciplinary Impaired Driving Trainer of the Year at the conference April 25-26 in Canyonville. [Present at meeting]. Congratulations on the selection.
2. Senior Deputy Nathan Rankin will be awarded DUII Multi-Disciplinary Enforcement Deputy of the Year at the conference. [Not present.] Congratulations to both for representing Umatilla County.

In addition, Commissioner Shafer read a letter of commendation to Cory Hardy, Public Works Department, who stood in Director Tom Fellows' place when the County declared a state of emergency on April 12 due to area flooding. As Acting Public Works Director, Cory and crew kept the county roads passable and bridges clear over the weekend. Thank you, Cory, for going above and beyond!

Minutes. Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 2/20/19. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.

Additions to agenda – Doug Olsen advised there are two additions: Legal secretary in the District Attorney's office and Board Officers.

Public comments – none.

Business Items

1. Flooding Event Update Briefing.
 - A. Scott Stanton, Incident Chief from Umatilla County Fire District #1, presented a Powerpoint with an executive summary of the flood, April 14-17 by Umatilla County, City of Pendleton and Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal Incident Management Team. He also talked about assessment and going forward what will occur. Commissioner Shafer expressed appreciation to all for hard work.
 - B. Sean Kimbrel, Umatilla Field Officer, Bureau of Reclamation (responsible for McKay Reservoir), presented a summary of McKay Creek 2019 Peak Flow Event starting with a press release then gave some historical information -- the reservoir was built in 1929 for the purpose of irrigation with federal authority to hold 65,500 acre feet + 6,000 acre feet for flood purposes. He highlighted a chart projected on the monitors including volumes of inflow, outflow and reservoir elevation – this was a 50-year event with heavy unprecedented rainfall on top of snowpack melt in April (normally snow happens December – February), triggering an emergency action plan.
 - C. Sheriff Rowan spoke about unified command with Tom Williams, incident control. He gave an update and timeline for the week. The important fact was word was out regarding domestic wells and boiling water for safety. Systems have been tested by a qualified lab. Many wells were okay, but not all. He noted a lot of flooding was due to groundwater rise. The team is looking at damage assessments, noting thresholds for federal levels is reimbursement of 75%. 25% match can be in-kind. There was an enormous amount of public support – sandbags, food, etc. by volunteers.

Commissioner Murdock also recognized E.M. Tom Roberts, Capt. Lieuallen, Lt. Holcomb, Undersheriff Littlefield, and Joe Fiumara UCO Health Director for their hard work during the emergency.

2. Sewer Grinder Project Payable. Sheriff Rowan presented. This is a payable to NW Metal Fabricators in the amount of 8,402. Equipment went out and an emergency order was made to get replacement. At that time, staff was unable to perform job. Bids were let – NW Metal Fabricators was only area business who could do the work and the equipment was replaced. This is a necessity to the jail. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve payment. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
3. Law Clerk Position. DA Primus presented. Being short-staffed, his office used creative thinking for a obtaining assistance. The proposal is to create a position for law clerk for those in law school or waiting for bar passage. There would be different pay for different levels of law school individuals plus it is a good opportunity to get people to Eastern Oregon. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve new position. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
4. Legal Secretary. DA Primus presented. His office is looking to replace a 25-year employee who is retiring. The request is for the legal secretary position to begin May 1 vs. July 1 to enable two positions overlap to have effective training and double fill the position. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
5. Morrow County On-site Septic System Program. Joe Fiumara, Health Director, presented. This is to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Morrow County as well as a Memorandum of Agreement between the two counties and DEQ to allow for the county to assist in the Morrow County program. The on-site septic system program is fully supported by fees for services. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0**

6. Server Purchase. Dan Lonai, Administrative Services Director, presented. This is for backup server/redundant servers between the courthouse and the jail to give back up at each facility. The amount is \$19,276.32 to Dell purchasing off a government contract. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the payable. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
7. Roof Repair Payable. Mr. Lonai presented. This is for the final payable of \$85,850 + \$2,000 extra to provide cover over the old jail basketball court, for the courthouse roof replacement. Mark Tanner, Maintenance Supervisor, was also present for questions. Mr. Lonai advised there were issues and insurance claims were made. Adjustments were made to cover the deductible of \$1,000. He and Mr. Tanner feel the roof is working. Commissioner Shafer added he had checked with DA Primus that morning after 3” of rain last week and the third floor is dry as a bone! **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the final payment. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0. Regarding the change order request, for the record, Commissioner Shafer moved to deny the request for additional funds. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
7. Post Retirement Employment. Jennifer Blake, Human Resources Director, presented. This is to seek authorization for the employment of a post retirement employee. This is for assistant director of budget/finance position effective 6/30/19 (through 6/30/20 with full benefits and salary of current position). **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve with the effective date of 6/30/19. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
8. Fair Stage Transfer. Mr. Olsen presented. This is to transfer one of the Fair stages to the City of Hermiston. This is an older stage that is county-owned. The Fair uses it one time a year, but the City of Hermiston uses it more than that. The City would like to make needed improvements. The Fair Board is asking to transfer it to Hermiston with the provision it is to be available when the Fair needs it. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the transfer. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
9. Fair Payable. Mr. Olsen presented. This is for a payable to Shelco Electric in the amount of \$11,143.30 for temporary additional electrical items during the Fair. The City of Hermiston paid the remainder of the bill and reimbursed the County for services applicable to the EOTEC site. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the payable. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
10. Economic Development Grant. Mr. Olsen presented. The Committee recommended approval of \$10,000 grant for the Pendleton UAS Range to conduct an economic impact study. The county will co-own the data report when complete. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the payable. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
11. NACO Task Force. Mr. Olsen presented. Commissioner Murdock has been serving on NACO’s Immigration Reform Task Force for three years; he is being considered to be vice-chair. The order to is document the support of the Board for the position. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve Order No. BCC2019-031. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**
12. Board Officers. Commissioner Elfering has requested to be replaced as Board Chair. Commissioner Murdock is to be chair, and Commissioner Shafer will serve as vice-chair. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve Order No. BCC2019-032. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**

Executive Session – none.

Commissioners' Reports.

Commissioner Shafer commented about the outstanding response of county responders over the last week at the Emergency Operations Center. Commissioner Murdock agreed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary Umatilla County Board of Commissioners