

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING ( ) Discussion only  
( X ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Hermiston Public Safety Center

<p>Background:</p> <p>The County has been requested to add its support to the legislative funding request for renovations to the Hermiston Public Safety Center. Eight million dollar is being sought from the Oregon Legislature.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Approve Umatilla County support for Hermiston Public Safety Center legislative funding request</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Letter

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Checkoffs:

- ( ) Dept. Heard (copy)
- ( ) Human Resources (copy)
- ( X ) Legal (copy)
- ( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: February 7, 2024

Action taken:

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Follow-up:



**Hawman Farms, Inc.**  
36124 E Walls Rd  
Hermiston, OR 97838

## HERMISTON PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER SUPPORT NEEDED \$8 MILLION REQUEST

The Hermiston Public Safety Center, a vital community asset since 1972, urgently requires a \$8 million funding infusion for essential renovations. With over 50 years of service, the facility houses the Hermiston Police, Umatilla County Fire District # 1, emergency operations center and the regional Team 10 Hazardous Materials response vehicle.

### MISSION CRITICAL NEEDS:

- 1. Seismic Rehabilitation:** The aging structure demands immediate seismic strengthening for public safety for which the city has received a grant for that work.
- 2. Living Quarters Remodeling:** Equitable living quarters for firefighters ensure a modern and inclusive environment.
- 3. Office Spaces and ADA Compliance:** Modernization of office spaces to meet ADA standards, support growth, and enhance customer service.
- 4. Emergency Alerting System:** Installation of an emergency alerting system for improved communication and response on the fire station side.
- 5. HVAC System Upgrade:** Enhancing air quality and energy efficiency through a comprehensive HVAC system upgrade.
- 6. Sally Port and Training Room:** Essential construction for police operations, secure processing, and ongoing training.
- 7. Parking Area Enlargement:** Enlarging parking areas for police, fire personnel, and public use.

### WHY URGENT LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT MATTERS:

- Public Safety Impact:** The Hermiston Police Department and Umatilla County Fire District # 1 are critical to the safety of Hermiston and surrounding communities, responding to a substantial number of calls annually.
- Community Resilience:** The Public Safety Center is a cornerstone for emergency response, housing the emergency operations center and regional hazmat team truck.
- Strategic Investment:** Allocating \$8 million will fortify the region's emergency response capabilities, ensuring a safer and more resilient community.

**We implore the Oregon State Legislature to support the \$8 million funding request for the Hermiston Public Safety Center Project.** This critical investment ensures the safety, efficiency, and growth of emergency services in Hermiston and the broader eastern Oregon region.

## **INVESTING IN SAFETY, BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**