

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

Commissioners Present: Chair Bill Elfering, Commissioner George Murdock, Commissioner John Shafer

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Tom Fellows, County Public Works Director; Matt Kenny, Public Works-Surveyor; Mark Tanner, County Maintenance Manager; Paul Chalmers, Assessment & Taxation Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Murdock welcomed all. He called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. to take care of pre-meeting business since the Complete Count meeting starts at 9:30 in the same room.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Murdock.

Swearing in of Commissioner Murdock by Dan Lonai. Pledge was made by Commissioner Murdock while his wife, Donna Murdock, held the Bible. Congratulations for serving four more years. Pictures were taken.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognition. Employee of the Quarter was read by Chair Murdock. Congratulations to Terri Lee Shelly in Assessment & Taxation. Terri is a residential valuation expert who provides exceptional customer service as well as many phases of training in the A&T department. She was presented with a certificate, 8 hours of paid leave and has a reserved parking spot at the courthouse for three months! Pictures were taken.

The board meeting began at 9:03 a.m.

Chair Murdock 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. Reminder to come to the microphone to be heard on the record. He noted there is a point for public input before business items for other than agenda.

No additions to the agenda.

No public comments.

1. **Appointment of Chair.** From now until next year, Commissioner Bill Elfering will serve as Chair. Commissioner Murdock will serve as Vice-Chair. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve Order No. BCC2019-001. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**

2. **Road Legalization – Public Hearing.** (Edwards Road, Hermiston.) Chair Elfering advised this item is continued to the 1/23/19 meeting (as acted upon at the last Board meeting.)

3. Road Discussion – McKinney Avenue, Hermiston. A traffic study has been done for McKinney Avenue; neighbors would like the road to be made a public road. Mr. Olsen noted the purpose today is to set a public hearing; the proposed date is the second meeting in February. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve Order No. RD2019-01. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
4. Pickup Purchase. Tom Fellows, Public Works Director, thanked new Commissioner Shafer for coming to meet his staff at Public Works – it was very much appreciated. Requested today is authorization to purchase a 4-wheel drive pickup at a dealership in Portland off the state contract. The amount is \$40,540. This is a budgeted item on his equipment list. It will replace the bridge crew pickup; the old one will be used still, but the bridge foreman needs a new vehicle. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the purchase. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
5. Vests Purchase. Mr. Olsen presented for UCSO. The request is for a payable for the purchase and is before the Board due to the amount. This is the annual upgrade of bullet proof vests; it is a normal purchase and is budgeted. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve the purchase of \$7,740 from Greystone Tactical. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
6. Tactical Kits. Presented by Mr. Olsen for UCSO. The request is for a payable for tactical kits and is before the Board due to the amount. The Sheriff’s Office received grants to cover the amount (\$5,607.57) for medical tactical kits. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve the purchase of the kits from Rescue Essentials. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
7. Elections Payable. Presented by Mr. Olsen. This is a routine expenditure by the Elections Division for the Oregon Centralized Voter Registration system and is before the Board for approval due to the amount. The standard expenditure is budgeted in the amount of \$7,776. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the payable to the Secretary of State. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
8. Elevator Payable. Dan Lonai, Administrative Services Director, presented. A payable is before the Board for approval due to the amount. This is an annual expense required by law to maintain the courthouse elevator. It is a typical payable that is budgeted. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve payable to Otis Elevator in the amount of \$14,174.49. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
9. Appointment to Hospital Authority Board. Presented by Mr. Olsen. The request is for the appointment of two individuals to the Umatilla County Hospital Authority Board. Glenn Chowning is not eligible for reappointment; Linda Hall is nominated to fill the vacancy. Judith Kennedy is eligible and willing to serve another term. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve Order No. BCC2019-002. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
10. Appointment to Fair Board. Presented by Chair Elfering (liaison Commissioner to the Fair). Two positions on the Fair Board are available for appointment. Applications were received from a number of citizens. The selection panel met; candidates were selected to interview and Doug Bennett and Steve Wallace are recommended for appointment as Fair Board Elects. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve Order No. BCC2019-003. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
11. AOC Dues Payable. Presented by Mr. Olsen. Umatilla County pays annual dues in the amount of \$23,256.95. The payable is before the Board for approval. Chair Elfering noted Association of Oregon Counties provides valuable assistance. **Commissioner Murdock moved to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**

12. Contract for Aerial Program. Mr. Olsen presented. A contract with USDA is before the Board for approval. This is for control of predators by USDA–Wildlife Services. This year’s contract is \$7,500. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the contract and authorize the chair to sign. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**

No Executive Session.

Commissioner Murdock noted he and Commissioner Shafer were on KUMA Coffee Hour. And, as of January 1, the schedule for KOHU Odds & Ends (Hermiston) is changing to rotate between he and Shafer. (Commissioner Elfering has a regular time each month.)

Commissioner Shafer – noted the great welcome – it is much appreciated. He looks forward to serving the County in his new capacity.

Commissioner Elfering expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve as Chair for 2019.

Adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners