

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board of Commissioners' Meeting of May 15, 2013
9:00 a.m., Room 114, County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Larry Givens, Chair; Dennis D. Doherty, Commissioner

COUNTY COUNSEL: Doug Olsen

MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT: Connie Caplinger, Umatilla County Executive Assistant; Kim Bolen, Ott Road resident; Marti Ward, NAIFA Blue Mountain; Scott Sager, NAIFA Blue Mountain; Suzanne Coppock, NAIFA Blue Mountain; Jack Esp, Candidate for Umatilla County Commissioner Position 1; Phil Wright, East Oregonian Reporter; Robert Pahl, Umatilla County Finance Director; Terry Rowan, Umatilla County Sheriff; Gay Newman, Ott Road resident; Jennifer Blake, Umatilla County Pay and Benefits Specialist; Sterrin Holcomb, Umatilla County Law Enforcement Department Civil Division Watch Commander; Dick Ferranti, Ferranti-Graybeal Agency; Jason Graybeal, Ferranti-Graybeal Agency; Tom Fellows, Umatilla County Public Works Director; Bob Heffner, Umatilla County Budget Officer; Pat Hart, City of Hermiston Fire Chief; Mark Morgan, City of Hermiston Manager's Assistant

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Chair Givens reminded all present that the meeting was a public forum.

BUSINESS ON AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Board of Commissioners meetings of April 17, 2013 and May 1, 2013; Administrative meeting of January 8, 2013 were presented for approval. **Commissioner Doherty moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meetings of April 17, 2013 and May 1, 2013; Administrative meeting of January 8, 2013 as written. Commissioner Givens seconded. The motion carried 2-0.**

Additions to the agenda:

MOU with City of Hermiston

Public Input: Doug Olsen stated that there were a few people attending for the Ott Road discussion whose schedule might not allow them to stay for the item. Commissioner Givens agreed to allow time for comment for the Ott Road discussion during the public input portion of the meeting.

Kim Bolen, 153 N Ott Road, wished to provide comment regarding the closure of Ott Road. She had several concerns and wished to go on record as opposing the closure. Her understanding was that if the road crossing was closed, a cul de sac was to be constructed to allow for bus and fire truck turn around space. Kim Bolen

observed that there was not much room to achieve the turn around.

She reported that she had several issues previously with the bus barn relative to the road and agreed the intersection was dangerous. She noted that the property near the crossing would be used for the purpose of increasing safety and there was a cost that came with that.

Her question was whether that money could be put toward gates instead as the alternate route was not a good road. Her concern over the safety issue resulted from the access to her property. Kim Bolen stated that gaining access to the homes in the resulting cul de sac within a reasonable time in an emergency would likely be difficult.

She expected that would also result in increased dumping and partying on the protected space at the end of the cul de sac and the resulting increase in traffic through the area would affect the safety factor. She repeated her request that crossing gates be installed rather than closing the road or, alternatively, reconstruct the road as a long-term solution.

She felt that reconstructing the road would also address the intersection, which could be considered and noted that the problem needed to be corrected for the long-term. Tom Fellows responded that the county was not investing the money in the project; that it was federal money. ODOT rail was administering the project and working on both Ott and Canal Roads. So, the funds and project direction were coming from the state. Kim Bolen stated that she would like to speak with the ODOT rail folks and, in closing, added that the county road graders had difficulty maintaining the alternate access road.

Consent Agenda:

1. Out of state travel authorization for Jack Remillard
2. Authorization of out of state travel for Juan Valdez
3. Authorization to purchase air conditioner and install air conditioner units in Public Health, Hermiston and Pendleton - \$7200; Authorization of payment to Murphy's Heating and Air of ½ the purchase price when equipment is ordered
4. Authorization to purchase additional hard drives for the CAD system - \$1900.86
5. Authorization of payable to St. Anthony's for \$8433.33
6. Authorization for Steve Churchill to exceed the vacation cap
7. Authorization of payment to St Anthony's - \$4372.99
8. Authorization to purchase and install Telrad Voice Mail Hard Drives for the Jail, Hansell Center and County Courthouse
9. Waive hiring freeze, authorization to hire replacement deputy from pool of applicants

Commissioner Doherty noted that all the consent agenda items were reviewed by all the commissioners and moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Givens seconded and the motion carried 2-0.

Agenda Items:

1. **Health Insurance discussion:** Jennifer Blake introduced Suzanne Coppock, Marti Ward and Scott Sager.

Suzanne Coppock reported that the previous year the county came out with a very bad insurance year at almost 100% on claims resulting in a 24% increase in premiums which was whittled down to a 12% increase. If the county had another bad year, it would have resulted in a huge increase.

They were fortunate in receiving a quote for a 4.06% increase in the medical coverage premiums and a 6% increase in the dental coverage premiums. Suzanne Coppock pointed out that more than half of the increase on the medical coverage was the result of the affordable care act. 2.46% of the increase was the taxes spread over the benefit year. Therefore, the net increase was 1.59%, largely attributable to the county's grandfathered plan with Lifewise.

Had the county had a non- grandfathered plan, the premium would have been slightly less expensive, but the county would also have been giving up the 4th quarter carryover and the current deductible of \$1,000. The non- grandfathered would have had a \$2,000 deductible. Staff's recommendation was to renew the medical insurance as is with the grandfathered plan.

However, OHSU and Legacy would no longer be preferred providers at this time. Lifewise was working with them to try to work out an agreement. In the meantime, Providence would remain a preferred provider and OHSU would remain a preferred provider on trauma, emergency, burn or neo-natal treatment. Aside from that, there was no change outside of Portland.

Connie Caplinger added that the insurance committee meeting attendees produced no exempt representatives aside from the District Attorney's office, although the options were very thoroughly discussed. The unknown was how many would be affected by the 4th quarter carryover.

Jennifer Blake added that in the last several years, Lifewise had really bent over backwards in working with the county, and especially despite the last two bad years. In reality, she believed there was not likely a company that could meet the Lifewise bid.

Connie Caplinger stated that the committee was looking for approval to move forward on retaining insurance. Bob Heffner replied to a question from the board, that he budgeted for the insurance at 21% for the increase on health insurance.

Suzanne Coppock added that the dental coverage had no changes and the group life coverage was purchased by US Able Life, which added ID theft assistance and free online will preparation. Scott Sager commented that two things happened last year with the experience rating expectation. The last year's change had a lot to do with the relationship with the county group because the CEO for Lifewise stepped in to support relief to the county. The CEO's decision was based on the county's relationship with the company and the previous trends.

Marti Ward commented that with the health care reform and the grandfathered plan, the county was sitting well and the increase was nominal relative to the taxes. It was also her belief that no other carrier could match the benefits and rate. If the decision were up to her, she would take the renewal as is. Marti Ward also complimented the company with its history of service.

Commissioner Doherty commented that it seemed that the county had two things going for it: a cooperative carrier and good communications with the teams. Jennifer Blake reminded the

commissioners that, if they were to put together a motion approving the recommendations, the life insurance coverage should be added to the motion, as well as the flexible spending plan.

Commissioner Doherty moved that the board accept the Lifewise proposal as recommended by staff for the health, dental, and life insurance. Commissioner Givens seconded. The motion carried 2-0.

Connie Caplinger added that Commissioner Elfering participated in the discussion and his experience as an insurance agent was very helpful. **Commissioner Doherty moved that the board accept the recommendation of staff and renew the flexible spending plan with Manley Services administered by Pacific Source. Commissioner Givens seconded and the motion carried 3-0.**

2. **Proposal to move Sheriff Civil Division Office to Justice Center - Continued Discussion:** Sterrin Holcomb reported that there was not much additional information available for the proposal. Connie Caplinger reiterated that the division could not move after hours due to liability concerns.

Commissioner Givens commented that the civil division was inundated with additional work and proposed to better serve the public by moving to the EOC for the purposes of multi-tasking and bringing in cross trained personnel to assist at peak times there.

Commissioner Doherty moved to accept the recommendation of staff and approve the move of the civil division to the justice center during office hours. Commissioner Givens seconded.

Commissioner Doherty asked if there was a reason for the move during working hours. Connie Caplinger stated that there were liability concerns. Sterrin Holcomb asked if that applied if she as an exempt was to take part in the move. Connie Caplinger confirmed that it would, regardless. **Question was called and the motion carried 2-0.**

3. **Budget transfers (2):**

a. **Sheriff Criminal, Budget Order 2013-51:** Bob Heffner reported that the criminal division required a \$16,000 increase in personnel services due to higher than anticipated settlements. Emergency Management had funding available. **Commissioner Doherty, in the matter of a resolution making a transfer of appropriations pursuant to ORS294.463 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, moved adoption of Budget Order 2013-51. Commissioner Givens seconded. The motion carried 2-0.**

b. **Juvenile, Budget Order 2013-52:** The juvenile program required a \$5,000 increase as a result of two retroactive adjustments to come from materials and services. **Commissioner Doherty, in the matter of a resolution making a transfer of appropriations pursuant to ORS294.463 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, moved approval of Budget Order 2013-52. Commissioner Givens seconded and the motion carried 2-0.**

4. **Supplemental budgets (3) - Public hearing:** Commissioner Givens opened the public hearing at 9:46 a.m. Bob Heffner provided the staff report as stated below for each supplemental budget. The chair opened the floor for public comment at 9:48 a.m. and receiving none, closed the floor.

a. **Assessment & Taxation, Budget Order 2013-48**: Bob Heffner reported that the program completed its final distribution requiring an increase in materials and services, which was supported by a higher than anticipated beginning fund balance. **Commissioner Doherty, in the matter of a resolution adopting a supplemental budget pursuant to ORS 294.471 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, moved approval of Budget Order 2013-48. Commissioner Givens seconded. The motion carried 2-0.**

b. **Foreclosed Property, Budget Order 2013-49**: Bob Heffner reported that the program experienced much higher than anticipated sales, resulting in the need for a supplemental budget. **Commissioner Doherty, in the matter of a resolution adopting a supplemental budget pursuant to ORS 294.471 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, moved approval of Budget Order 2013-49. Commissioner Givens seconded and the motion carried 2-0.**

c. **Tax Collector, Budget Order 2013-50**: The supplemental budget necessary for this program was a direct result of the increase in sales as well, requiring higher than anticipated reimbursements from the foreclosed property fund. **Commissioner Doherty, in the matter of a resolution adopting a supplemental budget pursuant to ORS 294.471 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, moved approval of Budget Order 2013-50. Commissioner Givens seconded. The motion carried 2-0.**

5. **Comprehensive Fee Ordinance Amendment - Public Hearing**: Commissioner Givens opened the public hearing at 9:50 a.m. Doug Olsen provided the staff report, stating that the fee ordinance amendment was an annual update brought before the board for its first reading and the board had been provided a copy of the changes.

He reviewed the changes, noting that a deposit for use of the justice center facilities was added. The fairgrounds added a rental fee for the entire grounds. The rental cost for Thompson Hall was increased to \$625 as well as increases to the monthly fee for boat and rv storage, arena rental, covered horse stalls, and the fairgrounds' new tables.

Public Health was to increase the fees for Hepatitis C vaccines, PPD tests and medical supplies. There was also an increase to the administrative fees and environmental health had an increase of 5% across the board. The re-inspection fee increase was based on the wages and costs to the county to provide those services.

Land use planning added application fees for co-adoption, which would apply to the cost on postage. There was a design review increase and flood plain development increase, a public notice increase and new fees for GIS data sets.

The sheriff's criminal division added a report fee increase for both older and newer reports.

Commissioner Doherty asked for confirmation of the full day fairgrounds fee and the requirement for provision of insurance by the renter. Doug Olsen confirmed the information and replied, to another question, that on page 7 of the amendment, the fees applied to cell towers under 200 feet in height and noted that the research fee was being taken out entirely because it was being incorporated into the item directly above it.

Doug Olsen noted that, under the state constitution, fees were based on the costs for the department, facility or service. Commissioner Givens opened the floor for comment at 9:58 a.m. and, hearing none, promptly closed the floor. **Commissioner Doherty performed the first reading of Ordinance No. 2013-06 by title only and moved that the Board set the second reading for June 5th at 10 a.m. in Room 114 at the Pendleton Courthouse. Commissioner Givens seconded and the motion carried 2-0.**

6. **Special Transportation Funding Committee Grants:** Robert Pahl provided copies of the draft minutes from the committee meeting and briefed the board on the program explaining that it provided funds for transportation for the elderly and disabled. The county received requests totaling \$163,600 for the current cycle and received new funding from ODOT in the amount of \$134,411. It had a carryover from the previous year and was able to award a total of \$155,100. The committee recommended and requested approval.

Commissioner Givens asked if the Battle Mountain group was new. Robert Pahl answered that it was not and had been with the county for some years. **Commissioner Doherty concurred with Robert Pahl and moved that the Board approve the STF committee recommendation as presented for grants totaling 155,100. Commissioner Givens seconded. The motion carried 2-0.**

7. **Adams Community Benefit Plan Grant Awards:** Doug Olsen reported that the committee submitted a recommendation for one grant, that the public library receive a grant for the Off the Wall movies project which was well within the amounts received for the plan. **Commissioner Doherty, in the matter of approval of 2013 grant of City of Adams Community Benefit Plan, moved approval of Order No. BCC2013-049. Commissioner Givens seconded and the motion carried 2-0.**

8. **Athena Weston Education and Resource Enhancement Grant Amendment to City of Athena:** Doug Olsen presented the proposed order, reported that the City of Athena was awarded a \$2,000 grant for a speed sign and was able to obtain it for less than the amount allowed. The city requested that the remaining funds be used for a ballistic vest and the committee approved that request by poll. **Commissioner Doherty, in the matter of approval of grant of 2012 Athena-Weston Education and Resource Enhancement (AWERE), moved approval of Order No BCC2013-050. Commissioner Givens seconded. The motion carried 2-0.**

9. **Award Contract for Insurance Agent of Record:** Doug Olsen reported that the county posted an RFP for an insurance agent of record. Four proposals were received from Ferranti-Graybeal, Wells Fargo, Wheatland, and NAIFA Blue Mountain. The committee, consisting of Dan Lonai, Connie Caplinger, Doug Olsen and Commissioner Elfering, recommended that the agent of record designation should be renewed with Ferranti-Graybeal for the county's property and liability coverage.

NAIFA Blue Mountain's bid was accompanied by a provision for discussion relative to its fee proposal for the health coverage. Commissioner Doherty asked if since the county's life, health and employee benefits were handled by the company whether bundling all the policies with them would be worth some discussion. Doug Olsen replied that there was a large difference in the fees - \$18,000 for the current property liability carrier versus a percentage scale for coverage up to \$40,000 added to the health, life and employee benefits.

Commissioner Doherty asked if that would affect the health negotiated terms. Jennifer Blake explained that the underwriters would determine what the increase would be, but that they are required to have a fee to the agent. Usually the refund to the county was equivalent to the agent fee. Doug Olsen commented that could be done on the health policies, but had not been done previously. Dick Ferranti added that the law changed a couple years ago. As a result of the acknowledgment by the insurance commission that the larger accounts' staff participated more in the negotiation than perhaps the agent the refund process was developed. The drawback would be that the increase or decrease was not associated to the work load for the agent. Commissioner Doherty was supportive of not negotiating the fee.

Connie Caplinger reported that Commissioner Elfering was also supportive of not negotiating. Commissioner Doherty asked if staff would be satisfied with the motion to approve the agent of record. Dick Ferranti noted that the motion would need to include worker's compensation.

Commissioner Doherty moved that the Board award the contract for insurance agent of record for workers compensation, property and liability to Ferranti-Graybeal. Commissioner Givens seconded. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Doherty moved that the Board award the contract for insurance agent of record for health, dental and life insurance to NAIFA Blue Mountain. Commissioner Givens seconded and the motion carried 2-0.

10. **Award Contract for Purchase of Tractor**: Tom Fellows reported that, as usual, each year he provided the board with a list of equipment replacements to be made throughout the year. It was time to take advantage of the purchasing power for the tractor on that list of equipment to be replaced. The recommended tractor met and exceeded the specifications. **Commissioner Doherty moved that the Board approve the public works director's recommendation and award the contract to purchase a Caterpillar DR6 XL Dozer for \$135,000. Commissioner Givens seconded. The motion carried 2-0.**

11. **MOU w/City of Hermiston**: Commissioner Doherty reported that the MOU declared the intentions of the city and county to each implement the different terms of the IGA creating the authority to contribute up to \$25,000 each to an annual operations budget for EOTEC up to the fiscal year in which the fairgrounds was to move. Effective the year of the move, each entity would contribute not less than \$50,000, with the purpose to get the two parent entities on same page and to ensure that the authority board had assets necessary to get the facility up and operating.

The agreement was established just between the city and the county and was designed to assure the authority board some security. The agreement included a provision that the contributions were dependent upon the entities' budgets in successive years.

Commissioner Doherty commented that whatever was said in the city council meeting on Monday created some confusion. He clarified that currently the county was not putting funds into the fair budget but into the fairgrounds budget and the county would continue to do so while providing the \$25,000 to EOTEC.

Mark Morgan commented that he felt that Commissioner Doherty made it clear that the county funded the fairgrounds at \$80,000 and would continue to do so. Commissioner Doherty confirmed that the county funded the fairgrounds at \$72,000 and the new budget set the same amount. He clarified that the amount stated in the MOU was not a contribution to the construction fund and that the MOU was already

approved by the city in its action on Monday evening. **Commissioner Doherty moved that the Board approve the MOU presented to be dated May 15, 2013 to operate as a declaration of intent between the City of Hermiston and Umatilla County to provide funding for an annual operating budget for the EOTEC Authority Board. Commissioner Givens second. The motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner Doherty added for the record that he consulted with Commissioner Elfering who was supportive of the proposal.

12. **Ott Road Closure - Continued Public Hearing – set for 10:30 a.m.**: Commissioner Givens opened the continued hearing at 10:30 a.m. Connie Caplinger reported that the board received a letter from Dr Maiocco who had also been in contact with the Mid-Columbia Bus Company's director of operations and business services.

The letter was read into the record by Connie Caplinger, acknowledging that the school district was provided notice as to the hearing and chose to provide a written response. The letter is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The district noted that one family would be impacted by the proposed closure and due to the minimal impact, Hermiston School District was not opposed to the proposed action to close the crossing.

Commissioner Doherty commented that the city was also noticed. Commissioner Givens recognized Mark Morgan for the City of Hermiston. Mark Morgan reported that the city's planner and manager discussed the matter. The road formed a boundary of the city's urban growth boundary and its largest issue was the way the intersection was set up. Any mitigation of that would result in an extremely expensive upgrade. Therefore, the city had no current opposition.

Pat Hart, Hermiston Fire Chief, stated that his organization was opposing the closure because it was used for access to the residences. The alternate route was more populated and the distance created a longer response time. He noted that the district responded to frequent grass fires along the railroad right of way in that location and cited potential damage to apparatus caused by the alternate route. He suggested asking the railroad to put in more appropriate warning devices because it should be up to the railroad to provide safety products.

Commissioner Givens asked how much time would be added to the response time. Pat Hart replied that the time of day was a factor, but the emergency responders would need to cross Highway 395 to Main Street and then travel Diagonal to Hooker which could be a 5 minute difference. He noted that, logistically, if a fire occurred, responders would ordinarily approach from the Loop Road side.

Jack Esp asked how the ambulance response time would affect the victim in the case of a cardiac incident.

Pat Hart replied that 5 minutes could be significant in that case per international standards and could make a difference, as defibrillation was superior to CPR.

Commissioner Givens mentioned other options and asked Tom Fellows for input. Tom Fellows noted that Ott Road, after the railroad crossing on the south side, diverted off the county right of way at the point approximately 40 feet off the crossing so that no part of the road was in the right of way. If the road was put back on the right of way, there was no room for crossing arms between the crossing and the intersection with Loop. A vertical change would not be sufficient to accommodate an overpass because that solution was complicated by the irrigation canal. To redesign the road to accommodate the obstacles

was so costly as to be insurmountable, especially given all the issues with the connector with Loop and the fact that the road was not within current standards.

Commissioner Givens commented that the options were very limited and if it were feasible to put crossing arms on Ott that would create problems with Loop Road. Tom Fellows replied that he believed the federal government would decline to provide funds for arms on that crossing because the road was not on the right of way and the potential intersection problems.

Commissioner Doherty asked if there was any point in considering winding Loop north to create some space. Tom Fellows explained that the location of the canal wouldn't allow that because the bank was so close to the road.

Commissioner Doherty asked if the canal could be piped. Tom Fellows answered that he was not sure of the canal right of way.

Commissioner Doherty asked if anyone had looked into the old records when the railroad was put in to determine if there were any agreements relative to responsibilities of the railroad to mitigate road safety. Tom Fellows stated that there were none known.

Commissioner Doherty asked if any research was done into the railroads' responsibility under statute. He commented that he was conflicted on the proposal, with the public safety needs of the residents balanced with road crossing safety. Tom Fellows noted that the roads were built a hundred years previously to accommodate truck and farm equipment traffic of a hundred years ago, which have increased in size and frequency.

He noted similar circumstances related to the railroad and also that the train engineers reported extreme limited visibility at the crossing. His concern was that he did not want emergency services called because a school bus was hit by a train.

Commissioner Doherty commented that the key seemed to be that there was not any acceptable option for the south side of the tracks based on the statements that the turnaround was not adequate. Tom Fellows replied that the cul de sac meets all ODOT standards and was adequate. No property acquisition was necessary with the turnaround at approximately 110 feet across.

Commissioner Doherty added that it seemed given the items in place like the canal, he was still not sure the board had heard enough about the options because the irrigation districts could be doing things with the canals that could help. He noted that the current irrigation district chair was Jeremy Bolen, husband of Kim Bolen, who was also in opposition. He was not sure all the options were adequately considered and suggested that ODOT and the county public works department speak with the irrigation district board.

Commissioner Givens suggested discussing remediation with the railroad, also. Tom Fellows repeated that there was no room for crossing arms while maintaining access to Loop Road. Commissioner Doherty noted that the railroad could actually take the whole thing off the table by saying that no road was allowed in its right of way through that area.

Jack Esp asked if there was any discussion of enclosing the canal and moving Loop Road on top of it. Commissioner Givens noted that the cost factor was prohibitive for that solution.

Pat Hart asked if there was the possibility of installing lights on Ott, if there was no room for crossing arms. Tom Fellows pointed out that the ODOT rail proposal was very specific, indicating that the agencies were to use the federal money to build a mini-corridor project including arms and signals on Canal and closing Ott. The funding was predicated on the presumption that the agencies would go forward as proposed or leave the crossings in their current state and lose the funding. Connie Caplinger stated that meant that if the agencies went forward with the Canal portion of the project without the Ott Road piece, the funding would be lost.

Commissioner Givens suggested that the county, ODOT rail safety and the railroad sit down and have a meeting. Pat Hart asked for information on the organizer. Sheriff Rowan asked for the volume of trains and cars at the road crossing per day and how many wrecks occurred there. Pat Hart replied that he could get the road accident information.

Commissioner Givens asked if the board could close the hearing and not make a decision until more information was available. Doug Olsen stated that as the time frame for a decision was September, that was possible. Commissioner Givens proposed to close the hearing without a decision with a second hearing to take place at a date and time to be determined. Doug Olsen cautioned that would require that the county re-post a notice of hearing. He also located information setting the traffic volume at the crossing at 11 freight trains and 51 cars per day.

Commissioner Doherty noted that it was repeatedly acknowledged that was an unsafe crossing, it was a county road and liability must be a consideration. He asked who had the liability, if the county was sued would it be able to include the railroad as a defendant. Doug Olsen replied that it was likely all the larger entities would be sued.

Commissioner Doherty added that the county could not make a decision based on accidents on the crossing when it was just as likely to experience liability on behalf of a resident for whom emergency services did not arrive in a timely fashion. In his opinion, the failure to regard the crossing safety by a driver was overridden by the needs of the residents.

Commissioner Givens commented that he would rather defer decision for additional information and close the hearing without a decision, directing staff to set up a group meeting. Pat Hart added that as the discussion went forward the fire department would like to participate and noted that in the end the goal was the safety of the people. Commissioner Givens closed the hearing at 11:09 a.m. to continue the discussion with ODOT Rail, the Union Pacific, and other stakeholders.

New Business: None.

Commissioners' Reports:

Dennis Doherty: Reported that the water commission was to have a work session and commission meeting the previous day, but it was cancelled at the 11th hour due to a meeting on the Columbia River Treaty. The commission meeting would be held Thursday, the 16th instead.

Larry Givens: The LRA voted to form an implementation LRA meaning that the structure and committees would change. The LRA would consist of the two ports, two counties and the Tribes, if they chose to participate. If the clean-up of the property was not addressed by the military the LRA could refuse to take possession of the property. Commissioner Doherty asked if the ILRA option was recognized in the federal process and, if so, with the revenue available to ILRA to continue mission, would that be enough to sustain the LRA. Commissioner Givens commented that would not likely sustain the LRA in the long term, but the group had discussed sale of the property and the federal funding would be available to help sustain the LRA through about 7 years. The Donaho Company was looking into grant options with the Office of Economic Adjustment. The Tribes were to take their consideration of whether to participate back to their Board to determine whether to agree or not. The primary concerns of the Tribes were the warehouse hazardous materials, asbestos, materials coming loose. There was an option also to disassemble the buildings and sell them. The Red Cross requested one building having a loading dock.

Other Discussion: None.

Scheduling of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held June 5, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Headley
Executive Secretary
Umatilla County
Board of Commissioners