

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Board of Commissioners' Meeting of February 19, 2014
9:00 a.m., Room 114, County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bill Elfering, Chair; George Murdock, Vice Chair; Larry Givens, Commissioner

COUNTY COUNSEL: Doug Olsen

MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT: Bob Heffner, Umatilla County Budget Director; Paul Chalmers, Umatilla County Assessment and Taxation Director; Tom Fellows, Public Works Director; Jim Littlefield, Umatilla County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff; Dave Williamson, Umatilla County Sherriff's Office Lieutenant; Katrina Glogowski, Glogowski Law Firm; Sarah Richter, OSHU Student

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair Elfering reminded all present that the meeting was a public forum.

BUSINESS ON AGENDA

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January 15, 2014 Board of Commissioners' meeting, February 5, 2014 Board of Commissioner's meeting; February 11, 2014 Administrative meeting and December 17, 2013 Land Use Hearing were presented for approval. **Commissioner Givens moved approval of minutes dated January 15, 2014; February 5, 2014; February 11, 2014; and December 17, 2013 Land Use Hearing. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Givens, Commissioner Murdock and Commissioner Elfering each voted aye. The motion carried 3-0.**

Additions to the agenda: Commissioner Murdock requested the Sherriff's Office attend the March 11, 2014 meeting to report statistics due to the recent changes in the department. No additions to today's agenda.

Public Input: None

Agenda Items:

1. **Resale of Property to Taxpayer:** Doug Olsen reported this is the request of Karen Thompson to repurchase a foreclosed property for delinquent taxes. Proposed sale price is \$18,698.64, which represents the amount of delinquent property taxes. Katrina Glogowski representing the lender is here. The property has been deeded to the County. Under statute ORS 275.180 the Board may resell the property to the last record owner. Katrina Glogowski introduced herself as the attorney for Green Tree Servicing, who held the Deed of Trust on this property. She has the funds today. The check amount is higher due to accrued per diem and recording fees. The redemption period has passed. Her client was unaware of this foreclosure due to its error in not properly recording an assignment of the Deed of Trust, thus they were not notified of the tax foreclosure. Ms. Thompson continued to make payments until notified by the County to vacate. The proposal by the lender is to pay the full amount due on behalf of Ms. Thompson, and have the county deed the property back to Ms. Thompson and reinstate the property to the way it was before the tax foreclosure. Commissioner Givens asked Ms. Glogowski for clarification how Ms. Thompson was not aware of the notices. Ms. Glogowski responded she does not know if Ms. Thompson was not aware, but her client, the lender was not aware. Notices were going to a PO Box that was no longer valid. The lender became aware when Ms. Thompson contacted them she received a notice to vacate. Doug Olsen stated notices were sent by mail. The final notice is served on the residence. Paul Chalmers stated it was also posted on the property. Commissioner Givens asked if Paul Chalmers had any questions or comments. Paul Chalmers stated this is not unusual, it is within the Board's jurisdiction, and he does not have any qualms about it.

Commissioner Murdock, In the matter of Conveying Tax Foreclosed Property to Karyn D. Thompson moved to adopt Order Number TX2014-04. Commissioner Givens seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Elfering each voted aye. Motion carried 3-0.

2. **Supplemental Budgets:** Public hearing opened at 9:12 AM. Bob Hefner gave the staff report on each of the 2 supplemental budgets for consideration. For Budget Order 2014-39, Weed Control of Public Works absorbed a lateral transfer of personnel requiring a \$6000 increase to Personnel Services provided by a transfer from the general fund. For Order 2014-40, Veterans Department created the Veteran's Expanded Outreach program due to receipt of new grant funds. Expenditure of the grant would require an increase of \$39,000 in Personnel Services and \$13,640 in Materials & Services.

Commissioner Elfering asked if there was public input. Hearing none he asked fellow commissioners if they had questions. Commissioner Givens asked if this was a Federal grant. Bob Hefner did not know. Murdock answered the State of Oregon appropriated \$600,000 across the state for enhanced Veterans Services and we applied for a portion.

Commissioner asked on the Weed Control budget if it was a transfer from the Board of Commissioners Office. Bob Heffner reported that BCC Personnel would not be reduced and instead it was Contingency transfer out with the same result.

Commissioner Elfering inquired if there were further questions. Hearing none he closed the hearing at 9:16 AM. There were no further questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Givens, In the matter of a resolution adopting a supplemental budget pursuant to ORS 294.471 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, moved approval of Budget Order 2014-39. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Elfering each voted aye. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Murdock, In the matter of a resolution adopting a supplemental budget pursuant to ORS 294.473 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, moved approval of Budget Order 2014-40. Commissioner Givens seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Elfering each voted aye. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Budget Transfers: Bob Hefner gave the staff report. Budget Order 2014-41 General County requires a \$6000 increase in Transfers Out for Weed Control from contingency. Budget Order 2014-42 Courthouse Facility Improvement fund requires \$8914 increase in its Capital Outlay from Materials and Services, for new audio and video in the room 130 remodel. Commissioner Givens noted this gives the ability to video record meetings. There were no further comments or questions.

Commissioner Murdock, In the matter of a resolution making a transfer of appropriations pursuant to ORS 294.463 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, moved to adopt Budget Order 2014-41. Commissioner Givens seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Elfering each voted aye. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Givens, In the matter of a resolution making a transfer of appropriations pursuant to ORS 294.463 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, moved to adopt Budget Order 2014-40. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Elfering each voted aye. The motion carried 3-0.

4. Used Pickup Purchase: Public Works has budgeted for equipment replacement. Tom Fellows stated the department has had good luck with used Forest Service vehicles. This one has a value of about \$17,000, so it is a great deal.

Commissioner Givens moved authorization for the purchase of a used 2005 Chevy Silverado not to exceed \$9100. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens, and Commissioner Elfering each each voted aye. The motion carried 3-0.

5. Chipper Purchase: Tom Fellows reported Public Works has planned for this equipment replacement. The old one was purchased in 1994. Proposals were received from 2 companies. RDO

gave 2 proposal, one for a used machine and one for a brand new machine. PCI also gave 2 proposals, one on a demo model and one on a brand new model. The difference between the demo machine with 300 hours and the new was approximately \$2000 so the request is to purchase the new one.

Commissioner Murdock moved to authorize the purchase of a new Brush Bandit in the amount of \$33, 086 from PCI. Givens seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens, and Commissioner Elfering each voted aye. The motion carried 3-0.

6. Authorization for Request for Proposals for Purchase of Equipment -Pup trailers and Backhoe. Tom Fellows reported these are not planned equipment replacements. The Pup trailers are disintegrating quicker than expected. It is time to start looking. The Backhoe is an early 1980's vintage and is requiring much maintenance. Commissioner Elfering asked if he would be able to purchase the equipment and stay within his budget. Tom explained he always requests more equipment than he has money. He does this to be able to replace equipment when the opportunity presents itself. Commissioner Givens commented the general public expects our road crews to be there when they want them and that requires safe equipment to operate.

Commissioner Givens, moved approval for issuance of Public Works request for proposals for the trailers and backhoe as the equipment and funding becomes available. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Murdock, Commissioner Givens and Commissioner Elfering each voted aye. The motion carried 3-0.

7. Fleet Management Purchases for Sheriff's Office: Lt. Williamson presented the request to purchase five 2014 Ford Utility Interceptors for \$29,410 per vehicle from Gresham Ford. This is out of the fleet management plan. The total cost is \$147,050. Replaced vehicles are an average of 8-10 years old and in excess of 100,000 miles. Commissioner Elfering asked how the overall replacement is going. Lt Williamson reported there are 1 or 2 left to replace next year. At that point they will be replacing the vehicles that were first replaced under this program. Undersheriff Littlefield stated this is the 2nd year of the 5 year plan. There are limited in options that are designed for police work. Fuel millage per gallon is virtually the same with this mid-size SUV as the car. Commissioner Elfering asked about the cost for equipping these cars. Undersheriff Littlefield stated these are ordered to accommodate equipment thus saving on retrofitting costs. The Sheriff Office was able to purchase 5 light bars from the state for a reduced cost.

Commissioner Givens moved to approve the request to proceed with purchase through the fleet management program from Gresham Ford utilizing the state contract totaling \$147,410. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Givens, Commissioner Murdock, and Commissioner Elfering each voted aye. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Reset March 5 meeting: There will not be a quorum available for the regular March 5, 2014 meeting. Propose rescheduling for Tuesday March 11, 2014.

Commissioner Givens moved to reschedule the March 5 meeting to March 11, 2014. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Givens, Commissioner Murdock, and Commissioner Elfering each voted in favor of the motion, which carried 3-0.

9. **Red Cross Month Proclamation:** Commissioner Elfering read in to the record the proclamation. Commissioner Givens, In the matter of proclaiming March to be American Red Cross month in Umatilla County move to adopt Order Number BCC2014-013. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Commissioner Givens, Commissioner Murdock and Commissioner Elfering each voted aye. Motion carried 3-0.

10. **Oregon Department of Agriculture Payable:** Doug Olsen reported the payable is coming before the Board due to the dollar amount. It is a return of grant funds to the State of Oregon. Commissioner Givens stated this was for the Wolf Deprivation Committee. This year there were no applicants for reimbursement of expenses. The County can reapply for the grant in this biennium.

Commissioner Givens moved approval of the payable to the Oregon Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$17,570. Commissioner Murdock seconded. Commissioner Givens, Commissioner Murdock and Commissioner Elfering each voted aye. The motion carried 3-0.

New Business: None

Commissioners' reports:

Commissioner Givens: A couple of items were presented at AOC. One relating to the use and sale of medical marijuana at dispensaries and the other on medical expenses for jail inmates. Both of which are a concern to law enforcement. The AOC Legislature Committee will push for Federal government to regulate some of those uses so it is not dumped on the state. AOC is supporting House Bill 41-10A requiring insurance companies to pick up the cost of medical expenses for inmates housed in County facilities. This would make a huge difference to Counties economically. Commissioner Elfering commented he received a notice from NACO pertaining to the Affordable Care Act and how it impacts this issue. It appears those who are charged but not convicted should be able to receive coverage. Commissioner Givens reported they will be lobbying with congressional and senatorial staff on those items that are County issues.

Two Milton-Freewater constituents requested the budget be available in the library. Bob Hefner reported all libraries received a copy of the budget. It is also available online.

Commissioner Murdock: Executive Secretary screening committee has completed its work and Deserae is moving forward with establishing a date for interviews. He met with Jennifer, Doug and Deserae to create questions for interviews. The plan is to select 2-3 finalists who would then be interviewed by the Board.

Fleet Management Committee met last week. Bob Nooy is gathering information. There was not enough money in reserve to handle everything needed. Juvenile will add funds for the purchase of its vehicle.

Commissioner Murdock asked for a matter of record to have the Commissioners to applaud the work of Doug Olsen and Deserae who continue to be called upon and work above and beyond due to the vacancy in BCC. Unanimous agreement.

Commissioner Elfering: The Commissioner attended a retirement party for Suzanne Coppock, the contact for the county medical insurance.

March 1st is the official No-Smoke day and all County property will become smoke free.

Preliminary work has started on Student education day tentatively scheduled for April 3, 2014.

Other Discussion: None.

Scheduling of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held March 11, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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