

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of April 4, 2018
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair George Murdock, Vice-Chair Bill Elfering and Commissioner Larry Givens

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Members and Guests Present: Dale Primmer, County Community Justice Director; Mark Royal, AOC LPSCC Coordinator; Karen Primmer, Sheriff's Office Dispatch; Jodi Florence, Sheriff's Office; Kathy Lieuallen, Sheriff's Office Dispatch; Tammy Sundin, County Community Justice; Lora Franks, Sheriff's Office Administration; Blake Johlke, Sheriff's Office Records; Undersheriff Jim Littlefield; Robert Pahl, County Chief Finance Officer; Phil Wright, East Oregonian Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. Chair Murdock welcomed all.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Givens. He then mentioned a preschooler led the pledge of allegiance in front of huge audience at Senator Wyden's visit yesterday at Umatilla High School.

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. He noted there is a point for public input before business items for other than agenda.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognition. Employee of the Quarter. Commissioner Elfering announced recognition of Karen Primmer, Dispatch. He read the nomination letters from her peers recognizing her outstanding work and dedication. Congratulations and good work! A picture was taken of presentation of the award certificate.

Minutes of Previous Meeting(s). Commissioner Givens moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2018 and March 21, 2018 Board meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0

Additions to Agenda. Chair Murdock added acceptance of resignation of Charter Review Committee member and appointment of new member -- item #11.

Public input. Chair Murdock advised this is the time for public input (for other than a scheduled item on the agenda) and also for recognition of visitors. There were none.

Business Items:

1. **Vehicle Purchase.** Doug Olsen noted the item is pulled.
2. **Drug Treatment Services.** Dale Primmer, Community Justice Director, presented. Request for proposals was issued for drug court treatment services (Justice Reinvestment). The recommendation is to approve

and enter into contract with Community Counseling Services to provide services for drug court. Commissioner Elfering commented that reinstatement of drug court is something the public has called for. Budget is available and it is effective for those needing services. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve awarding contract with Community Counseling Services. Seconded by Commissioner Givens.** Chair Murdock added that Mr. Primmer and all those involved have put in a lot of hard work and provided a good foundation. Roy Blaine, Trial Court Administrator for the 6th Judicial District, conveyed how pleased state courts is to be a participant. Great work! **Motion carried, 3-0.**

Commissioner Elfering introduced the new LPSCC (Local Public Safety Coordinating Council) Coordinator, hired by AOC, Mark Royal. He reminded all of Mr. Royal's many years of work for the County before retiring a couple of years ago. He brings great experience to the position.

3. Community Corrections Positions. Mr. Primmer presented. This request is to consider reorganization due to a long-time employee retirement. It will set in motion multiple changes – moving between Hermiston and Pendleton (Parole Officer); a PO will move-transfer to handle day management; there will be reassignment of one to the field (with a growing caseload) and one more move. The net result is an added 1 FTE probation specialist but will also allow double filling. He is trying to get ahead of the game to streamline the transition. All is budgeted and some savings will result. Caseload sizes are higher and the need to fill is a must. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve creation of new PO position. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
4. Community Development Grant Payable. Commissioner Elfering presented. The grants committee met 3/28 (quarter end). Approval is sought to award \$8,000 from community development funds to Hermiston Cinco de Mayo (digital reader board). **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve grant and payment. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**
5. Economic Development Grants Payables. Commissioner Elfering presented. Approval is sought for economic development funding as follows: \$5,500 to Dragon's Gate Brewery; \$9,000 to Smith's Tiny Farm & Micro creamery; and \$10,000 to Umatilla County Historical Society (Exhibit will be a permanent exhibit). **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve grants and payments. Seconded by Commissioner Givens.** Chair Murdock declared his wife is a member of the Historical Society; Mr. Olsen advised it would not be a conflict for him to vote. **Motion carried, 3-0.**
6. Community Services Development Transfer. Chair Murdock presented. This is from a fund used for the well-being of the citizens of the county; approval is sought for a transfer from that fund to Public Health for the "Year of Wellness" (previously approved by the Board). **Chair Murdock moved to approve payment. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**
7. AWERE Grants. Chair Murdock presented. The AWERE Committee recommended grants totaling \$150,844 – set out in Order BCC2018-024. **Chair Murdock moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-024. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 3-0.**
8. AWERE Committee Appointments. Chair Murdock presented. Reappointment is sought for two members whose terms have expired on the Athena Weston Education and Resource Enhancement board - both are eligible; also, appointment for replacement of county representative. The member for appointment are Jennifer McClure Spurgeon, John Shafer and Bob Waldher. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC 2018-025. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

Supplemental Budgets – Public Hearing. Robert Pahl, CFO, presented the staff report. Orders nos. 2018-41 (General Fund – Victim Witness) requires an increase in Local Revenue of \$1,100 and increase in Materials & Services in the same amount. 2018-42 (General Fund – Juvenile) requires increase in Local Revenue of \$2,458, increase in State Revenue \$22,078, increase in Materials & Services \$24,078 and increase in Contingency \$458. 2018-43 (General Fund – Health Dept.) requires increase in Local Revenue \$85,000 and increase in Materials & Services in the same amount. 2018-44 (Debt Service – PERS Bond) requires increase in Undesignated Fund Balance \$37,000, increase in Local Revenue \$15,000 and increase in Debt Service \$52,000. Chair Murdock called the public hearing to order at 9:24 a.m. and closed it at 9:25 a.m.

In the matter approving Supplemental Budgets pursuant to ORS 294.471 for FY ending 6/30/18: Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Budget Order 2018-41 (Program 2050 – Victim Witness). Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Budget Order 2018-42 (Program 5342 – Juvenile). Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Budget Order 2018-43 (Program 5534 – Health Department). Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Budget Order 2018-44 (Program 9096 – Debt Service/PERS Bond). Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.

9. Budget Transfer. Mr. Pahl presented. Order 2018-45 (Drug Court) requires transfer of appropriations with an increase in State Revenue \$126,000 and a decrease in Local Revenue \$126,000. **In the matter approving Transfer of Appropriations pursuant to ORS 294.463 for FY ending 6/30/18, Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Budget Order 2018-45 (Program 1529 – Drug Court). Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

10. Charter Review Committee. Presented by Chair Murdock. Kim Puzey resigned from the Committee. At the last Board meeting, an alternate was appointed (Darla Huxel). She is ready to step in. He recommends Mr. Puzey's resignation is accepted and appointment of Darla Huxel be made to replace him on the committee. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve Order No. BCC2018-026 setting out the appointments to the Charter Review Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Givens. Carried, 3-0.**

There was no executive session.

Commissioner Reports.

Commissioner Elfering: Yesterday he attended a meeting of ODFW (four representatives) and about 15 landowners as well as himself and Commissioner Doherty from Morrow County dealing with elk damage to property in the Gurdane area (east of Heppner and south of Vincent). Elk herds are staying in that area rather than migrating (due to wolves living at higher elevation). Elk have caused considerable damage – pasture as well as fence and hay stacks. Landowners are looking for solutions. A committee was appointed to consider options/resolution and move forward.

(2) He visually observed the Oregon Trail wagon ruts located on the depot area during a Columbia Development Authority tour. Oregon Trail committee members confirmed they are official ruts. Also located in the Coyote Coulee area (Tribes).

(3) He will attend West County Mayors meeting following the Board meeting today (rescheduled from yesterday).

(4) He will attend a CIS Board meeting Thursday. They are looking to hire an assistant director to shadow the current director who will retire next year.

Commissioner Givens: He will call in to AOC meetings on Monday (vs. attending in Salem).

(2) He will go to the Milton-Freewater Chamber meeting following the Board meeting and then (3) attend the Met. Planning Organization regular Board meeting in Walla Walla.

(4) He attended the meeting yesterday with Senator Wyden at Umatilla High School. He felt the Senator did a good job of engaging the high school students. Concern was expressed about gun violence and some talk included possible solutions – Facebook and technology must be considered. Good ideas were presented by students.

Commissioner Murdock: He also attended the Wyden event at Umatilla yesterday. He commented about the great robotics program – Umatilla boasts the largest program in the U.S.!

(2) He met with Dave Williams, Wildlife Services, who was in town yesterday; they talked about predator control and the fact wolves are driving elk down to fields causing problems (as discussed earlier by Commissioner Elfering).

(3) He will participate in OSU Cooperative Extension interviews; the selected person will serve all of Eastern Oregon. Four finalists will be interviewed Thursday and Friday.

Chair Murdock asked Commissioner Elfering to relay to West End Mayors that the County-wide Mayors will meet May 1 at Stafford Hansell building in Hermiston.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Slatt, Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners