

**MINUTES**  
**UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Administrative Meeting of February 24, 2020  
10:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse  
Pendleton, Oregon

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**Commissioners Present:** Vice-Chair George Murdock and Commissioner Bill Elfering  
**Absent:** Chair John Shafer  
**County Counsel:** Doug Olsen  
**Members and Guests Present:** Terry Case, Helix Rural Fire Protection-Secretary/Treasurer; Paul Chalmers, Assessment & Taxation Director

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CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Murdock called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He 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 in order to be heard on the record – also note if you are speaking on behalf of others.

**Business Items**

1. East Umatilla Fire & Rescue District – Public Hearing. Vice-Chair Murdock called the public hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. The staff report was presented by Doug Olsen. This is for potential formation of the East Umatilla Fire & Rescue District. Previously, the Board initiative the process for the formation and set this first public hearing for the purpose of boundaries of the district and those properties would be benefited by the district. A second hearing will be needed prior to the matter being referred to the voters.

Vice-Chair Murdock asked for those in favor.

Terry Case, PO Box 245 Helix Oregon. He is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Helix Rural Fire Protection District and also served on the Board under the Intergovernmental Agreement. He feels this is best for the community to provide better fire service and allow for combining the districts.

Vice-Chair Murdock asked for any others in favor. None were heard.

Mr. Olsen pointed out map as projected on the room monitors shows the proposed boundaries. And, Mr. Case added forming the new district would also add the City of Athena into the district.

With no other comments, Vice-Chair Murdock adjourned the public hearing at 10:03 a.m.

Deliberation: Order No. BCC2020-015 would set the next hearing in the process to move forward going to voters in May.

**Commissioner Elfering moved to adopt Order No. BCC2020-015, including setting a second (final) hearing on March 18, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 2-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melinda Slatt*

Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners