

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Administrative Meeting of January 28, 2022
1:30 p.m. (Google Meet)
Umatilla County Courthouse, Room 114

Commissioners present: Chair John Shafer, Vice-Chair Dan Dorran, and Commissioner George Murdock

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Guests: Dan Primus, DA; Capt. Karen Primmer, Undersheriff Jim Littlefield

Chair Shafer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He reminded all that the meeting is a public forum and there is a call-in option provided. The meeting is being video and audio recorded and minutes will be taken. Also, meetings are now live-streaming.

Additions/Changes to Agenda: none.

Public Health Update by Director, Joe Fiumara. The Health Department has been busy, but things are better this week than last. As of today, there are 847 COVID cases this week. However, cases are still to be counted with more today and tomorrow before the weekend count. The state system has an outage planned, so delays may happen. Even so, numbers are down. Caveats are there are no home test kit reporting; it's hard to say how much virus is out there, but reports are down. Hospitalizations numbers are up – between the two hospitals, there are 18, 6 in ICU, and 2 on ventilators. That is true of hospitals statewide – numbers are up. The first shipment of at-home test kits was received from the state earlier this week; as of today, the Public Health Department handed out over 2/3 of the quantity to critical infrastructure sources (fire districts, sheriff's office, dispatch, CAPECO, Agape House, Martha's House, Clearview Mediation Services, peer mentors) All those who serve in-need populations. They received 4,500 kits on 1/26. The Public Health Department is also sending out kits with "test positive" case letters including additional information about testing, to get the word out to others. In addition, the Public Health Department is also reaching out to homeless groups, daycares, etc. with plans to go out soon to migrant workers. Kits include 2 tests with instructions of procedures and urging distribution to others. There are no reporting requirements on this, but they are encouraging people to reach out to the Health department with information.

Business Items:

1. Reclassification of Position. Presented by Jennifer Blake, Human Resources Director. A Chief Deputy position (District Attorney's office) is sought to provide supervision and oversight at the Hermiston satellite office. This is a 1.0 FTE to be effective 2/1/22. Hoping to be filled by April. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve an additional 1.0 FTE Chief Deputy position as outlined. He then withdrew his motion. Commissioner Dorran moved to approve reclassification of a District Deputy Attorney position to Chief Deputy position to oversee and supervise the Hermiston DA's office, effective 2/1/22. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.**
2. Interim Dispatch Sergeant. Presented by Capt. Karen Primmer, Dispatch Manager. Due to the absence of one Dispatch Sergeant, request is made to place a dispatcher from the division into a temporary, out of class assignment as an interim Sergeant, effective 2/1/22. The administrative division is assisting, but the schedule is getting complicated. With this move, it is hoped to get better supervision; there's need for oversight for an indefinite period of time. The dispatcher would also continue to accrue and be compensated for any overtime worked. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve placing a**

dispatcher into a temporary, out of class position as Dispatch Sergeant as outlined. Seconded by Commissioner Murdock. Carried, 3-0.

Executive Session – none.

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners