

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Administrative Meeting of August 11, 2021
4:00 p.m. (conference call - Room 121)
Umatilla County Courthouse, Pendleton, Oregon

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

County Counsel: Doug Olsen

Guests: Sheila Hagar, Walla Walla Union Bulletin; Terry Murry, Elkhorn Media Group

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Chair Murdock called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Business Item:

1. Reauthorize Declaration of Emergency. The discussion before the board is to consider reauthorizing the declaration of emergency in Umatilla County, primarily based on the delta variant of COVID-19 with a shorter incubation period, and increasing number of cases in the county, and more. Commissioner Dorran would like to possibly add additional language under item #4 regarding authority for Public Health as well as the Emergency Manager to act as needed, but also something about the negative impact on commerce and businesses in the county. Secondly, something about mental health issues due to stress associated with COVID-19 and variants.

Mr. Olsen advised the Order could be revised to address Commissioner Dorran’s comments about taking into consideration the economic impacts to businesses county-wide. Mr. Olsen then read item #6 regarding authorization to modify relevant employee personnel policies to address impacts associated with COVID-19.

Commissioner Dorran moved to adopt Order No. BCC2021-068. Commissioner Shafer seconded. Commissioner Dorran agreed with the additional language for item #4. **Carried, 3-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Melinda Slatt

Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners