

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of July 30, 2024
1:00 p.m., Room 121, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair John Shafer and Vice-Chair Commissioner Timmons

Commissioner Absent:

County Counsel Doug Olsen

Guests Present: None

Video link or Calling in: Commissioner Dan Dorran

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Shafer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He reminded all that the meeting is a public forum and there is a call-in option provided. There is time on the agenda to provide input (or for hearings) to provide comment. The meeting is being video and audio recorded and minutes will be taken. Also, meetings are now live-streaming. Comments will become part of the meeting record and ask that they be three minutes or under. If persons wish to speak before the Board, please 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.

Additions to Agenda – None.

Public Comments and Recognition of Visitors – None

Business Items

1. **Burn Ban** – Presented by Doug Olsen, County Counsel. Currently there is a Non-Agricultural Burn Ban in place, adopted on July 3, 2024. Staff is requesting that the Board consider enacting a temporary ban on all Agricultural burning for the following reasons: the significant number of wildfires currently burning in and near Umatilla County and the depletion of emergency response resources, the serious impact to public health due to poor air quality, and the fact that Governor Kotek has invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act in response to the wildfires in our area. Staff recommends a 14-day ban to begin with, that can be extended if wildfire impacts continue to escalate. Staff will issue a press release immediately following this action. **Commissioner Dorran moved to adopt Order No. BCC2024-049. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**

2. **Executive Session – Employment/Real Property – ORS 192.660(2)(a,b,e,h)** – None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Shafer: None

Commissioner Dorran: None

Commissioner Timmons: None

Meeting adjourned by Chair Shafer at 1:01 p.m.

Kelsey Bailey

Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners