

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of December 18, 2024
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair John Shafer, Vice-Chair Cindy Timmons and Commissioner Dan Dorran

County Counsel Doug Olsen

Guests Present: Robert Pahl, Umatilla County Chief Financial Officer; Tom Fellows, Umatilla County Public Works Director; Megan Davchevski, Umatilla County Planning Manager; Tereso Guardado, J Frank Schmidt Co. Manager; Stephanie Miller, Community Corrections, Levi Papineau, Community Corrections; Sage DeLong, Emergency Manager;

Video link or Calling in: Jennifer Blake, Umatilla County Human Resources Director

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Shafer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Shafer.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognitions Commissioner Dorran presented the Walla Walla River cleanup effort crew with awards, challenge coins and statements of gratitude and many thanks. There was concern with a homeless encampment along the Walla Wall River in Milton-Freewater. J. Frank Schmidt Co. played a critical role in the cleanup process and manager Tereso Guardado was a key player who spent days on equipment. Humbert’s Refuse & Recycling provided dumpsters they were prompt and efficient. Levi Papineau, Umatilla County Community Corrections, organized work crews who were essential assets. Umatilla County Code Enforcement was recognized with deepest gratitude, Rich Estes showed innovation in ways to remove trash, provided endless problem solving and timeless dedication. Crews made 6 visits to the site, removing 7 tons of waste.

Acting Sergeant Cherrie Hutchison wrote a commendation letter to Telecommunicator Karry Paine. The commendation letter highlighted her exceptional professionalism, composure and dedication to duty. She remained calm with a collected demeanor and gathered crucial information while providing first aid and lifesaving instructions.

Minutes – Commissioner Dorran moved to approve the minutes from December 11, 2024 Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3 - 0.

Additions to Agenda – None.

Public Comments and Recognition of Visitors – None

Business Items

1. Public Works Purchase – Presented by Tom Fellows, Public Works Director. The Public Works Department is requesting approval to purchase a Transport/Lowboy truck from Kenworth Sales Company Inc. This transport truck will replace one of our older trucks in the fleet. This is a budgeted purchase and will be purchased through a Sourcewell cooperative contract. The primary use of this truck is for movement of heavy equipment and crushing units. Purchase price of this unit is \$175,000. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to authorize purchase of the Kenworth truck from Kenworth Sales Company Inc. in the amount of \$175,000. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**

2. Planning Commission Appointment - Presented by Megan Davchevski, Planning Department Manager. The Umatilla County Planning Division requests board approval to reappoint Tami Green as a member of the Planning Commission. Ms. Green has served one term and is willing and eligible to serve a second term, ending December 31, 2027. **Commissioner Dorrان moved to adopt Order No. BCC2024-067. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0**

3. Supplemental Budgets Public Hearing - Presented by Robert Pahl, Umatilla County CFO. The public hearing was opened by Chair Shafer at 9:15am. There are ten supplemental budget orders before the Board for consideration. A summary of each budget order was presented. Chair Shafer called for comment in favor of, opposed to or neutral, there were none. The public hearing was closed at 9:20 am. **Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No Budget 2025-02. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No Budget 2025-03. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No Budget 2025-04. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No Budget 2025-05. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No Budget 2025-06. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No Budget 2025-07. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No Budget 2025-15. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No Budget 2025-16. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No Budget 2025-18. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No Budget 2025-19. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0.**

4. Budget Transfers – Presented by Robert Pahl, Umatilla County CFO. There are eight budget transfer orders before the Board for consideration. A summary of each budget transfer was presented. **Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. Budget 2025-08. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. Budget 2025-09. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. Budget 2025-10. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. Budget 2025-11. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. Budget 2025-12. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. Budget 2025-13. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. Budget 2025-14. Seconded by**

Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. Budget 2025-17. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0.

5. Board Payable - Presented by Doug Olsen, County Counsel. On December 20, 2023, the Board approved a study and an option to determine the feasibility of the County obtaining another river intake. The study has almost been finalized. To continue the option, an additional payment is necessary. The payable for the option annual payment is before the Board for approval. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the payable in the amount of \$25,000 to N & C Land LLC. Seconded by Commissioner Dorrان. Carried, 3-0.**
6. Executive Session – Employment/Real Property – ORS 192.660(2)(a,b,e,h) – None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Shafer: None

Commissioner Dorrان: We are coming up on the end of a great year with a lot of accomplishments and more to accomplish. The support from directors, managers and staff make it possible for us to accomplish new projects. Thank you to all Umatilla County employees. This is what make us, as Governor Kotek would say the “legendary” Umatilla County. Thank you to the people of Umatilla County for re-electing me.

Commissioner Timmons: I am going to a Christmas luncheon in MF today and looking forward to it.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Shafer at 9:31 a.m.

Kelsey Bailey

Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners