

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Administrative Meeting of July 22, 2020
9:00 a.m., Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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Commissioners Present: Chair John Shafer and Commissioner Bill Elfering (calling in)
Absent: Vice-Chair George Murdock
County Counsel: Doug Olsen
Members and Guests Present: Robert Pahl, Chief Finance Officer; Sheriff Terry Rowan

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CALL TO ORDER: Chair Shafer called the meeting to order at 9:10 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Business Items

1. **Clinical Physician Position.** Doug Olsen presented. Approval is sought to create a position for a physician, normally held by a nurse practitioner, at the UCo Health clinic that operates out of Pendleton and Hermiston. Previous contract was with St. Anthony Hospital. This is for a short period of time at a rate of \$90/hour. At this time, the duration of the doctor’s availability is unknown. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve creation of the physician position at UCo Health for the clinic at \$90/hour. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**

2. **Public Health Positions.** Mr. Olsen presented. The State has had a contract with North Central Public Health in The Dalles to fund two regional positions and the district is now unable to continue. The State has approached Umatilla County to provide the service. It is COVID related and grant funded by the State. One position is Community Health Systems Developer and one position is Policy/Grant Coordinator. Effective date is 7/22/20. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the new positions. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**

3. **Post-Retirement Employment.** Sheriff Terry Rowan presented. Last year legislation provided for post-PERS retirement – limitations on the number of hours was eliminate. Undersheriff Jim Littlefield approached him a few weeks back requesting to retire 8/31/20 and then come back to work 9/1/20 as a post-retirement employee. Chair Shafer asked how many years he has in and Sheriff Rowan advised 32 years. Congratulations and thank you to Undersheriff Littlefield. **Chair Shafer moved to approve hiring as Temporary Special Employee under restrictions of Personnel Policy 4.7. Seconded by Commissioner Elfering. Carried, 2-0.**

4. **Dispatch Payable - RIMS.** Sheriff Rowan presented. This payable is to Sunridge for annual RIMS support in amount of \$78,215. Commissioner Elfering has spoken with 911 Manager Karen Primmer about the system/software and she assured him errors are reduced and quality is up. Sheriff Rowan noted Capt. Primmer has had court for three days or she would have presented this item today. **Commissioner Elfering moved to approve the payable. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Melinda Slatt*, Executive Secretary, Umatilla County Board of Commissioners