

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - MINUTES

Emergency Meeting of July 17, 2026
6:00 pm, Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair Dan Dorran and Vice-Chair John Shafer
Commissioner on the Phone: Commissioner Timmons
County Counsels: Nicholas Warner

Guests Present: Sage DeLong, Umatilla County Emergency Manager;

Video link or Calling in: Terry Murray, Elkhorn Media;

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dorran called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He reminded all that the meeting is a public forum and there is a call-in option provided. The meeting is video and audio recorded and minutes will be taken.

Additions to Agenda – None

Nick Warner clarified for the record that the Commissioners are in different locations outside of the published meeting location. Commissioner Shafer added that he had Commissioner Timmons on speaker phone for the meeting.

Business Items

1. **Emergency Fire Declaration** – Presented by Sage DeLong, Umatilla County Emergency Manager. Several fires in the county have exhausted local resources. Umatilla County Emergency Management is seeking an Emergency Fire Declaration for the county. Significant fire activity is present within the county. There are a total of five fires burning in Umatilla County--the Paradise Fire burning in the Mill Creek Watershed, Lower Dry Creek, Bradley Flats, Forest Ridge and Hagen Fires. This declaration will help secure more resources to combat this dynamic situation. Commissioner Timmons asked for information on animal placement for those evacuating. The Round-Up grounds are open to animals **Commissioner Shafer moved to adopt Order No. BCC2026-037 with the amendment that the end date of the Declaration of Emergency be extended to August 31, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
2. **Executive Session – Employment/Real Property – ORS 192.660(2)(a,b,e,h)** – None

Meeting adjourned by Chair Dorran at 6:08 pm.

Kelsey Bailey

Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners