

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of July 22, 2025
8:00 am, Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

Commissioner Absent:

County Counsel Doug Olsen

Guests Present: Tom Fellows, Umatilla County Public Works Director

Video link or Calling in: Dan Lonai, Riley Wortman

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Timmons called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. She 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 - led by Chair Timmons.

Business Items

1. **Sanitary Disposal Rate Increase** – Presented by Doug Olsen, Umatilla County Counsel. On July 2, 2025, the Board considered the request from Waste Connections of Oregon dba Sanitary Disposal, for a 30% rate increase. After hearing from Sanitary Disposal, the Board voted to table the matter until further financial information could be obtain. The information has now been provided, and the matter is back before the Board for further discussion and action.

Commissioner Shafer thanked Mike and Kevin for coming into the office earlier this week and sharing their financial records in order to give the commissioners a better understanding. Commissioner Timmons expressed her reluctance to impose a 15% increase to the public. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve a 15% rate increase for Sanitary Disposal for the Waste Transfer Station and Incorporated Residential Pickup and adopt Order No. BCC2025-034. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 2-1 (Commissioner Timmons in opposition).**

2. **Burn Ban** - Presented by Doug Olsen, Umatilla County Counsel. Effective July 1, 2025, the Board implemented a ban on all burning within the county jurisdiction, including agricultural burning. The matter is back before the Board for a potential exemption for grass seed field burning. Commissioner Dorran clarifies this is a smoke concern not a fire risk. There is a window when the grass needs to be burned as part of the process. **Commissioner Dorran moved that despite the burn ban, to allow for grass seed field farmers to burn provided they do so within the other**

restrictions and requirements of the burn and smoke management ordinances. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.

3. Public Works Purchase – Presented by Tom Fellows, Umatilla County Public Works Director. The Public Works Department is requesting authority to purchase new mobile rock crusher from PAPE Machinery. The purchase consists of 3 units, a jaw unit on tracks, a cone unit with screen on tracks and a 3-deck screen plant on tracks. These are all manufactured by Kleemann and will be purchased on Sourcewell contract #060122WAI. The total cost of these units will be \$2,301,140 delivered to Umatilla County. The purchase includes support and training on this new technology. We plan to surplus our existing crusher components sometime after the new plant is up and running. The new plant should be ready for delivery within 60 days. **Commissioner Dorran moved to authorize purchase of a portable rock crusher from PAPE Machinery in the amount of \$2,301,140. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
4. Weed Control Payable - Presented by Doug Olsen, Umatilla County Counsel. A payable is before the Board for approval due to the amount. The payable is for a drone for the weed department. The purchase has been budgeted. The RFP was approved previously for the purchase of two drones. Mr. Fellows explained that the spray drone originally approved was unavailable by the time they were ready to purchase so this was the next option. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve payable to Good Ground Ag Services in the amount of \$13,998.00. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
5. Executive Session – Employment/Real Property – ORS 192.660(2)(a,b,e,h) – None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Shafer: None

Commissioner Dorran: Congratulations to the Blue Mountain Little League girls on making it to the championship game in Arizona. Also congratulations to the 10/11 Hermiston Little League girls for beating Montana and moving on.

Commissioner Timmons: None

Meeting adjourned by Chair Timmons at 8:17 am.

Kelsey Bailey

Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners