

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of February 4, 2026
9:00 am, Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

County Counsels: Doug Olsen, Nicholas Warner

County Staff Present: Robert Pahl, CFO; Shane Mascall, CFO; Tom Fellows, Public Works Director; Captain Karen Primmer, UCSO; Lieutenant Josh Roberts, UCSO; Rachael Haller, UCSO Dispatch; Captain Paul Wolverton, UCSO; Sergeant Cherrie Hutchison, UCSO; Riley Wortman, IT Manager; Lakshmi Sarimisetty, UCo Health Equity Coordinator; Kyleen Kosirog, UCo Health Climate Resilience Coordinator; Joseph Fiumara, UCo Director; Doug Primmer

Guests Present: Jack Remillard, Representative of Model A group; Mark Watkins, Berean Baptist Church Pastor;

Video link or Calling in: Jim Littlefield, UCSO; Rachael Reynolds, A&T Director; Sage DeLong, Emergency Manager; Jennifer Blake, HR Director;

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dorran called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. 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 - led by Chair Dorran.

Awards/Correspondence/Recognitions – Chair Dorran read a commendation letter from the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office recognizing Rachael Haller’s accomplishment as Dispatcher of the Quarter. The letter outlined her exceptional skill, unwavering commitment, valuable leadership, professionalism, composure and consistency. A significant recent achievement, demonstrating her pursuit of excellence is the completion of the NENA Excellence in Dispatch Certificate. She is also a member of the UCSO Wellness Team. Congratulations to Rachael.

Next was a commendation letter applauding Deputy Arthur Alvarez’s professionalism, decisive actions and exemplary performance during a recent, critical incident. The letter highlighted his ability to quickly recognize critical indicators and follow proper channels to initiate life-saving measures. His calm demeanor, sound judgement and commitment are to the highest standard. Job well done.

2025 Telecommunicator of the year, Terri Lauricella, has been a cornerstone of the UCSO communications center since 2008. She embodies the highest standards of public safety, leadership, and dedication. Sergeant Lauricella was honored for unwavering composure and passion for the “thin gold line”. Congratulations and applause to Sergeant Lauricella.

Pendleton First Citizens' Annual Awards banquet named Sue Petersen as Woman of the Year. She is a very interactive and passionate about Pendleton. Man of the year was awarded to Sergeant Dwight Johnson of the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office. He is a volunteer and critical part of Search and Rescue and serves as board chair of Neighbor 2 Neighbor, a warming shelter in Pendleton. His dedication and volunteerism is what exemplifies a First Citizen. Hats off to both of them.

Commissioner Timmons added that 63 people including herself and Mr. Johnson participated in a PIT count recently. Neighbor 2 Neighbor is full every night.

Commissioner Shafer thanked all of the dispatchers in the room for all that they do.

Minutes – Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the minutes from January 14, 2026 and January 21, 2026 Board meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3 - 0.

Additions to Agenda – None

Public Comments and Recognition of Visitors – None

Business Items

1. **Model A Convention** – Jack Remillard, Pendleton, OR, provided a presentation and video about the upcoming Model A Ford National Convention scheduled May 31 - June 7, 2026. The event will feature five planned tours around Pendleton and surrounding areas, with the grand tour traveling to Heppner. 300 to 400 Model A's are expected to come to town during the week. This year will host the first tour specifically for Model A trucks.. Pendleton Convention Center will be a place of gathering when they are not on tour. He encouraged folks to come see the variety of cars.
2. **Vehicle Lease** - Presented by Lieutenant Josh Roberts, UCSO. The UCSO needs new vehicles to replace ones that are aging and/or out of service due to major repair issues, and is looking to order eight vehicles in total. The vehicles will be procured through a lease with Bancorp. The cost for four Ford Explorer Hybrid Interceptors is \$53,812.08 per year, for 4 years. These will be used in patrol. The Hybrid option is expected to extend miles between fueling. The cost for three Ford Expedition 4WD Special Service Vehicles is \$43,686.42 per year, for 4 years. These will be used in patrol. The cost for one Jeep Grand Cherokee is 21,881.75 per year, for 2 years. This vehicle will replace an aging car used by the admin. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the leases through BanCorp for 4 Ford Explorer Hybrid Interceptors, 3 Ford Expeditions, and 1 Jeep Cherokee. The annual cost for the first 2 years is \$119,380.25 and \$97,498.50 for the next 2 years. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
3. **Vehicle Up-fitting RFP** – Presented by Lieutenant Josh Roberts, UCSO. The Sheriff's Office is seeking to have a request for proposal issued for up-fitting UCSO patrol vehicles with emergency equipment. **Commissioner Shafer moved to authorize issuance of request for proposals for vehicle up-fitting for the Sheriff's Office. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
4. **Camera Purchase** - Presented by Riley Wortman, IT Manager. Request for approval to install security surveillance cameras at the Public Works Pendleton Office at a cost of \$24,873.62 from Uni-Tech Communications. This capital expenditure is already included in the current year's budget. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve purchase of equipment, materials and labor**

from Uni-Tech Communications for security camera system for Pendleton Public Works in the amount of \$24,873.62. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.

5. IT Purchase – Presented by Riley Wortman, IT Manager. The three main firewalls are scheduled for an upgrade to enhance inter-building traffic encryption, which will support compliance with CJIS requirements. A formal quote has been obtained for three Netgate at a unit cost of \$4,299.00, resulting in a total expenditure of \$12,897.00 plus \$72.96 shipping. This capital expenditure is already included in the current year's budget as CJIS network upgrades. These are anticipated to need upgrading after 5-7 years. Using the encryption will create a very minimal delay time, milliseconds. **Commissioner Shafer moved to authorize purchase of three Netgate Gateways in the amount of \$12,969.96. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
6. Elections Payable - Presented by Riley Wortman, IT Manager. A payable for the ballot reader maintenance in the amount of \$11,825.66 is before the Board for approval. This is a yearly routine expense for conducting elections, and has been budgeted. **Commissioner Timmons moved to approve the payable to Election Systems & Software in the amount of \$11,825.66. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
7. Grader Purchase – Presented by Tom Fellows, Public Works Director. The Public Works Department is requesting authority to purchase a John Deere 672P 6WD motor grader from Pape Machinery. This will be through Sourcewell contract. Purchase price of the new motor grader to Umatilla County after the Sourcewell discount will be \$450,873.00 with a guaranteed buy back price at 5 years or 5000 hours of \$287,488.00. This purchase is a budgeted purchase and is part of our annual equipment replacement program. We would expect the delivery of this machine sometime in May, 2026 still in this budget year. **Commissioner Timmons moved to approve purchase of a 672P motor grader from PAPE Machinery in the amount of \$450,873.00. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
8. High Performance Leadership Payable – Presented by Nick Warner, Deputy County Counsel. Professional Development Academy is requesting payment of \$7,500.00 for tuition to a High Performance Leadership Academy for 5 staff members. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve the payable to Professional Development Academy in the amount of \$7,500.00. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
9. Solid Waste Committee Appointment – Presented by Nick Warner, Deputy County Counsel. The term of a member Don Wysocki of the Solid Waste Committee has expired. He is willing to serve another term in the general public member position. **Commissioner Shafer moved to adopt Order No. BCC2026-007. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
10. Air Quality Equipment - Presented by Joseph Fiumara, Public Health Director and Kyleen Kosirog, Climate Resilience Coordinator. The Umatilla County Public Health department is considering purchasing and installing air quality sensors around the county at various buildings. This effort would provide residents of Umatilla County with more robust data on wildfire smoke and other air quality issues. Ms. Kosirog presented a slideshow and video. The cost of installation is estimated to minimal, but will require staff time. If there are more than the anticipated costs, this could be negotiated with the partnering agency or an alternate location may be considered.

The sensors would be used to fill data gaps and provide real-time data in one place, allowing people to access the data and make informed decisions about participating in outdoor activity. **Commissioner Timmons moved to approve the County's involvement and tentative goals of the Umatilla County Public Health Air Quality Initiative. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**

11. Fair Payable – UCF Appreciation Dinner Expense – Presented by Nick Warner, Deputy County Counsel. The UCF Appreciation Dinner Expense for the meal is over \$5,000 and requires approval. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve payment to Cookin' Spoo Style LLC in the amount of \$5,500.00. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
12. Fair Payable – UC Youth Livestock Auction Commission - Presented by Nick Warner, Deputy County Counsel. UC Youth Livestock Sale Committee commission requires Board approval due to the amount. **Commissioner Timmons moved to approve payment to UC Youth Livestock Sale Committee in the amount of \$70,351.37. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
13. Housing Authority Appointment – Presented by Nick Warner, Deputy County Counsel. The term for Doug Barak on the Umatilla County Housing Authority Board has expired. He is willing to serve another term and is recommended to be reappointed. **Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. BCC2026-008. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
14. AOC Payable - Presented by Nick Warner, Deputy County Counsel. Approval is sought for payment of 2026 AOC dues. The payable is before the Board due to the amount. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve payable to Association of Oregon Counties in the amount of \$38,498.57. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
15. CDA Property – Presented by Doug Olsen, County Counsel. The parties to the litigation over the Columbia Development Authority have settled the matter. As part of the settlement, some of the parties will receive specific portions of the property. A real estate contract will be entered into to convey the property. In addition, the parties will resume their financial support of the CDA. The settlement is before the Board for implementation. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve implementation of the settlement agreement for the pending litigation over the Columbia Development Authority, including resumption of payments and authorization to complete and sign a contract and deed acceptance for the portion designated for the county as well as any other documents necessary to complete the settlement. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
16. Supplemental Budgets – Public Hearing – Chair Dorran opened the public hearing at 10:08 am. Presented by Shane Mascall, CFO, there are two supplemental budget orders before the Board for consideration. An explanation of the supplemental budgets was read to the Board. There was no public comment. Chair Dorran closed the public hearing at 10:10 am. **Commissioner Shafer moved to adopt Order No. Budget2026-35. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Shafer moved to adopt Order No. Budget2026-36. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**

17. Budget Transfers – Presented by Shane Mascall, CFO. There are two budget transfer orders before the Board for consideration. Explanation of the budget transfers was read to the Board. **Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. Budget2026-37. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Timmons moved to adopt Order No. Budget2026-39. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**

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

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Shafer: To date, Umatilla County has had 33 employees complete the High Performance Leadership Academy and 5 more are enrolled. It is a pretty successful program. Only 1 of the 33 employees that completed the program have left the County.

Commissioner Dorrان: None

Commissioner Timmons: None

Meeting adjourned by Chair Dorrان at 10:13 am.

Kelsey Bailey

Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners