

MINUTES
UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Meeting of September 17, 2025
9:00 am, Room 130, Umatilla County Courthouse
Pendleton, Oregon

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

County Counsel Absent

Guests Present: Robert Pahl, Umatilla County Chief Financial Officer; Dan Lonai, Umatilla County Administrative Director; Captain Paul Wolverton, UCSO; Jim Littlefield, UCSO; Sage DeLong, Umatilla County Emergency Management; Steve Craigen, Umatilla County Elections & Records Supervisor; Megan Davchevski, Umatilla County Planning Manager; Lieutenant Josh Roberts, UCSO; Brian Lemke, Carpenters Union Rep; Todd Gorham, Carpenters Union Rep;

Video link or Calling in: Steve White; Bradley Reid, Juniper Canyon Flower Farm

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

Awards/Correspondence/Recognitions – Commissioner Dorran would like to recognize that today is National US Constitution Day.

Approval of Previous Minutes - None

Additions to Agenda – None

Public Comments and Recognition of Visitors – None

Business Items

1. **CommonSpirit Bond Issuance – Public Hearing** The Board is asked to approve the issuance of revenue bonds for CommonSpirit Health (St. Anthony Hospital). As required by the Internal Revenue Code, the Board is to approve the issuance as the facility is located in Umatilla County. The bonds will be used for refinancing, and do not obligate the county financially. A public hearing must be conducted on the request. A notice of the hearing has been posted on the County website. Chair Timmons opened the public hearing at 9:02 am. Chair Timmons called for comment in favor

of, opposed to or neutral, there were none. No discussion followed. Chair Timmons closed the public hearing at 9:04 am. **Commissioner Dorran moved to adopt Order No. BCC2025-040. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**

2. Elections Payable – Presented by Steve Craigen, Umatilla County Elections & Records Supervisor. This is for a payable for 110,000 outer ballot packet envelopes for the upcoming elections. The invoice is \$10,044.10, which is over \$5,000 and requires Commissioner approval. This is a routine expense for conducting an election and has been budgeted. This order for envelopes is enough for two county-wide elections. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve payable to Cenveo Worldwide Limited in the amount of \$10,044.10. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried, 3-0.**
3. Law Library Payable – Presented by Steve Craigen, Umatilla County Elections & Records Supervisor. This is a payable for a yearly Thomson Reuters subscription for the Umatilla County Law Library. The invoice is \$15,468.00, which is over \$5,000 and requires Commissioner approval. This is currently a monthly expense and has been budgeted. The proposal is to change to a yearly subscription that would last for a total of three years. By switching to a three year contract, the annual increase is limited to 5% per year. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve payable to Thomson Reuters-West in the amount of \$15,468.00. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried, 3-0.**
4. Sheriff's Office Purchase – Presented by Captain Paul Wolverton, UCSO. For approximately 2 years, we have been in the process of assessing our current duty firearm (pistols) as compared to trending and standard equipment being used predominately by other Law Enforcement agencies within the U.S. Our findings indicate that, overwhelmingly, 9mm caliber duty pistols are recommended and utilized by most local, State and Federal agencies nationwide. Our current duty pistols are Glock model 22, a .40 caliber with “open sights” – no optics. We have already accounted for replacing our current duty pistols incrementally, and have increased this fiscal year's budget in this area to accommodate the anticipated purchase. We will also receive some “trade-in” value for our current .40 caliber Glock duty pistols, which will help offset the costs of purchasing the new equipment.

The Reserves are requesting to purchase the same duty pistols/optics in order to maintain consistency with our full-time Patrol Deputies and the equipment they carry. We have checked with multiple Law Enforcement vendors, and have found the best pricing for the new equipment and reasonable “trade-in” value for our current pistols, with Oregon Rifleworks (Tigard, Oregon), at a unit cost of \$732.00 each (quotes attached). The purchases will be made from the Criminal Division budget – (15600-550009 weapons and ammo); and the Reserves budget (15800) separately. Ammunition on the 9mm is less expensive. New holsters will be needed due to the optic addition. The option will remain to continue use of open sites if individuals prefer. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve the purchase of two (2) separate orders for (10) ten Glock 45 COA duty pistols in the amount of \$7,320.00 each for a total cost of \$14,640.00. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**

5. Radio Purchase – Presented by Captain Paul Wolverton, UCSO and Josh Roberts, UCSO. Several of UCSO's patrol vehicles have arrived. We are purchasing the emergency equipment separately from the vehicle lease. Part of that equipment is for radar units. We are seeking to purchase five

Stalker radar units directly from Stalker Radar. Each unit with all related accessories is \$3,394.00. Stalker is running a buy 4 get one free sale, so we are requesting approval to purchase five units for a total price of \$13,889.50. This is a planned expense and will be charged to budget line 1010-20-15600- 550010 (Vehicle Outfitting). LIDAR is a handheld unit while radar is mounted in the vehicle. Not all vehicles have been equipped with the most current radar, they have been upgraded incrementally. LIDAR is stationary and is used when a vehicle is stopped RADAR can be used with the vehicle in motion. These are two different tools that serve the same purpose. There are two RADARs that are no longer in service and another device is 15 years old. They replacing/updating/phasing out older equipment, used RADAR devices are reused when appropriate. Chair Timmons inquired about cost for installation - it is included in the previous approval of vehicle upfitting. Previously the cost was attached to the lease and not a separate purchase. **Commissioner Dorrn moved to approve the purchase of five Stalker Radar units from Stalker Radar in the amount of \$13,889.50. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**

6. Property Bids – Presented by Commissioner Dorrn. The auction for tax foreclosed properties was held on August 20, 2025. Nine properties did not sell. As the usual practice, we then allow time for written bids to be submitted. The time period to submit bids was set at September 15. Any bids received by that time the Board can open and consider if the bid will be accepted. The amount must meet the minimum bid.

Several bids have been received, the first bid is for tax lot 1S3503DB-2700 in the Meacham area lot size approximately .08 acres. A bid was received in the amount of \$9,010, and meets the minimum requirements. **Commissioner Dorrn moved to accept the bid and adopt Order No. BCC2025-042. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**

The next bid received was for property located west of Winesap Road near the city of Milton-Freewater, lot size approximately .24 acres. The bid was in the amount of \$150, which is over the minimum amount required. **Commissioner Dorrn moved to accept bid and approve the sale of this property. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.** [Bid was later withdrawn by bidder]

The last property that received bids was located on SW Perkins Ave, lot size is approximately .33 acres. Two bids were received for the property in the amount of \$78,000 and \$125,555. **Commissioner Dorrn moved to accept higher bid and adopt Order No. BCC2025-043. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**

7. Mass Gathering License – Presented by Megan Davchevski, Umatilla County Planning Manager. A permit has been submitted to the Planning Division for an outdoor mass gathering at Juniper Canyon Flower Farm. The event, a one-day fall vendor market, is scheduled for October 4, 2025, from 9 am to 3 pm. The maximum attendance is expected to be 400 people, with approximately 75 people at a time. **Commissioner Dorrn moved to approve license for outdoor mass gathering and authorize the Chair to sign ZP-25-197. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
8. Generator Purchase - Presented by Commissioner Shafer. As part of the central pipeline project, a large generator was necessary as a power backup. A quote has been obtained to purchase a Generac generator utilizing pricing from a Sourcwell contract. The purchase is before the Board for

approval. It is a reimbursable cost. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve purchase of Generac generator in an amount up to \$560,200.00. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried, 3-0.**

9. Letter for Opinion Clarification – Presented by Commissioner Shafer. As the result of receiving a subpoena for records from ICE, Marion County has initiated a declaratory judgment action asking the court to clarify what the law requires in producing the records. The Sheriffs have signed a letter requesting the judge in the case to issue an opinion to clarify the legal position for counties. County commissioners are being asked to sign a similar letter to ask for clarification on the legal issue. This pertains to where Federal and State law conflict and the counties are caught in the middle. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve joining in other counties to submit letter of clarification. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried, 3-0.**
10. Detoxification Program - Presented by Chair Timmons. The detoxification program in Umatilla County that was managed by EOAF has not been operating since April 2025. To restart the program, a request for proposals is the next step. The matter of the detoxification center facility is also part of the discussion. **Commissioner Shafer moved to approve issuance of request for proposals for detoxification program. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried, 3-0. Commissioner Shafer moved to approve termination of the lease for detoxification center. Seconded by Commissioner Dorran. Carried, 3-0.**
11. Burn Ban - Presented by Commissioner Dorran. Staff is requesting that the Board consider lifting the Burn Ban, as weather conditions have improved and the fire season nearly over for the year. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve lift of Non-Agricultural burn ban at 12:01 am on Thursday September 18, 2025. Seconded by Commissioner Timmons. Carried, 3-0.**
12. Intergovernmental Agreement - Presented by Sage DeLong, Umatilla County Emergency Management. Umatilla County Emergency Management is seeking the extension and approval of Intergovernmental Agreement No.23-04 with Oregon Department of Energy. This would add \$6,601 to Umatilla County Emergency Management budget. **Commissioner Dorran moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement No.23-04 with Oregon Department of Energy. Seconded by Commissioner Shafer. Carried, 3-0.**
13. Executive Session – Employment/Real Property – ORS 192.660(2)(a,b,e,h) – None

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Shafer: At Pendleton Round-Up there were record number of crowds each day with very little incidents inside the grounds. There was a great presence from the Sheriff's Office.

This afternoon the Trail Blazers will be in town tonight at 4 pm at the Convention Center.

Commissioner Dorran: Proud of City of Hermiston and other cities with response to current events and overall outreach. There seems to be more discussion and less arguments.

Commissioner Timmons: The Bounty of Umatilla County what a great deal! She sent out information in the weekly update and immediately had many interested responses and great reactions. Job well done getting this organized!!

Meeting adjourned by Chair Timmons at 9:37 am.

Kelsey Bailey

Executive Secretary – Board of Commissioners