

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Joseph Building Annex Conference Room
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Present: Commissioner R. Matthew Scarfo, Chair
 Commissioner Donna Beverage
 Commissioner Paul Anderes

Commissioner Scarfo opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given with all three Commissioners present.

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no revisions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Scarfo closed the public comment period.

ELECTED OFFICIAL, DEPARTMENT HEAD & EMPLOYEE COMMENTS

Surplus Equipment

Nick Vora, Emergency Manager, presented the Surplus Equipment request to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Union County holds the title to three trailers and one UTV currently operated by Emergency Services and Search and Rescue, that are no longer needed to serve their originally-intended purpose. Emergency Manager Vora provided a description of each trailer and proposed disposition.

Emergency Manager Vora is grateful to be in a position to acquire new equipment to replace older equipment that is no longer needed.

Commissioner Beverage appreciates the detailed staff report.

Commissioner Anderes commented having worked in public entities most of his life, he appreciates that Emergency Manager Vora surpluses equipment instead of stockpiling.

Commissioner Anderes made a motion to approve the Designation of the 2010 Polaris RZR, 2010 Three Rivers Manufacturing cargo trailer, 2004 Western World communications trailer, and 2006 Haulmark cargo trailer as surplus property to be disposed of as detailed in the staff report. Commissioner Beverage seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Drone Program Update

Sheriff Bowen addressed the Commissioners with an update on the Drone Program that recently received full funding from the Wildhorse Foundation in the amount of \$14,409. He is very thankful for the efforts of Emergency Manager and staff from the Sheriff's Office for applying for grants to fund these types of programs. The drone will assist in Search and Rescue, fugitive apprehension, lost and found, mapping crash sites and much more. It will include night vision and speaker capabilities.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Beverage moved approval of the consent agenda which included August 21 & 28, 2024 claims journals as presented. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Court Order 2024-12: In the Matter of Appointment to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC)

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented Court Order 2024-12 to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Odin Miller is now serving as the Juvenile Department Director for Union County and has expressed interest in serving on the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Barb Seatter is now serving as the Behavioral Health Director for the Center for Human Development and has expressed interest in serving as well.

Commissioner Beverage made a motion to approve Court Order 2024-12; In the Matter of Appointment to the LPSCC. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Court Order 2024-13: In the Matter of Appointment to the Wallowa-Union Railroad Authority
Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented Court Order 2024-13 to the Commissioners for their consideration.

There is an open position on the Wallowa-Union Railroad Authority previously held by Gene Hardy. Suzanne Goodall has been serving as an alternate for Mr. Hardy and has expressed interest in continuing to serve.

Her term will expire on July 31, 2028.

Commissioner Anderes made a motion to approve Court Order 2024-13; In the Matter of Appointment to the Wallowa-Union Railroad Authority as presented. Commissioner Beverage seconded.

All three Commissioners extended their thanks and appreciate to Mr. Hardy and his family. He was always busy volunteering in the community and will be missed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Court Order 2024-14: In the Matter of Appointment to the Union County Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, presented Court Order 2024-14 to the Commissioners for their consideration.

A Commissioner representative is needed on the Union County Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee. Commissioner Donna Beverage has been serving on this committee and has expressed an interest in continuing to serve.

The new term will expire on July 31, 2028.

Commissioner Anderes made a motion to approve Court Order 2024-14; In the Matter of Appointment to the Union County Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee. Commissioner Beverage seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Commissioner Anderes noted he is busy with a lot of things on the federal level, and revving up for the 2025 legislative session. He attended the first day of the joint commission on transportation meetings in both Hermiston and Ontario recently.

Commissioner Scarfo attended the OTEC Summit at the White Barn Estate. It was very well put together and well run.

Commissioner Beverage commented that the OTEC summit was well attended and productive.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 9 AM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair called an executive session ORS 192.660 (2)(d) Labor Negotiations at 9:18 am.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Scarfo adjourned the meeting at 10:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Moore
Senior Department Specialist