

***Union County Board of Commissioners***

Joseph Building Annex Conference Room

Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

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Present: Commissioner R. Matthew Scarfo, Chair  
Commissioner Paul Anderes  
Commissioner Jake Seavert

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

**AGENDA REVIEW**

Shelley Burgess, Administrative Officer, requested to postpone the 2027 Program of Work from the Union County Chamber of Commerce as they are not ready to present at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments. Commissioner Scarfo closed the public comment period.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL, DEPARTMENT HEAD & EMPLOYEE COMMENTS**

**La Grande School District Intergovernmental Agreement**

Cody Bowen, Union County Sheriff, presented the La Grande School District Intergovernmental agreement to the Commissioners for their consideration.

The Sheriff's Office submitted a contract to the La Grande School District to continue for another 3 years. With the approval, the school district included a 3 percent increase. There are 2 deputies that serve the La Grande School District; Deputy Suttin who handles the high school and teaches the BEST program to 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Deputy Capers who spends most of his time at the middle school before and after lunch, and the rest of his time at Imbler and teaches the BEST program there. He also helps out the other county school for functions.

**Commissioner Anderes made a motion to approve the La Grande School District Intergovernmental Agreement with the Union County Sheriff's Office as presented. Commissioner Seavert seconded.**

Commissioner Seavert noted that this is one of those deals where you have to put all these tools in place to get the best outcome, and having a deputy in all of the schools is one of those tools to get the great outcome. He appreciates Sheriff Bowen and his department.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Commissioner Seavert moved approval of the consent agenda which included the May 9 & 12, 2026 claims journals as presented. Commissioner Anderes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular Commission meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 9 am.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Scarfo adjourned the meeting at 9:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Moore  
Senior Department Specialist