



COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2025 – 9:30 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Commissioner Deena Vietzke

Commissioner Homer Montemayor (via Phone)

Executive Director Chris Faix

Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Called to order at 9:30 am.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of meeting at the airport and new property; H. Montemayor seconded; the motion passed.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes D. Vietzke seconded; the motion passed.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the vouchers with questions and explanation of the Controlfrees invoice; D. Vietzke seconded; motion passed.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

Connected with the County Commissioners' Meeting from 9:35 to 9:43. Simplot in Bruce would like to expand and was asking about when the Broadband will be connected. It was determined that Bruce is not an area where Broadband will be set up by the County Commissioners. Othello area has not been put out to bid and they are waiting to see where the funding is after the Ritzville and Lind connections are made.

AIRPORT

C. Faix has talked to M. Conner. It was requested not to renew the contract of the sublease unless all the farming equipment is removed. The price for the hanger purchase was discussed.

The Port Commissioners and Ben Hoppe from JUB will be going out to the airport to try to decide on a scope of work for the Pilots Lounge Project

C. Faix has gotten cost information for the plowing and reseeding of the airport grass area from Wilbur Ellis and Eagle Spraying and the information has been sent to our attorney.

BRUCE

C. Faix presented the Commissioners with the information about a water mixer for the 2 water towers. C. Faix met with the salesperson from the company that sells the product. The bids will be going out in May for the water tower. Costs are still in budget. B. Hoppe is concerned about the timeline as the WA State DOH seems to be working very slowing.

HIGHWAY 26/REYNOLDS

C. Faix spoke with CERB. They spoke about a Traffic Impact Analysis. It was mentioned again that the City needs to be the lead on the projects. We can partner on the TIA. They discussed a \$75000 grant with a match that can be split between the Port of Othello and the City of Othello. We will not help with the construction costs. The TIA will be general and just to prove the need for and type of roundabout necessary.

A previous buyer is still interested if the roundabout goes in. That person has purchased land on the other side of the highway for houses.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

It was determined that the property next door is not a sound investment at ½ the asking price.

OTHER

C. Faix has been requested to go to the Spring Meeting to be one of the main Port speakers. It is May 14, 15, 16th at the Davenport Hotel. G. Weaver has requested to go and D. Vietzke has requested an agenda. The Commissioners could just come up for 1 night, the 14th.

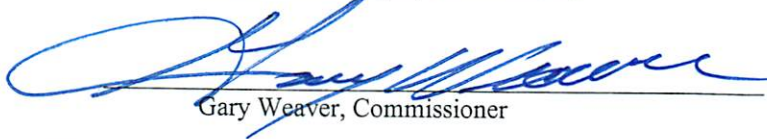
With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 am.



Deena Vietzke, Commissioner



Homer Montemayor, Commissioner



Gary Weaver, Commissioner



Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant