

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2025 – 8:00 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Commissioner Deena Vietzke

Commissioner Homer Montemayor

Executive Director Chris Faix

Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Called to order at 8:00 am.

G. Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda, would like to add a discussion on WSDot; H. Montemayor seconded; the motion passed.

H. Montemayor made a motion to approve the minutes; G. Weaver seconded; the motion passed.

H. Montemayor made a motion to approve the vouchers with a question of Garage Door and More Invoice; G. Weaver seconded; motion passed.

AIRPORT

C. Faix will contact someone to mow the grass at the Airport.

K&L has presented a compromise to reimburse the total of our sterilization bill instead of the requested amount. The Commissioners requested the full amount and to change the paperwork from the sterilization being an accident to being done on purpose. A negotiation limit was given to C. Faix to be able to get this done.

M. Conner would like to make a purchase and sale agreement. The deed would need to be recorded with the County. A picture was presented showing the result of the cleanup of the spray site that M. Conner was leasing.

BRUCE

C. Faix toured the permit area with someone from the County. Once they are approved, the project can go out to bid.

C. Faix presented a new land possibility to the Commissioners. M. Andersen has begun a conversation with us to purchase his 2 circles (180 acres) behind Simplot. M. Andersen is working with Mr. Andrews to create an agreement that if one of their two properties sell behind Simplot, both entities agree to sell. C. Faix would have to talk to JUB about the water system and if it would handle that much more land. The Commissioners would like C. Faix to continue talking with M. Andersen.

HIGHWAY 24

C. Derting and C. Faix have been communicating with the person from World Steel and finally got a picture and a quote for the potential storage shed project. The Commissioner requested contacting other steel companies.

HIGHWAY 26/REYNOLDS

Still waiting to hear about what we need to purchase the pipes.

C. Faix has a meeting with Mayor Logan within the next couple of weeks to discuss the roundabout.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

OTHER

The roundabout will start on August 4, 2025, on 1st and 26 and last until October.

The Hampton Annexation was approved by the City of Othello, the Skone & Connors Annexation has been tabled until October.



Conference Updates: G. Weaver and H. Montemayor attended the Commissioner's Conference in Blaine, WA. G. Weaver turned in 2 meal receipts. G. Weaver gave a report about Port of Othello at the conference. It was discussed that we should be spending money and not keeping it in the bank. H. Montemayor discussed the length of time Commissioners are in office. It was suggested we review the Mission Statement at least once a year and we use it to make a 5-year and 10-year strategic plan. It was discussed that the ED should be out looking for opportunities and then present it to the Commissioners to review. It was discovered that Ports can do an RV park. It was mentioned that you cannot ask the press to leave unless you are going into executive session.

Conference Updates: C. Faix attended the Director's Conference. It was mentioned that you should not have more than 4 years of property tax amount in the bank.

Meeting about the Airport Tax Coalition: D. Vietzke and C. Faix attended a meeting of the Coalition.

August Meetings were discussed. It was requested to move them to the 5th and the 19th. It was agreed.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am.

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Deena Vietzke, Commissioner

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Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant