

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES October 14, 2025 – 9:00 am

Those presents were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver (absent) Commissioner Deena Vietzke Commissioner Homer Montemayor Executive Director Chris Faix Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests: Mayor Shawn Logan

Call me to order at 9:00 am.

- D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the agenda; H. Montemayor seconded; the motion passed.
- H. Montemayor made a motion to approve the minutes; D. Vietzke seconded; the motion passed.
- D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the vouchers; D. Vietzke seconded; motion passed.

AIRPORT

East End Hangar sale is complete. H. Montemayor and D. Vietzke would like a tour after the meeting. JUB is looking into ways to advertise for a flight school or mechanic. C. Faix will go directly to Big Bend College and has contacted the newspaper. It was discussed to mention a \$0.60 per square foot lease fee.

C. Faix met with Brad Stout to sterilize the airport. B. Stout will not guarantee the service as previously discussed but will only charge for the necessary chemical if spot spraying is needed. B. Stout will send an agreement for approval. There was a request by the Commissioners that we store any unused chemicals that we buy at the airport.

BRUCE

- C. Faix is still getting a more exact sales price for the Syngenta property before lease discussion can be started. Nitricity is still looking for a 10-year lease with possibility to buy.
- D. Vietzke happened to speak with some of the local contractors to figure out how the bid process for the water tower affected them. There was discussion on how future bids can be reworded to open it up to include contractors. The local contractors were included, but were unable to meet the requirements, but can still be subs.

HIGHWAY 26/REYNOLDS

Mayor Logan came to discuss the roundabout and the discussion that was had at the City Council meeting last night. The Council believes that the Port should be responsible for the improvement. It was suggested to reach out to Linda Bowers and Buddy Hampton and speak to them and the need for the 2nd entry/exit for future projects and annexations. The agreement of the Port pays \$25000 and the City paying \$25000 to start the project and look for grants to pay for the rest of the project. If grants cannot be found, it may be necessary to go to the surrounding landowners to help with the shortfall. Going to the appropriations committee could also be a step. It would be best to table this discussion until next spring/summer. TIB money may be available at the next legislative session. D. Vietzke would like to see the pipe buried and move forward on that and stall the roundabout until the time is right.



OTHER

Resolution 2025-2 Executive Director Authority was reviewed and signed.

The preliminary budget was handed out. The plan is to review the budget on October 28 and have the open meeting on November 12th.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Deena Vietzke, Commissioner

Homer Montemayor, Commissioner

Gary Weaver, Commissioner

Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant