

COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2025 - 9:30 am

Those present were: Commissioner Gary Weaver Commissioner Deena Vietzke (excused) Commissioner Homer Montemayor

Executive Director Chris Faix Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guests: Ken Johnson, Mayoral Candidate Ben Hoppe, JUB

Called to order at 9:30 am.

- G. Weaver made a motion to approve the agenda with addition of a new project; H. Montemayor seconded; the motion passed.
- G. Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes; G. Weaver seconded; the motion passed.
- G. Weaver made a motion to approve the vouchers with questions on the Stout invoice; G. Weaver seconded; motion passed.

KEN JOHNSON

Thanked the Commissioners for inviting him to the meeting. He is hoping for more collaboration.

AIRPORT

- C. Faix let the Commissioners know that we received the insurance check for the K&L issue.
- C. Faix presented the newspaper article about the new Hangar. The discussion of a Pilot's Lounge/FBO was brought back up. It was suggested going around and looking at what other airports have. We have also gotten all the keys for both buildings. We have been trying to get the electrical hooked up with Big Bend Electric and that has been problematic. C. Faix is having Cor4 build a railing/half wall for the stairs and upper deck in the hangar area as well are repair some flooring in the upper deck.

BRUCE

The Notice to Proceed with Apollo has been signed. The 1st working day began yesterday. Apollo is looking into ordering the pipe and will send JUB a time schedule. Hoping to have people on site beginning in December.

The ADO is talking with the realtor to come to a more solid price for the Syngenta building. G. Weaver is still wanting to have Nitricity purchase the building with the Port co-signing the note. If they need help from the Port, they can then come to us and let us know the details.

C. Andrews has come to C. Faix with a proposal. They would like the Port to purchase the "rail corridor" The stipulation for the railroad has been removed. If a company comes in and needs rail, he would like us to help them bring it in. There has been no price mentioned as of this time. There would need to be no future market price stipulations.

HIGHWAY 26/REYNOLDS

C. Faix updated the Commissioners about the City Council meeting last night. C. Faix and D. Vietzke presented the facts that we have about the roundabout and the position the Port is in with the project. The present Council members are still not in agreement to partner on the roundabout.



CERB has a grant possibility that may be able to be used to get the piping done.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

G. Weaver has proposed a new building project. He would like to purchase another plot of land and see a shipping center for UPS, Amazon and FedEx. There would be post office boxes and shipping capability. He thinks it would be about \$1.5 million. G. Weaver would like to give the details to JUB to see if the plans would be feasible for that location.

H. Montemayor made a motion to move forward with JUB to see if the plan would work at that location; G. Weaver seconded; motion carried.

OTHER

There will be a budget meeting on Monday, November 3rd, at 10:30am.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Deena Vietzke, Commissioner

Homer Montemayor, Commissioner

Gary Weaver, Commissioner

Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant