



COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2026 – 9:30 am

Those present were:

Commissioner Gary Weaver

Commissioner Deena Vietzke

Commissioner Homer Montemayor

Executive Director Chris Faix

Executive Assistant Carmon Derting

Guest: Ben Hoppe, JUB Engineering

Called to order at 9:30 am.

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

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

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the vouchers with questions about the Stout voucher; G. Weaver seconded; motion passed.

AIRPORT

Tiedown Update – C. Faix gave an update about the project and handed out a few pictures.

BRUCE

The Water Tower Project is still moving forward. C. Faix gave an update on what has been done and what is coming up. Well 2 building has been demolished. They will be building a new building and a new building at the water tower. They will pause for a while due to waiting on the tower to come from the manufacturer. There was discussion on why there would be a shut down when there could be stuff that can be completed and ready for when the tower comes.

C. Faix has recorded the potential lease with Ritzville. C. Faix will begin looking into an Alta Survey and move lot lines.

There was a question from a Commissioner about a resolution to waste water. C. Faix explained some of the solutions that are possible. There have been meetings with different people involved to try to at least find a temporary solution.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

There has been interest in the Broadway and Elm property. C. Faix reached back out to the interested party and is working on beginning negotiations.

C. Faix has spoken with the owner of a property we are looking to purchase and has done light negotiations. The purchase would allow for Port of Othello to control the one entrance between the two properties.

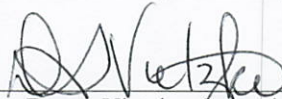
There will be a meeting with JUB, Mayor Johnson and City Administrator Garza and Doug Pegram to discuss the turn lane issue today at 11am at the Port of Othello office. C. Faix presented the letter from the City of Othello regarding the hardware store build.

It has been determined that with all the delays, the hardware store will not be able to be built until next year. The application for CERB is due on September 14th. We need to get the funding numbers from JUB, but it is waiting on the turn lane discussion. Potential timeline for bid will be in January. It has been decided that we would just build the shell and then allow for tenant improvements.

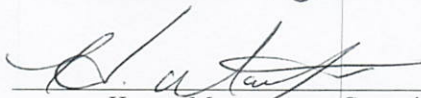
OTHER

City Report from D. Vietzke. The City is selling the library in surplus. They will be crack sealing the roads. They are working on the water project on Lee Road. There was one Councilman that brought up a list of projects that he believes has been neglected. It was a highly informative meeting.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.



Deena Vietzke, Commissioner



Homer Montemayor, Commissioner



Gary Weaver, Commissioner



Carmon Derting, Executive Assistant