COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES
October 27, 2026 – 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

Guest:

Called to order at 10:10 am.

D. Vietzke made a motion to approve the agenda and added a request for speaking about meetings; 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 with questions about the individual invoices answered; H. Montemayor seconded; motion passed.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
The Port's priorities for the legislative session, which are the roundabout, and the wastewater treatment—were discussed. ADCD is also exploring potential funding options for the wastewater project.

SCOT HORST
Mr. Horst came to discuss his potential lease and showed the Commissioners the plans of the future building out of the existing building. It was also realized that the City gave permission to Mr. Horst to open his hardware store before the turn lane is completed. The possibilities of tenant improvements were also discussed. Total improvements are going to be about $420,000 ($260,000 for addition and $160,000 for the outside buildings. The Port's investment is already over 1.3M for the properties and turn lane. A potential lease amount was discussed. It was discussed not collect any rent until after the building is open as well. D. Vietzke has requested an Executive Meeting next week to discussion the finances of this project. G. Weaver asked for detailed plans and costs for the plans to be presented. What happens if he built a building and he left was discussed. There is some discrepancy and the Commissioners will discuss further. Mr. Horst left.

AIRPORT
Tiedown Update – C. Faix gave an update the anchors are in, and permanent striping should be done before end of the week. The driveway rehab to East End Hangar will be completed by the end of the week.

C. Faix gave an updated on the water storage. The Engineers are adding it to CIP and AWOS is being pushed out.

C. Faix discussed the insurance requirements for the hangars. The Commissioners agreed to change to $1,000,000 $100,000, $100,000. The Commissioners also emphasized the insurance requirement and terminate lease if not provided by March 1st.

BRUCE
The Water Tower is still moving forward. The tower itself may not be delivered until springtime.

C. Faix asked about the farm lease for another year and buy out the crop on the south end if necessary.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
The owner of the trailer park is still getting on the agenda for City Planning. He has been placed on the December 21st meeting.

Another potential tenant let C. Faix know the building he wants is about $400,000. The Commissioners pushed out the discussion.

OTHER

D. Vietzke made a motion to set up a meeting with the County Commissioners next year to speak about the .09 meeting. G. Weaver seconded, motion passed.

We held an open public meeting for the 2027 Budget. No public Comment was made.

D. Vietzke gave a report on the City Meeting last night. The City will be requesting money for the roundabout on Highway 26 and 14th ave during the Legislative Session. It was also discovered that the City has spoken with CERB.

D. Vietzke spoke about State and Federal Grants and the time constraints on an employee. It was suggested to hire a consultant to manage those grants.

The Commissioners signed Resolution 26-4 on Executive Director Powers.

There has been a request from WSDOT for a ribbon cutting for the Airport Tiedown and the Commissioners declined.

D. Vietzke wanted to discuss extra meetings. She showed support for Commissioners to attend City and ACDC meetings. It was agreed that if there are meeting Commissioners want to attend, it is ok. It was requested to move the November 20th meeting to November 17th.

With no further business coming before the Port of Othello Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 111:55pm.

Deena Vietzke, Commissioner

Homer Montemayor, Commissioner

Gary Weaver, Commissioner

Carmon Derting

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