

Board of Commissioners Special Session
August 29, 2025
Lower Conference Room, Bartholomew Building
Heppner, Oregon

Present In-Person Chair David Sykes, Matthew Jensen, Mindy Wilson, Valerie Ballard

Present Via Zoom Commissioner Jeff Wenholz, Commissioner Gus Peterson; non-staff: Berit Thorson

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

9:00 a.m.

Consideration and Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Peterson motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Wenholz seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Executive Session

9:03 a.m.

The Board met in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) which allows the Commission to meet in executive session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.

Return to Open Session

9:36 a.m.

Chair Sykes motioned to approve the conditional offer for HR Director based on the terms discussed in the Executive Session. Commissioner Wenholz seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Chair Sykes motioned to appoint Commissioner Peterson to meet with the County Administrator and HR director review revisions to the employment policies. Commissioner Peterson seconded. Vote: Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Wenholz proposed holding a work session once new policies have been drafted.

Adjourn

9:40 a.m.