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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Umatilla Voters Decline Measure 30-167 Bond to Fund Police Station

Umatilla, OR- MAY 21, 2025—On Tuesday, May 20, Umatilla voters declined the Measure 30-167 bond package to dedicate new property tax revenue toward the construction of a new Umatilla Police Station.

The general obligation bond was presented to voters as an option to fund the new police station, which the City of Umatilla has been planning since 2021. The \$19.8 million bond would have covered the cost of construction on the purpose-built station using shared property tax between businesses and residents.

The City will now consider other funding options for the police station, including a full-faith and credit loan to finance construction. This mechanism would pay the annual debt service from the City's general fund. Because there is no new revenue to fund construction, to consider this option the City Council will need to review all General Fund services to determine alternative levels of service to cover the cost of the project, which may include delays, reductions, or loss of service.

The more than 14,000-square-foot police station will be located on the same block as the current station. It will include adequate space for officers to meet with victims and witnesses, conduct secure interviews, utilize modern equipment and evidence storage, and access physical and mental health resources. It also will include a public community room for meetings and events, with space for staffing to grow in future decades.

“We appreciate the engagement and involvement from Umatilla residents on this project and for all those who made their voices heard at the ballot box,” said Umatilla City Manager David

Stockdale. “The City is committed to the responsible use of local resources and tax dollars to improve the livability and safety here in Umatilla.”

Learn more about the project and funding mechanism at www.umatilla.gov/policestation.

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