

WALLOWA COUNTY  
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**November 1, 2023**

Wallowa County Board of Commissioners (BOC)  
Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m. Thornton Conference Room  
VIA Zoom Meeting  
Wallowa County Courthouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner John Hillock  
Commissioner Todd Nash  
Commissioner Susan Roberts

STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Micka, Administrator  
Amanda Piper, Executive Assistant  
Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike McNally, Wallowa County Chieftain  
John Amond

ZOOM ATTENDIES: Angelika Ursula-Dietrich  
Chris St. Germaine, Ziply Fiber  
Jolene Cox

9:00 a.m. – Commissioner Hillock opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

**Consideration and/or approval of Consent Agenda**

Consisting of:

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| 1. Payment of Claims on County Funds |   |
| 2. Minutes:                          | October 4, 2023 – BOC Regular Meeting                                   |
| 3. Employee Action Notice(s):        | None  |
| 4. Resolution(s):                    | Resolution 2023-019 – Wallowa County Community<br>Energy Strategic Plan |
| 5. Order(s):                         | Order 2023-2304 – Interfund Transfer, Solid Waste                       |
| 6. Contract(s):                      | None  |
| 7. Easement(s):                      | None  |
| 8. Agreement(s):                     | None  |
| 9. Grant Initiation(s)               | None  |
| 10. Letter(s)                        | None  |
| 11. Policy                           | None  |

Commissioner Nash moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented  
Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion

The vote:

Commissioner John Hillock – aye  
Commissioner Todd Nash – aye  
Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye

The motion passes

#### **Agenda Items:**

**Chris St. Germaine**, Local Partnerships Manager of Ziply Fiber presented information on the Oregon Capital Project Fund (CPF Project). Ms. St. Germaine advised she is requesting a letter of support for a grant application to obtain a portion of the CPF Project funds for Wallowa County. Conversation ensued discussing the difference between areas in the county which are unserved and underserved in internet access. Ms. St. Germaine discussed with the Commissioners specific areas of the county they are targeting and the timeframes of completing updates to access. At Commissioner Roberts' request, Ms. Germaine agreed to supply a template for a letter of support.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve a letter of support  
Commissioner Nash seconded the motion

The vote:

Commissioner John Hillock – aye  
Commissioner Todd Nash – aye  
Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye

The motion passes

Commissioner Hillock asked if satellite services would be provided for extremely remote places of the county. Ms. St. Germaine advised she has heard of that happening as a solution in other states, but she does not know the answer for Oregon. It will depend on what the State of Oregon indicates.

#### **Other Business:**

**Commissioner Hillock** advised two of the Commissioners will be attending the Association of Counties meeting on November 15, the date of the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner Meeting. Options provided are rescheduling the meeting, foregoing the meeting, or attending by ZOOM.

Commissioner Roberts moved to forego the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting  
and approve the customary payables for that day, today  
Commissioner Nash seconded the motion

The vote:

Commissioner John Hillock – aye  
Commissioner Todd Nash – aye  
Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye

The motion passes

**Commissioner Nash** mentioned an upcoming Wolf Depredation Training for our Sheriff and a few others. The last training for Sheriffs was in 2017 at Malheur County. The Umatilla County Sheriff will be hosting the training, with Greg Jones a Wildlife Services retiree, providing the training. Wallowa County has the opportunity to offer a contribution to offset some of the costs. Total costs of the event are unknown as of

now, depending in part on if lunch is provided for attendees. Mr. Jones is not asking for compensation for the training, but it would be good to provide him with travel costs. The date of the training is set for January 16, 2024. The Commissioners will consider their contribution at the next regularly scheduled meeting, December 6, 2023.

There was no further business.

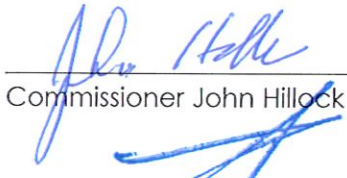
**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:24 am.

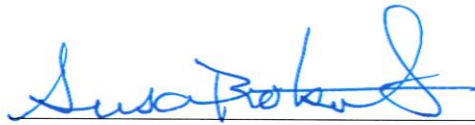
**Respectfully submitted by:**

*Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant*

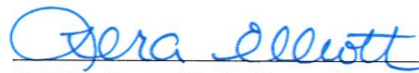
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Commissioner John Hillock

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Commissioner Susan Roberts

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ATTEST: Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant