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February 21, 2024

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: Katy Nesbitt, Natural Resource & Economic Development Director
Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Collier
Bill Bradshaw, WC Chieftain
Kel Hoffman, Wallowa Land Trust
Mildred O'Callaghan

Jack Amond
Angelika Dietrich
David Hurley

ZOOM ATTENDIES: Paul Doherty
Mike McNally
Dan Larman, City of Joseph

Mysha Oveson
Harold Lathrop
Stanlynn Daugherty

9:00 a.m. – Commissioner Nash 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: | February 7, 2024 – BOC Regular Meeting |
| 3. Employee Action Notice(s): | None |
| 4. Resolution(s): | None |
| 5. Order(s): | Order 2024-2312 – Adopting Intrafund Transfer, Public Works |
| 6. Contract(s): | None |
| 7. Easement(s): | Theresa Boynton – New Fiber Line, Wallowa St. |
| 8. Agreement(s): | None |
| 9. Grant Initiation(s) | WC Emergency Communications Infrastructure Upgrade
– WC Sheriff's Office, \$2,342,050. |
| 10. Letter(s) | None |
| 11. Policy/Plan | None |
| 12. Purchase Approvals | WC Fair Grounds – Arena Lights Project, Under \$100,000 |

*Commissioner Roberts moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented
Commissioner Hillock seconded*

The vote:

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

The motion passes

Agenda Items:

Kristina Powell, Surveyor of Wallowa Associates and representing Greg Wiggins, introduced a request to dedicate a portion of property between Chief Joseph Resort and Wallowa Lodge Addition to the public access. Currently the property is unplatted. Ms. Powell showed the commissioners a map and answered questions regarding access, cat roads, and development. Neighboring lots are currently using the property as a road, but do not have legal access to do so. Ms. Powell requested the Board of Commissioners exercise their ability to dedicate the property as a local access road without requirement of binding the County in any manner of maintenance, improvement, plowing or any other type of care. Upon approval of the Commissioners to move forward, a deed would be drawn up and presented to the Commissioners for review, giving opportunity to the Commission to make changes. The deed would then be prepared with said changes and would be ready to be recorded.

Commissioner Roberts moved to move forward on the project as explained.

Commissioner Hillock seconded

The vote:

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

The motion passes

Other Business:

Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee – Commissioner Roberts explained in working on the Forest Plan Revision, it was found nothing in the 1993 Nez Perce Tribe/Wallowa County Habitat Recovery Plan was current enough to bring forward into the new Forest Plan Revision. The Wallowa County Natural Resource Committee has been working on the update for the last three years, and is now at the final point of adding graphics and completing the final draft. Once completed, it will be presented to the Commissioners for adoption. The document will be a working document, with review every year or so. The contract before the Commission is to approve the paid work of Tara Porter to complete the graphics and the final draft. Commissioner Roberts advised money has been set aside in the budget to cover this cost.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the personal service contract

Commissioner Hillock seconded

Commissioner Nash asked if this contract had gone out for bid or had been publicly advertised. Commissioner Roberts advised no, advising Ms. Porter was selected because she has been involved with this project for the last three years.

Commissioner Nash called the vote:

Commissioner Hillock – abstained, citing the need for more information

Commissioner Nash – nay

Commissioner Roberts – aye

Commissioner Nash requested staff to put the project out for bid.

Resolution 2024-00 Amending Language in the East Moraine Management Plan – Commissioner Hillock advised the East Moraine Management Committee has requested the changes as written in the Resolution be approved. Commissioner Nash briefly highlighted the requested changes. Commissioner Nash requested each change be addressed separately, starting with Hunting on page 58.

Commissioner Hillock moved to accept the Hunting portion of the recommendation
Commissioner Roberts seconded

The vote:
Commissioner John Hillock – aye
Commissioner Todd Nash – aye
Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye

Commissioner Nash advised the requested changes from page 21 of the Dogs portion of the Plan.
Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the said portion
Commissioner Hillock seconded

Commissioner Hillock advised dogs-on-leash is a contentious item, but there have been problems with unleashed dogs. The Management Committee felt this change necessary and worth trying for a period of time. Commissioner Roberts advised the Management Plan contains language allowing for review and change twice per year, allowing this item to be reviewed again at a later date. Commissioner Nash advised he will be a no vote, stating the East Moraine is intended to be a community property, and would like to see it every bit as enjoyable as public/federal/wilderness lands which do not have a leash law. He stated it causes concern when he sees something more restrictive than our public lands.

The vote:
Commissioner Hillock - aye
Commissioner Nash – nay
Commissioner Roberts – aye

Lastly, Commissioner Nash read the changes requested from page 26, Human-Wildlife-Livestock Interactions.

Commissioner Hillock moved to accept the proposed change
Commissioner Roberts seconded

Commissioner Nash advised he will be a no vote for the same reason as the prior vote of change.

The vote:
Commissioner Hillock - aye
Commissioner Nash – nay
Commissioner Roberts – aye

Commissioner Roberts moved to adopt Resolution 2024-005
Commissioner Hillock seconded

The vote:
Commissioner Hillock - aye
Commissioner Nash – nay
Commissioner Roberts – aye

The motions passes

Commissioner Nash asked the Commissioners if there was anything else to discuss.

Commissioner Hillock advised there are still some limited use changes of the East Moraine Management Plan which need to be addressed.

Public Comment:

Millie O'Callahan, Mysha Oveson, and Paul Doherty asked questions and engaged in conversation with the Commissioners regarding public meetings, ZOOM requirements, the East Moraine Management Plan, obtaining the agenda for the Board of Commissioner meetings, leash laws and off-leash dog nuisance/aggression, enforcement of leash laws, and Mr. Doherty added the controversial Dollar General in Wallowa does have local support, just not as vocal as the opposition. Tera Elliott reminded the audience that notices of the Board of Commissioner meetings and the agendas are available through email and will be sent to whomever is interested by providing a current email address.

At approximately 9:51 a.m. Commissioner Nash advised the meeting is recessed until 1:30 p.m. when the commissioners will hold an executive session.

Commissioner Nash reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and advised the Board of Commissioners will now meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) and gave the guidelines for the executive session, as attached.

The commissioners came out of executive session at approximately 2:26 p.m.

Commissioner Nash advised there is Payment on Claims from County Funds that were not approved in the Consent Agenda this morning and confirmed the commissioners had sufficient opportunity to review them.

*Commissioner Roberts moved the accept the payment of county funds indicated by C89
Commissioner Hillock seconded*

The vote:

Commissioner Hillock - aye

Commissioner Nash - aye

Commissioner Roberts - aye

Commissioner Nash gave the floor to Commissioner Roberts who made the following motion:

Commissioner Roberts moved to enter into an amendment to the existing CMGC contract with Wellens General Contractors for completion of the Fair Shop in an amount not to exceed \$215,495.00, subject to County Counsel review.

Commissioner Roberts further moved to authorize Commissioner Nash to sign the Amendment on behalf of the Board.

*Commissioner Hillock stated he will abstain
Commissioner Nash seconded*

The vote:

Commissioner Hillock - abstained

Commissioner Nash - aye

Commissioner Roberts - aye

The motion passes

Adjournment:

With no further comment or business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant

WALLOWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS




Commissioner John Hillock



Commissioner Susan Roberts



Commissioner Todd Nash



ATTEST: Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant