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April 17, 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 - ZOOM
Commissioner Susan Roberts

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

OTHERS PRESENT: John Amond
Bill Bradshaw, WC Chieftain
Lisa Collier
Angelika Dietrich
Raider Heck

ZOOM ATTENDIES: Kevin Griffith
Devin Patton

Commissioner Nash is attending by ZOOM today so Commissioner Roberts will Chair the meeting.
9:00 a.m. – Commissioner Roberts 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: | April 3, 2024 – BOC Regular Meeting
April 15, 2024 – BOC Hearing, #2024-003, EW
Trust/Nakato |
| 3. Employee Action Notice(s): | None |
| 4. Resolution(s): | Resolution 2024-012 – Appointing Members to the WC
Energy Strategic Plan Citizen Advisory Board |
| 5. Order(s): | Order 2024-2313 – Adopting Unanticipated Revenue
Public Works, Road Department
Order 2024-2314 – Adopting Unanticipated Revenue
from Business Oregon, WC Fair |
| 6. Contract(s): | None |
| 7. Easement(s): | None |

8. Agreement(s):	DigEplan – Building Codes Electronic Document Review/Integration to Accela Civic Platform
9. Grant Initiation(s)	None
10. Letter(s)	None
11. Policy/Plan	None
12. Purchase Approvals	None

*Commissioner Nash moved to approve 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:

National Cattlemen's Beef Association Membership – Commissioner Nash discussed the benefits of the national association, particularly the Public Lands Council. After a brief discussion, the commissioners in agreement, decided not to subscribe to membership at this time.

Resolution 2024-013 Adopting Immunity from Liability, Recreational – Commissioner Roberts explained the reason why we as a community under 500,000 need to opt in to the Recreational Immunity for any unmaintained trails. This will also cover Wallowa County for the Union-Wallowa Railroad, in case anyone is hurt strolling on the railroad tracks. This is a temporary stopgap until the 2025 state legislative meeting. Commissioner Roberts then read Resolution 2024-013 in its entirety and noted the immunity includes landowners with abutting property.

*Commissioner Hillock moved to adopt Resolution 2024-013
Commissioner Nash seconded*

The Vote:

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

The motion passes

Other Business:

Surveying the Exterior Boundary of the Wallowa County Fairgrounds – Commissioner Roberts explained we currently do not have accurate information of where the boundaries are. Since this is Wallowa County property, Commissioner Roberts suggests having the County order the surveying. The cost will be approximately \$3500-\$5000. Commissioner Nash agreed and advised he knows of some tidying up that needs done with our boundaries. Noting two bids have been received, Commissioner Nash recommended using the less expensive bid of Wallowa Associates.

*Commissioner Nash moved to accept the contract from Wallowa Associates,
not to exceed \$5000
Commissioner Hillock seconded*

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

The motion passes

Wallowa County Fair Hog and Sheep Panels – Commissioner Nash advised 3-4 entities were contacted for bids. Pricing and strength were factors considered. W-W bid was recommended. Due to the time frame, Commissioner Nash would like to see the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase now to assure arrival before the Fair.

Commissioner Nash moved to approve the purchase of the W-W panels
for the Fair

Commissioner Roberts seconded

Further discussion – Commissioner Hillock expressed his concern that the Fair Board has not yet decided on the panels advising there is dispute on how the Fair Board wants to proceed. Commissioner Nash advised the motion is somewhat ceremonial, allowing the purchase to be made quickly should the Fair Board decide to purchase. Commissioner Nash advised the cost of the panels to range from approximately \$1000/pen to approximately \$500/pen. After discussion, it was decided the Board of Commissioners would request the Fair Board chair to call a special meeting of the Fair Board to decide if they want panels, allowing the Board of Commissioners opportunity to make an approval at the May 1st meeting. Commissioner Nash withdrew his motion, allowing the Fair Board to hold their special meeting and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners by May 1st.

Recess at approximately 9:29 a.m. - With no further business or comments from the Commissioners or audience, Commissioner Roberts recessed the meeting until 10:30am for an Executive Session held in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, and ORS 192.660 (2)(h) conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation.

Commissioner Roberts reconvened The Board of Commissioners Regular Session at approximately 11:34a.m.

Adjournment:

With no further business, and no further comments from the commissioners or the public, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:35 a.m.


Respectfully submitted by:

Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant

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Commissioner John Hillock



Commissioner Todd Nash



Commissioner Susan Roberts



ATTEST: Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant