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April 5, 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
Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant
Katy Nesbitt, WC Natural Resource & Economic Dev. Director
Andy Marcum, Vegetation Manager
Paige Sully, County Counsel

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Bradshaw, WC Chieftain
Rahn Hostetter, Representing D. Park
Sarah Park
Daniel Park
Joe Basile, Wallowa Resources
David Hurley, Business
Todd Rodgers

ZOOM ATTENDIES: Angelika Ursula Dietrich

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

Consideration and/or approval of Consent Agenda

Consisting of:

1. Payment of Claims on County Funds

2. Minutes:

March 15, 2023 – BOC Regular Meeting

March 16, 2023 - BOC Special Meeting

3. Employee Action Notice(s):

None

4. Resolution(s):

Resolution 2023-007 – Appointing a Budget Officer,
WC Road Service District

Mr. Hostetter expressed he has no objection to the Order or to tabling it to the next meeting. He will prepare finding as was requested of him, once it is clear there will be no settlement. Mr. Hostetter requested the emails from Ms. Darling be made part of the record.

Request for Funds – Dozer Line Treatment Plan, Andy Marcum – Mr. Marcum advised the money is for the dozer lines in the Double Creek Fire area. The County Vegetation Department is requesting \$15,000 to put into the pot with the US Forest Service, Wallowa Resources and private landowners for a total project cost of close to \$120,000. Discussion followed giving more details on the project.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the \$15,000 request

Commissioner Nash seconded

The vote:

Commissioner John Hillock – aye

Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye

Commissioner Todd Nash – aye

Joe Basile, Community Energy Program Manager - Mr. Basile updated the Commissioners on the Community Energy Strategic Plan (CESP) which was initiated early last year. Mr. Basile explained the grant and project stating it is a \$100,000 planning grant.

Mr. Basile requests the County review and sign the performance agreement.

Commissioner Hillock advised the County will go through their proper channels.

County Counsel Contract, Paige Sully – Ms. Sully advised she has been County Counsel since 2008, and explained past contracts in contrast to the new contract for 2023-2024. Ms. Sully is recommending a straight hourly rate of \$200/hour.

Commissioner Nash moved to approve the new contract

Commissioner Roberts seconded

Commissioner Nash asked if it was necessary or required legally to open the opportunity to be County Counsel to others. Ms. Sully gave examples of how other jurisdictions have handled this and advised it is up to the Commissioners, with no legal requirement since this is a renewal of an existing contract. Ms. Sully advised although retirement is in her future, and her contract provides for a 30-day notice, her plan is to give the county a year's notice before retiring.

The vote:

Commissioner John Hillock – aye

Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye

Commissioner Todd Nash – aye

Resolution 2023-009 Declaring Certain Items and Equipment as Surplus – Commissioner Roberts advised as follows: Resolution 2023-009 is a Sealed Bid, listing vehicles which will be sold through sealed bids. Commissioner Roberts read through the list of vehicles. The announcement of the sale will be advertised for 30 days, accepting sealed bids during that time and allowing the public to view the vehicles. This complies with our disposal Resolution. Commissioner Roberts explained the process and the paperwork she has available.

Commissioner Hillock discussed the surplus items from the Fairgrounds arena which will be sold. These are listed on Resolution 2023-010.

Commissioner Nash moved to approve Resolution 2023-009, Resolution 2023-010
and Resolution 2023-011 at one time
Commissioner Roberts seconded

Commissioner Roberts explained Resolution 2023-011.

The vote:

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

Commissioner Roberts expressed her appreciation for the workers at the Fairgrounds, Tony and Greg, for their hard work in preparing and photographing the items for auction and recommended any who see them express their appreciation also. Commissioner Nash also mentioned appreciation for the volunteers who have helped. Commissioner Hillock advised they hope to put the new arena up in July with the help of many volunteers and the County Road Department.

Commissioner Roberts talked on the current project of the Road Department on the Zumalt Road and explained what the plans are for this project.

Other Business

There was no further business or comments.

Adjournment:


The official meeting adjourned at approximately 9:38 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