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**September 6, 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 Susan Roberts  
Commissioner Todd Nash – ZOOM

STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Micka, Administrator  
Amanda Piper, Executive Assistant  
Franz Goebel, Planning Director  
Caprice Locke, Grants Manager  
Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:	Bill Bradshaw, Wallowa County Chieftain	Pete Schreder
	Brinda Stanley, WC Fair Board Chair	Marci Schreder
	Greg Seufer, WC Fair	B. David Hurley
	Tony Boyd, WC Fair	Nils Christofferson, Wallowa Resources
	Jaymes Butterfield	Joseph Basile, Wallowa Resources
	Mychal Butterfield	Deidra Ripson

ZOOM ATTENDIES: Angelika Ursula Dietrich  
Dan Larman  
Steve Knudsen

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

Commissioner Nash presented four individuals with "Employee of the Month" acknowledgement and appreciation for their work with the County Fair, giving each a cake baked in an Olaf mug. The recipients were Tony Boyd, Greg Seufer, Caprice Locke, and Tera Elliott.

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

Consisting of:

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| 1. <b>Payment of Claims on County Funds</b> |  |
| 2. <b>Minutes:</b>                          | <b>August 16, 2023</b> – BOC Regular Meeting<br><b>August 23, 2023</b> – BOC Special Meeting |
| 3. <b>Employee Action Notice(s):</b>        | <b>Devin Schreiber</b> – PT, Temp, Extra Help – WC Fair                                      |
| 4. <b>Resolution(s):</b>                    | <b>None</b>  |
| 5. <b>Order(s):</b>                         | <b>None</b>  |

6. **Contract(s):** **None**  
7. **Easement(s):** **David Schaefer** – Extend Culvert, Fish Hatchery Lane, Enterprise  
**Scott Siebe** – Run Electrical Conduit under Road, Lime Quarry Road, Enterprise  
8. **Agreement(s):** **None**  
9. **Grant Initiation(s)** **None**  
10. **Letter(s)** **None**  
11. **Policy** **None**

*Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the Consent Agenda  
Commissioner Nash seconded the motion*

*The vote:*

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

*The motion passes*

#### **Agenda Items:**

**Joe Basile of Wallowa Resources** gave an update on the Wallowa County Community Energy Strategic Plan. Currently about two years into the project, the leadership team are close to finishing the development of the Mission Statement and Guiding Principles. Going forward there are currently about 30 projects which will be prioritized in the final plan. The final plan is in draft and will be presented to the leadership team on September 20, 2023. Mr. Basile will have the final plan to the Board of Commissioners by the end of the month and is asking the Commissioners to adopt the Energy Plan as a stand-alone document, residing with the Planning Department. Mr. Basile is asking the document to be reviewed and updated on an annual or semi-annual basis. Upon completion of the Planning Project, the Leadership Team will be rebranded as an Implementation Advisory Group. On an ongoing basis, projects will be re-evaluated and prioritized. Guiding Principles of the Leadership Team process are as follows: Energy Conservation, Efficiency, Energy Resilience and Security, Local Renewable Energy Development, Financial Benefit, Environmental Stewardship, and DEAI Social Responsibility. Commissioner Hillock voiced his appreciation to Wallowa Resources for all the work they are involved in.

**Motorola Contracts** – Commissioner Roberts and Brenda Micka, County Administrator explained these contracts will provide Wallowa County with a new server for our 911 Dispatch Center, providing all new software for records management. There are two systems/contracts. One is for CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system for 911 and a separate system/contract for Motorola portable radios giving more range for non-cell phone areas. Money for these systems have been earmarked for a while, with some of the money coming from COVID funds earmarked for emergency services. The total amount is approximately \$625,000. Ms. Micka advised it could take a year to implement the CAD system making it important to start this process now.

*Commissioner Roberts moved to approve both Motorola contracts  
Commissioner Nash seconded the motion*

*The vote:*

*Commissioner John Hillock – aye*

Commissioner Todd Nash – aye  
Commissioner Susan Roberts – aye

The motion passes

**Other Business:**

Several residents from Tenderfoot Valley Road attended the meeting today. Jaymes Butterfield asked what the plans are for repairing Tenderfoot Road. The residents are willing to fill potholes themselves if the County will give them materials. Discussion followed among the Commissioners and the residents attending concluding with the decision for a Commissioner to meet with the residents at their location to discuss the plan moving forward.

There was no further business.

**Adjournment:**

The official meeting adjourned at approximately 9:56 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

*Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant*

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Absent  
Commissioner John Hillock

[Signature]  
Commissioner Todd Nash

[Signature]  
Commissioner Susan Roberts

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ATTEST: Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant