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October 6, 2021

Wallowa County Board of Commissioners (BOC)
Regular Session Board of Commissioners Meeting
09:00 a.m. Thornton Conference Room
VIA Zoom Meeting
Wallowa County Courthouse

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

STAFF PRESENT: Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant
Brenda Micka, Administrative Director
Paige Sully, County Council

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Bradshaw, WC Chieftain
David Hurlley, representing Business

ZOOM ATTENDIES: None

9:00 a.m. – Chair Nash opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration and/or approval of: Consent Agenda

1. **Payment of Claims on County Funds**
2. **Minutes:** **September 15, 2021** – Reg BOC Meeting Minutes – **Approval**
September 20, 2021 – Special BOC Meeting Minutes – **Approval**
Security Grant for DA's office
3. **Action Notices:**
Ken Hall – Increase in weekly hours – **Building Codes**
Wacey Seufer – New Hire – **Custodial Department**
Jennifer Harmon – Correction in step with retro pay – **Parole and Probation**
Anthony Boyd – New Hire – **Parole and Probation**
Annarose Landers – New Hire – **911 Dispatch**
Tera Elliott – Change in position – **Commissioners/Admin Department**
Annett Connor – New Hire – **Fair Board Manager**
Austin Violette – Resignation – **Sheriff's Department**
Kim Hutchison – New Hire – **Reserve Deputy**
4. **Contracts:** **Personal Service Contract** between Wallowa County and Lisa Mahon for the Wallowa County Smoke Management Community Response Plan and the Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee Contractor.
5. **Easements:** **Zipty Fiber Northwest, LLC** – Edgewater Road – Place fiber cable in existing underground conduit.

*Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Commissioner Hillock seconded the motion.
The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Agenda Items:

Petition for Vacation of a portion on Clearlake Road:

Commissioner Nash abstained from the vote due to his involvement in the use of this road.
*Commissioner Roberts moved to accept the request for Vacation
of a portion of the Clearlake Road.
Commissioner Hillock seconded.
The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor, with Commissioner Nash
Abstaining from the vote.*

Vietnam Memorial Request for Funding:

Commissioner Roberts researched the design that was presented. State Parks and Recreation along with the assigned design committee have approved the current design. This does not guarantee the design will not change before being created. In research, Commissioner Roberts did not find our county sent funds to the World War II monument. Funding for this donation will possibly come from the travel fund, or Brenda Micka may create a separate line item to use funds out of the Contingency fund, or in the future have a dedicated "donation" line for public projects.
*Commissioner Hillock moved to move the funds as designated for a \$1000
donation.
Commissioner Roberts seconded.
The vote was unanimous in favor.*
Commissioner Nash noted the positive gesture to the Vietnam veterans of our county, showing our support for them as part of this State memorial.

Letter to Senator Wyden regarding the River Democracy Act

Commissioner Roberts read the letter into record.
*Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the letter.
Commissioner Hillock seconded the motion – requesting a change in the last
paragraph to clarify our request to "all rivers in Wallowa County."
Commissioner Roberts approved the request for the wording change.
Commissioner Hillock seconded.
The vote was unanimous in favor.*

Request from Lisa Mahon to subcontract Sarah Silbernagel to work on the Wallowa County Natural Resource Management Plan, Wallowa County's Smoke Management Plan, and other natural resource projects as assigned.

Commissioner Roberts advised this written request for permission is as requested by Grant and Contract.
*Commissioner Hillock moved to approve the request for subcontracting to Sarah
Silbernagel.
Commissioner Roberts seconded.
The vote was unanimous in favor.*

Letter in support for Minam River Phase 2 to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Commissioner Roberts read the letter into public record.
*Commissioner Hillock moved to support the letter to Director Melcher stating this
is a good project we want to be involved in.
Commissioner Roberts seconded the motion.
Commissioner Nash stated we will keep a keen eye on the verbal MOU we have
with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.*

The vote was unanimous in favor.

Request for comments on the Elbow Creek Fire Reseeding

Commissioner Roberts stated she would like to work with Miss Nesbit to write these letters. Reseeding is on top of the Promise area, with the second area on the Lostline on the Wildlife area. Commissioner Roberts would like permission to get the comments in a letter to BLM to support this project.

*Commissioner Hillock motioned to have Commissioner Roberts and Miss Nesbit work together on gathering these comments.
Commissioner Roberts seconded.
The vote was unanimous in favor.*

The regular Board of Commissioners meeting was recessed at 9:24 a.m. for Executive Session. The regular Board of Commissioners meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

On the matter of a Purchase and Sale Agreement/Option Agreement between Sonja Little and Wallowa County:

*Commissioner Hillock motioned to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement and Option Agreement between Sonja Little and Wallowa County.
Commissioner Roberts seconded.
The vote was unanimous in favor.
Legal Representative Paige Sully will send a clean copy for signature and will Request a check from Brenda Micka.*

Other Business:

Commissioner Roberts informed of a fundraiser auction and dinner for Kelly Gomes of the Wallowa Fire Department which will be held October 16, at 4 p.m. She will be sending out a flier with more information.

Snake River Dam Removal – It would be good to have more public involvement and awareness on this Act. Possibly gathering specific people who would be affected by this Act. The meeting would not be a "county" event but we are willing to help supply a meeting place.

There was no further discussion.

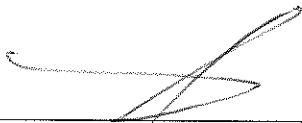
Adjournment:

The official meeting adjourned at approximately 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant

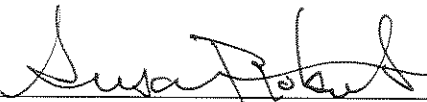
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ATTEST: Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant