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January 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
Commissioner Susan Roberts (ZOOM)

STAFF PRESENT: Brenda Micka, Administrator
Amanda Piper, Executive Assistant
Katy Nesbitt, Natural Resource & Economic Development Director
Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Bradshaw, Wallowa County Chieftain Randi Jandt, FOWCR
Angelika Dietrich John Amond
Peter Ferré, FOWCR Raider Heck
Lisa Collier David Hayslip

ZOOM ATTENDIES: Dan Larman, City of Joseph
Jolene Cox

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:

1. **Payment of Claims on County Funds**
2. **Minutes:** **January 3, 2024 – BOC Regular Meeting**
3. **Employee Action Notice(s):** **None**
4. **Resolution(s):** **None**
5. **Order(s):** **Order 2023-2308 – Amended (Order Number Change to Order 2024-2308)**
 Order 2024-2309 – Interfund Transfer, Federal Funds
 Order 2024-2310 – Intrafund Transfer, General Fund/Federal Funds
 Order 2024-2311 – Intrafund Transfer, General Fund/Emergency Services

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| 6. Contract(s): | Wellens General Contractors – WCFG (Fair Grounds)
Change Request, Extend Completion Date |
| 7. Easement(s): | None |
| 8. Agreement(s): | WCSO and Wallowa County - Collective Bargaining Agreement |
| 9. Grant Initiation(s) | None |
| 10. Letter(s) | None |
| 11. Policy | None |

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

The vote:

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

The motion passes

Agenda Items:

Presentation by Peter G. Ferré of Friends of Wallowa County Recycling (FOWCR). Mr. Ferré expressed his desire to create a plan developed by FOWCR, Wallowa County Board of Commissioners, and citizenry addressing ways to better the recycling program, and ways to captivate funds from SB582.

The Commissioners agreed with the need for a plan to go forward and requested Mr. Ferré return to a Board of Commissioner's meeting with a copy of basic parameters to be included in the plan, including the process of advertising for four or five interested citizens to work on the panel constructing the developed plan. Mr. Ferré agreed to do so.

Nils Christoffersen of East Moraine Community Forest was unable to attend the meeting today. Katy Nesbitt, Natural Resource & Economic Development Director for Wallowa County advised there is an upcoming annual meeting of all the management team and members. This meeting will review the five conservation values, changes that have been made to the limited use permit, and other topics that have come to their attention. Ms. Nesbitt suggested rescheduling the update on the East Moraine Community Forest plan after that meeting.

Commissioner Nash stated as the Board of Commissioners have final management of the plan, there has been nothing before them for decision yet. Commissioner Nash reminded Ms. Nesbitt *all* decisions need to come before the commissioners for approval.

There was further discussion on the pros and cons of the pilot project of radio collared cows and virtual fencing on the moraine.

Commissioner Roberts stated another topic that would need to be discussed is the Recreational Immunity issue and what we intend to do regarding public access there. Commissioner Nash agreed, and advised there is a coming bill at the State legislature to address Recreational Immunity.

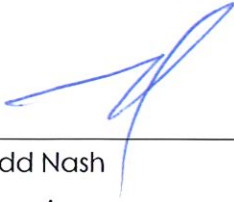
There was no further business and no further public comments.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant

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Commissioner Todd Nash



Commissioner Susan Roberts



Commissioner John Hillock



ATTEST: Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant