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March 6, 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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kent Craford, Alaska Seaplanes
John Amond
Bill Bradshaw, WC Chieftain
Sweyn Wall
David Hayslip
Linda Casady, Airport
Angelika Dietrich
Lisa Collier
Raider Heck
David Hurley
Michael Eng

ZOOM ATTENDIES: Eric Cederstram
Tim Cox
Ryan Shea
Jolene Cox
Dan Larman, City of Joseph
Mike McNally
Kirk Farrelly
Jodi Garza

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:

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| 1. Payment of Claims on County Funds | |
| 2. Minutes: | February 21, 2024 – BOC Regular Meeting |
| 3. Employee Action Notice(s): | None |
| 4. Resolution(s): | Resolution 2024-006 Appointing Members to the NE Area
Commission on Transportation (NEACT) |
| 5. Order(s): | None |
| 6. Contract(s): | None |
| 7. Easement(s): | Mary Hawkins – New Road/Driveway Access, Bear
Creek Road, Wallowa
Chad Dotson – New Driveway, Liberty Road, Joseph |

8. Agreement(s):	None
9. Grant Initiation(s)	Natural Resource & Economic Development – Oregon Parks & Recreation Department Grant, \$80,000
10. Letter(s)	None
11. Policy/Plan	None
12. Purchase Approvals	None

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

The vote:

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

The motion passes

Agenda Items:

Alaska Air Service Presentation – Kent Craford, President and Co-Owner of Alaska Seaplanes introduced Alaska Seaplanes giving a brief presentation of who they are, how they began, current statistics and future goals and plans. Mr. Craford stated his company is currently competing against Boutique Air in serving the Pendleton Airport. As Alaska Seaplanes' goal is to form a regional consensus behind Alaska Seaplanes, he hopes today to gain support of the Wallowa County Commissioners. There were a couple of questions regarding price structure, routes, and when Boutique Air's contract ends.

*Commissioner Roberts moved to write a letter of support to Alaska Seaplanes
Commissioner Hillock seconded*

The vote:

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

The motion passes

Wallowa County Natural Resource Advisory Committee –

*Commissioner Roberts moved approval of the contract and explained this is brought back from the last meeting, stating scope of work is not to exceed \$2500 to finish the work on the Wallowa County Natural Resource Management Plan
Commissioner Hillock seconded*

The vote:

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

The motion passes

Request for Financial Support – Commissioner Nash identified the requests from Wallowa Valley Music Alliance and Enterprise Elks Lodge. Commissioner Roberts stated the original documents state the monies remaining after each entity received their share would first be considered for the Fairgrounds. Currently the Fairgrounds need a new commercial range in Cloverleaf Hall, and new panels to be used in Cloverleaf Hall, replacing the damaged wood panels. The cost is approximately \$14,000 for

the range, and \$4000 for four panels. Commissioner Roberts asked these items be added for consideration.

Commissioner Nash introduced the requests from Wallowa Valley Music Alliance and The Enterprise Elk's Lodge and advised the current Transient Lodging fund sits at approximately \$38,000.

Commissioner Roberts proposed purchasing the Fairground items for approximately \$18,000, \$3000 for Wallowa Valley Music Alliance, \$7000 for Enterprise Elks Lodge, for a total of approximately \$28,000.

*Commissioner Hillock moved to fund the approximate \$28,000
from Transient Fund as allotted above
Commissioner Roberts seconded*

The vote:

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

The motion passes

Easement for Wallowa DG, LLC – Paving New Driveway, Frontage Road, Wallowa – Commissioner Roberts advised the company was not required to ask for this easement. They are wanting to pave the apron out to the road. Commissioner Roberts thought the company may be willing to pave or clear a path to the highway stop sign and will speak with them regarding this.

*Commissioner Roberts moved approval of the Easement application
Commissioner Hillock seconded*

Commissioner Hillock thinks the paving will add to the safety of people traveling in and out.

Sweyn Wall and Michael Eng expressed their concerns of the impact the Frontage Road entrance will have on nearby residents and the community, and Mr. Eng requested postponing approval of the easement. Discussion followed. Commissioner Roberts stated she will be meeting with the NE Area Commission on Transportation tomorrow and will talk to them as well as Dollar General about pursuing access from the highway. She will also speak with Dollar General about the pathway, the possibility of the school bus using a portion of their property for picking up and dropping off kids as this would be much safer than stopping on the highway, and improvement of Frontage Road.

The vote:

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

The motion passes

Other Business:

A last-minute Grant Initiation approval was received from the Planning Department for \$5000.

Commissioner Roberts explained this is a grant applied for every biennium and can be used to offset the costs of staff, such as the Planning Tech.

*Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the grant initiation
Commissioner Hillock seconded*

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

The motion passes

Commissioner Roberts asked Commissioners Nash and Hillock if they had a chance to review the edit for the Limited Use Permit on the Moraine. Both had and approved the edit. Commissioner Roberts will prepare a Resolution for approval at our next meeting.

Commissioner Nash received disappointing news on HB 4133 regarding Fire Protection. The bill is going to die at the last minute due to constitutional complications. Fire Protections rates increased here in Wallowa County by around \$300,000, 30-80% higher than they were. This bill, which addresses the rates, had full support yet died on a technicality.

Public Comment:

Bill Bradshaw asked for information on the Dug Bar Road closure. Commissioner Roberts stated the bridge on Cow Creek is being replaced. The work will take approximately one week.

At approximately 9:49 a.m., Commissioner Nash advised the meeting is going to recess, and into executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(a).

At 10:17 a.m., Commissioner Nash reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting.

*Commissioner Hillock moved to direct staff to advise Caprice Locke she may continue in her present job
Commissioner Roberts seconded*

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

The motion passes

At approximately 10:27 a.m., Commissioner Nash advised the meeting is going to recess, and into executive session. This is in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(f).

At approximately 11:12 a.m., Commissioner Nash reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Adjournment:

With no further comment or business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:13 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