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October 4, 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
Amanda Piper, Executive Assistant
Kari Carper, Road Department Secretary
Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Bradshaw, Wallowa County Chieftain
Joe Basile, Wallowa Resources
Randi Jandt, Friends of WC Recycling
Peter Ferré, Friends of WC Recycling
Kathleen Ackley
David Cook, Friends of WC Recycling
Joe Boro
Evan Bryan

ZOOM ATTENDIES: Jolene Cox
Jenna Smith, Fleet Development

9:00 a.m. – Commissioner 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:** **September 20, 2023** – BOC Regular Meeting
3. **Employee Action Notice(s):** **Bill Moore** – Rehire, PT – Facility Maintenance
Talena Emerson – New Hire, Dept. Youth Services – DYS
Counselor
4. **Resolution(s):** **None**
5. **Order(s):** **Order 2023-007** - Finalizing an Amendment, Adopting
2012 Planning Commission Findings on ZC#12-02 /
Comprehensive Plan Amendment

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| | Order 2023-2303(Amended) – Interfund Transfer Public Works, correct total from Contingency |
| 6. Contract(s): | None |
| 7. Easement(s): | None |
| 8. Agreement(s): | Eastern Oregon Early Learning Hub Bylaws – approval by Wallowa County Commissioners |
| 9. Grant Initiation(s) | None |
| 10. Letter(s) | None |
| 11. Policy | None |

Commissioner Roberts explained the Eastern Oregon Early Learning Hub Bylaws are only an update of the previous bylaws.

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

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

The motion passes

Agenda Items:

Wallowa Resources – Joe Basile provided the Commissioners with a final draft of Wallowa County's Energy Future, A Community-wide Energy Plan. This project has been in the works for nearly two years. Mr. Basile highlighted the workings of the plan and the programs that have remained for the final cut. Mr. Basile has requested the Board of Commissioners approve the plan by signing a resolution at the next Commissioner's meeting on October 18, 2023.

Commissioner Hillock commented on the program and its effect on the County's Resiliency. The commissioners thanked Mr. Basile for his time and hard work on this project.

Friends of Wallowa County Recycling – Peter Ferré discussed possible misunderstandings between the volunteers and Recycle Center maintenance worker, Mike Grover. Concerns were expressed of the overall upkeep and appearance of the Center along with finding best buyers for the recycled products. The volunteers would like an active part with the Recycle Center and discussed equipment needs if SB582 monies become available in July 2025. Mr. Ferré would like to meet with Commissioner Nash, Ed Gomes, the supervisor for the Recycle Center and Mr. Grover, quarterly. Commissioner Nash advised of his communications with Ed Gomes, and some of what has guided their decisions.

Mr. Ferre will contact Commissioner Nash soon, scheduling a meeting to discuss concerns and hopefully get all involved parties on the "same page".

Randi Jandt commented on activities of Friends of Wallowa County Recycling beyond work at the Recycle Center. They are involved in outreach programs distributing brochures regarding recycling and public awareness through events such as their Spring Clean Up and participation in the Woodlands and Watershed Festival. Ms. Jandt also asked what the vision of the County is for the Recycle Center in modernization, new equipment, and a new building. Discussion followed on possibilities, needs, and additional ways to procure funds.

Kari Carper advised requests have been made to those entities in the county with large volumes of cardboard to bring their drop-offs on Tuesday-Wednesdays when workers are available to process it.

Other Business:

Joe Boro of Imnaha River Woods asked Commissioner Roberts if the County will continue to grade and snow plow their road as they have done in the past.

Commissioner Roberts advised the County will continue to grade the road in the Spring, and the road will be plowed of snow when our snowplow operator finishes the nearby road. Commissioner Roberts advised repairs to the road beyond that could be available, but the residents of the road will have to pay the costs incurred.

Some discussion followed regarding priority of projects, plans for Tenderfoot Valley Road, and the possibility of Commissioner Roberts meeting with the residents of Imnaha River Woods, to which Mr. Boro replied they would probably prefer to be left alone with no meeting.

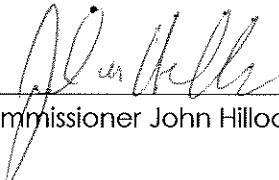
Adjournment:

With no further business, the official meeting adjourned at approximately 9:36 a.m.

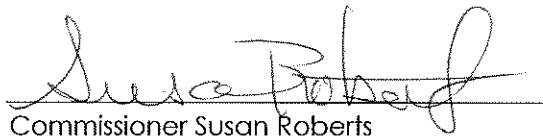
Respectfully submitted by:

Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant

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Commissioner John Hillock



Commissioner Susan Roberts



Commissioner Todd Nash



ATTEST: Tera Elliott, Executive Assistant