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August 6, 2018

Wallowa County Board of Commissioners (BOC)  
Regular Session Board of Commissioners Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Thornton Conference Room  
Wallowa County Courthouse

MEMBERS PRESENT: CHAIR TODD NASH  
COMMISSIONER SUSAN ROBERTS  
COMMISSIONER PAUL CASTILLEJA

STAFF PRESENT: STACEY FREGULIA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

OTHERS PRESENT: BRUCE DUNN, DAVID HURLEY, KATHLEEN ELLYN,  
BONNIE MARKS, JONELLE McCOY

9:00 a.m. – Chair Nash opened meeting. Pledge and prayer lead by the same.

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

1. **Payment of Claims on County Funds**
2. **Minutes: July 16 2018** – Regular BOC Meeting Minutes - **Approval**
3. **Action Notices:**Sarrah Crist – Termination – **Vegetation Department**
4. **Orders: None**
5. **Agreements/Contract: Zumwalt Project Aggregate Agreement** between Wallowa Country and Probert Family Ranches, LLC.  
**Cooperative Improvement Agreement** between Wallowa County and the State of Oregon
6. **Resolutions: Resolution 2018-004** In the Matter of Troy School District #54 Boundaries to remain throughout 2018-2019 year
7. **Easements: Theresa Kennedy** – Upper Imnaha Road – Approach for driveway to property  
**Dean Estes** – Williamson Road – widen shoulder of road to slope for drainage  
**Cornerstone Farms J.V.** – Golf Course Road – Repair field entrance off from road for approach  
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*Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the  
Consent Agenda.*

*Commissioner Castilleja seconded the motion.*

*The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.*

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**Other Business:**

**Chair Nash brought forth a Video Lottery request** for funding from the State of Oregon for \$10,000.00. He explained that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife have planned to build a guard station in the Troy area which would also be manned by the Oregon Department of Forestry during the summer months. There have been long talks about putting a station in the Troy area to be more proactive since the US Forest Service moved the Heli-Base to La Grande Oregon.

*Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the Video Lottery Request in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the State of Oregon to help in the construction of a new guard station in the Troy area.*

*Commissioner Castilleja seconded the motion.*

*The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Commissioner Roberts brought forth the Wallowa County STIF (State Transportation Improvement Fund) Committee Bi-laws and Volunteer Job Description.** This committee had been formed by a resolution in the last regular meeting and was deemed necessary by the State of Oregon when they passed a transportation bill through the legislature earlier this year. This bill provides counties with extra funding each year; Wallowa County to receive \$100,000.00 per year. Commissioner Roberts noted that the STIF funds were actually paid through payroll taxes by all those employed in the State of Oregon and this committee will decide how the funds will be spent. Commissioner Roberts stated that the adoption of the bi-laws and job description are the final piece to get the committee up and going.

*Commissioner Roberts moved to adopt the STIF Bi-laws and Volunteer Job Description as presented.*

*Commissioner Castilleja seconded the motion.*

*The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Commissioner Nash stated that there were a few additional Employee Action Notices that need adopted.** Those employees are: Jude Graham – New 911 Dispatcher, Dana Kirts – termination due to Library closure, Jane Curry – termination due to Library closure, Jonathan Elson – Termination due to transfer site closure, and Ernestine Kilgore – resignation as the extra help for the Treasurer's Office.

*Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the Employee Action Notices as presented.*

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*Commissioner Castilleja seconded the motion.  
The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Commissioner Roberts noted that the Agreement with the State of Oregon** is to rebuild the first five miles of the Wallowa Mountain Loop Road. The cooperative agreement allows the state to transfer \$591,028.00 to Wallowa County which is to be used for realigning the road as it comes off the mountain and intersects with the Imnaha Highway and to build a bridge opening the stream up. There currently are three culverts which will be removed to have just an open bottom once all the construction has been completed. The construction will add a right hand turn lane to connect up the hill which will be more fluid for traffic than it is currently. The County has been working with Western Federal Lands during this process. Commissioner Roberts noted that the county's portion out of the eight million plus dollar plan is just over \$800,000.00, less the amount that the state will be providing according to this agreement. Commissioner Roberts stated that Western Federal Lands has stated that this will be a one season job which will run from April 2019 until November 2019.

Commissioner Roberts also stated that the agreement between Probert Family Ranches, LLC is an agreement for a Western Federal Lands project which deals with the Zumwalt Road. This agreement is for crushing rock to resurface all 21 miles of the Zumwalt Road. The rock pit on the Probert property has been deemed suitable enough to be used for this project. This project will take several years to complete as the County will have to rebuild all barrow pits, remove the berms, restructure the road and place four inches of compressed rock on top.

**Public Comment:**

Jonelle McCoy, Wallowa Valley Library Foundation President, wanted to touch base with the commissioners and give an update of the foundations progress. She stated that the Wallowa Valley Library Foundation Board would like to reach out to the Commissioners to see about visually inspecting the current collection that is being held in the Wallowa County Library that closed as of July 1, 2018. The foundation would like to see what is in the collection in order to make any sort of proposal, and also to see what was purchased by grants and the grant stipulations. Commissioners Roberts suggested they contact Caprice Locke, Wallowa County Grants Manager, to find out the grant stipulations. Ms. McCoy also noted that she has been making some progress on seeing where the collection could be stored until such time as they can be used; Wallowa Resources has stated that they have some space they could use for storage. Ms. McCoy asked the Commissioners if they would be willing to allow someone to look at the collection and sort through it to figure out what could be used, where and whom could house them, and what is governed under the grants. She stated that once they are able to look into these things further than the foundation could make a formal proposal. Chair Nash stated what the Board is currently looking for from the Wallowa Valley Library Foundation is a formal proposal. Commissioner Roberts noted that she doesn't have a problem with giving a person access to the collection so that they could look at it and assess them and come up with a formal proposal. Commissioner

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Roberts gave the permission to access the library and view the contents of the collection to Jonelle McCoy.

Ms. McCoy stated that they still have not had the chance to connect with Troy on what they would like to do in this instance. She also stated that the City of Enterprise Librarian has noted that the City of Enterprise Library may be looking into charging the "County" citizens for access to the library. The Librarian noted that this could not be done until next budget year but for this year they could have them do a donation instead. Ms. McCoy asked about the possibility of funding from the County to help offset some of the costs that each city would be taking on. Commissioner Roberts noted that years ago the County used to contribute a larger sum than the most current amount of \$300.00.

Ms. McCoy stated that she hopes to have a proposal for the County within a month and a half.

Chair Nash asked Bruce Dunn if he had anything he could add to the meeting about a new committee that Mr. Dunn had been working on.

Mr. Bruce Dunn stated that the new committee deals with social and human values and would meet monthly. This committee would take on and develop new ideas that could help in all aspects of social relations here in Wallowa County. He is hoping to have 40 members for the committee but currently only has 11 people. Mr. Dunn believes that the more people you have the more ideas they could come up with and or help with. This would include things such as the library issue, education, and health just to name a few. The committee would run itself but would answer to the County Commissioners.

**No further business was brought before the Board of Commissioners at this time.**

**Adjournment:** The official meeting ended at approximately 09:26 a.m.

**Respectfully Submitted by:**  
*Stacey Fregulia, Executive Assistant*

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Chair Todd Nash

  
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Commissioner Susan Roberts

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Commissioner Paul Castilleja

  
ATTEST: Stacey Fregulia, Executive Assistant