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July 7, 2020

**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: STACEY FREGULIA, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

OTHERS PRESENT: BRIAN ANDERSON, USFS, MARK BINGMAN, USFS,
JESS BOHSACK, USFS, RONALD BOND, WC
CHIEFTAIN, DAVID HURLEY

9:00 a.m. – Chair Nash opened the meeting with pledge of allegiance.

Consideration and/or approval of: Consent Agenda

1. **Payment of Claims on County Funds**
2. **Minutes:** **June 16, 2021** – Regular BOC Minutes - **Approval**
June 29, 2021 – Special BOC Minutes – OSU & 4H Extension
Budget – **Adoption**
June 29, 2021 – Special BOC Minutes – WC Budget –
Approval
June 29, 2021 – Special BOC Minutes – WLCSD Budget -
Adoption
3. **Action Notices:** **William Strickland** – Resignation – Wallowa County Museum
Claudia Boswell – New Hire – Wallowa County Museum
James Burney – New Hire – Youth Employment – Dept of
Youth Services
Josia Surber – New Hire – Youth Employment – Dept of
Youth Services
Crystal Bronson – Termination – Board of Commissioners
Christi Huston – Resignation – District Attorney’s Office
4. **Resolutions:** **Resolution 2021-021** In the Matter of Reappointing Members
to the Early Learning HUB
5. **IGA:** **Intergovernmental Agreement** between Wallowa County and
the State of Oregon for Map Maintenance for the fiscal year
2021-2022
6. **Easements:** **Pacific Power** – Dunham Road – Underground wire diagonally

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across Dunham Road

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:

Brian Anderson, Mark Bingham, Jess Bohsack from the US Forest Service to speak on the wildfire outlook and preparedness plans for this fire season. Mr. Anderson gave a brief introduction of the representatives from the US Forest Service that were to speak. He also explained some of the weather and heat conditions the US Forest Service are seeing currently and what Wallowa County and other parts of the Northwest usually have this time of year. It was noted that there is a shortage of resources, mainly personnel, that they are trying to accommodate and plan for with the fires season already upon us. There is a current restriction for High Fire Danger of a level B.

Commissioner Nash stated that in the past ranchers didn't cut their hay until after the 4th of July and now we've seen them start cutting in June.

Commissioner Roberts stated that they need to make the community aware. Many of those community members have already reached out to the Board with concerns prior to the 4th of July celebrations at the lake. There is a need to keep pushing community awareness to prevent fires within the county.

Commissioner Roberts asked what the plans were for the wildfires in the wilderness. Mr. Anderson stated they will be taking a different approach and their main concerns are the safety of their firefighters and responding with appropriate resources they would have available at that time.

Commissioner Hillock and Commissioner Nash reiterated their concerns with a need to complete an updated NEPA policy. They have been basing their procedures off the NEPA policy put in place in 1990.

Stacey Fregulia, IT Director, spoke on HYCU an SaaS, Software as a Service, program to help the County with Data Disaster Recovery. It was noted that should a ransomware attack happen to the County this system would be able to get them up and going with minimal damage and down time.

Brief discussion held.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the purchase of the HYCU software in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Commissioner Hillock seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous in favor.

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WLCSD Resolution 2021-001 Extending Workers' Compensation to Volunteer Workers with the Wallowa Lake County Service District. It was noted that the insurance provider for the WLCSD is requiring to have this resolution.

Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the WLCSD Resolution 2021-001 Extending Workers' Compensation to Volunteer Workers with the Wallowa Lake County Service District.

Commissioner Hillock seconded the motion.

The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

No further business was discussed.


Other Business:

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


Adjournment: The official meeting ended at approximately 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Stacey Fregulia, Executive Assistant


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Commissioner John Hillock



Commissioner Todd Nash



Commissioner Susan Roberts



ATTEST: Stacey Fregulia, Executive Assistant