



## AGENDA: SPECIAL SESSION

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WASCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM #302, 511 WASHINGTON ST, THE DALLES, OR 97058

**DEPARTMENTS:** *Are encouraged to have their issue added to the Agenda in advance. When that is not possible the Commission will attempt to make time to fit you in during the first half-hour or between listed Agenda items.*

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9:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Lone Pine Village Subdivision Phase B</a>
9:10 a.m.	<a href="#">Maupin Library Letter of Support</a>
	COMMISSION CALL
	NEW/OLD BUSINESS
	ADJOURN

If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ORS 192.660(2)(a) – Employment of Public Officers, Employees & Agents, ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Discipline of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Labor Negotiator Consultations, ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property Transactions, ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, ORS 192.660(2)(g) – Trade Negotiations, ORS 192.660(2)(h) – Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation, ORS 192.660(2)(i) – Performance Evaluations of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(j) – Public Investments, ORS 192.660(2)(m) – Security Programs, ORS 192.660(2)(n) – Labor Negotiations



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PRESENT: Steve Kramer, Chair (present for last half hour)  
Scott Hege, Vice-Chair  
Rod Runyon, County Commissioner

STAFF: Kathy White, Executive Assistant  
Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer

At 9:05 a.m. Vice-Chair Hege opened the Work Session.

<b>Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire – Final Report</b>
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Senior Planner William Smith stated that the CPAW Grant awarded to Wasco County was to assist the Planning department in developing strategies for wildfire prevention and resiliency. The work is complete and a recommendations report (attached) has been submitted. He introduced CPAW Project Manager Kelly Johnston to present their findings.

Mr. Johnston reviewed the report using a visual presentation (attached); he and his team answered questions throughout the presentation.

Vice-Chair Hege asked if the issues of wildfire in agricultural areas a common one. Mr. Johnston replied that regulations have a significant impact on fire management in agricultural areas. He noted that Wasco is the first county they have worked with to have so much agricultural land. Mr. Smith commented that the lack of pre-set fire breaks made this summer's fires very difficult to manage.

Firefighter representative (Dan) said that it is an issue; when farmers rotated crops and tilled, it was easier to manage fires. Environmental regulations prevent farmers from dragging rings around cropland to create firebreaks. Commissioner Runyon observed that it took a number of years under the no-till policy to create the circumstances that now exist.

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Mr. Stone asked where we find the balance between what the fire protection agencies want: cinder block and metal roofs that are not always aesthetically pleasing, and what the environmentalists want: all natural materials that can be highly combustible.

Dan responded that as more people move out of the highly regulated urban areas into the more rural areas, they are creating micro-cities where home to home and home to wildland ignition are significant concerns. Mr. Johnston said that there are now many building materials available that mimic more “natural” products but are fire resistant or fire-proof. Research has revealed that there is virtually no cost difference to use these materials but they are not always readily available. If builders begin to use these materials, the local retailers will start carrying them.

Vice-Chair Hege asked where this report fits into the Land Use & Development Ordinance (LUDO) updates. Planning Director Angie Brewer replied that Comprehensive Plan, LUDO and Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan are overlapping documents. Vice-Chair Hege asked how we achieve compliance with building standards. Ms. Brewer said that we do have the authority to enforce the rules but not the staff to do it. She said that we require homeowners to self-certify but they do not always do that. Dan added that it is not always the initial build that is the problem but follow-up maintenance that is not reported – for instance the original roof may have met standards but the replacement years later does not.

Mr. Stone expressed concern that some of the maps available in the report could be used by an arsonist to target activity for highest damages. Eva Carrow, CPAW analyst and creator of the hazard map, responded that almost anyone with GIS software could create the hazard map. Dan added that arsonists are opportunists and not likely to use this level of technology. Ms. Carrow added that there are not enough pixels in the map to identify specific properties.

Mr. Johnston concluded by saying that although the report is complete, their work with the county is not. He said that they will provide supplemental support for another year and help solutions and measuring successes. Ms. Brewer commented that we know we cannot prevent catastrophic events; the goal is to create resiliency so that people do not move away.

Further discussion ensued regarding insurance costs and changes to state Building Codes regulations. Mr. Johnston reported that the numbers of homes

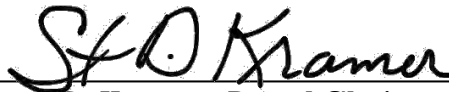
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being lost to wildfire has significantly increase over the last 20 years and people move out into wildland areas. He said that a new chapter to State Building Codes is being proposed as an optional set of codes for fire resistant materials. Counties can opt into the chapter should it be adopted. Mr. Stone pointed out that counties will bear a cost to enforce such regulations.

Vice-Chair Hege asked how we will get this information out to the public. Ms. Brewer responded that as part of the process of implementing recommendations, Planning can develop an outreach program. She noted that they already have plans for a press release.

Vice-Chair Hege adjourned the session at 11:30 a.m.

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Steven D. Kramer, Board Chair

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Scott C. Hege, Vice-Chair

Did not attend session

Kathleen B. Schwartz, County Commissioner



## AGENDA ITEM

**Lone Pine Village Subdivision**

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[STAFF MEMO](#)

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## MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Lone Pine Village Phase B Subdivision

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**TO:** BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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**FROM:** JILL AMERY

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**DATE:** 1.4.2019

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This is a subdivision for Lone Pine Village Phase B. According to the County Surveyor, there are a total of 22 lots, 18 residential lots, 3 tracts for future development and 1 large tract of undeveloped land.



## AGENDA ITEM

### Maupin Library Letter of Support

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[PROPOSED LETTER OF SUPPORT](#)

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Oregon Community Foundation Board  
1221 SW Yamhill St., Suite 100  
Portland, OR 97205

January 7, 2019

Dear Community Foundation Board,

We are writing to express our support for the Oregon Community Foundation's consideration of a capital construction request from the City of Maupin for a new library in South Wasco County. Maupin is an important center for services in remote, rural Southern Wasco County. The Southern Wasco County Library District serves 2,555 patrons in a service area of over 600,000 acres.

The population of this portion of Wasco County has been steadily growing, and local leaders have been working hard to leverage local and state funds to improve the technology, community assets, and health care available in this region. The new library is a critical piece of this effort. While the citizens in our area voted to approve a permanent taxing district to support the ongoing operation of libraries in Wasco County, those funds cannot be used for capital support. The existing cinder block library building is the smallest in the state and is inefficient and unable to support all of the valuable cultural and educational programs that would benefit our citizens.

The new library will be co-located with a new Maupin City Hall; a shared meeting space and outdoor area will allow for community gatherings and events. Up-to-date technology and computer workstations will allow our rural citizens to be connected to the larger world. We urge the Oregon Community Foundation to give this request for capital support full consideration on behalf of the citizens of Southern Wasco County. Sincerely, Wasco County Board of Commissioners Sincerely,

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Wasco County  
Board of Commissioners

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Steven D. Kramer, Chair

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Scott C. Hege, Vice-Chair

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Kathleen B. Schwartz, County Commissioner