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### Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meeting – 12/01/15:

All present plus a new attorney from the County Counsel office and twelve citizen observers and three TV news channel representatives.

- (1) **Mercy Flights and Ashland Fire & Rescue Ambulance Service Agreement Proposals** – Rate increases will be pegged to the Consumer Price Index. There will be a public hearing on 12/23/15.
- (2) **Discussion of Communications By and Between Members of the BOC, Including, But Not Limited to, Use of Email Accounts Outside of County-Assigned Email Accounts** – C. Roberts raised the issue because both she and R. Dyer received email communications from D. Breidenthal with the request that the communications be kept secret to their personal email accounts. Both Roberts and Dyer indicated that they do not want to receive such emails on their personal accounts.
- (3) Discussion and Deliberation to **Reconsider** Order No. 1-15, an **Order Appointing a Chair and Vice-Chair for the BOC of JC for Calendar Year 2015** – A lengthy discussion took place regarding D. Breidenthal’s ability to perform as Chair of the BOC in light of the complaint to the Oregon Ethics Commission and pending investigation. During the discussion, the issue of a complaint made by D. Breidenthal to the Justice Department regarding D. Jordan complaining that Jordan had been insubordinate. As part of this issue, Joel Benton, County Counsel, had been asked by D. Breidenthal’s attorney for some sort of statement (Benton indicated that Jordan was not insubordinate). Because of this situation, Benton felt he had to recuse himself from advising the BOC on the issue of removing D. Breidenthal as Chair and the other County Counsel (name not given) took over advising the BOC on that issue. D. Breidenthal objected to being removed as Chair. Ultimately, the BOC voted unanimously to remove D. Breidenthal as Chair of the BOC.

**Order Designating a Chair and Vice-Chair for the BOC of JC for the remainder of 2015** – R. Dyer was unanimously voted in as Chair and C. Roberts was unanimously voted in as Vice-Chair of the BOC for the remainder of 2015.

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### Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meeting – 12/08/15:

All BOC present plus nine citizen observers.

- (1) **Schulz et al v. JC** – Discussion of the settlement of a case regarding GMO’s.
- (2) **Proxy Vote for Association of O&C Counties Annual Meeting in Salem** – C. Roberts raised the issue that all three of the BOC could have a vote at the AOC on a variety of issues. She was planning to attend the meeting as was D. Breidenthal and she asked R. Dyer for a proxy if he did not plan to attend. This discussion blended into
- (3) **Oregon Leadership Summit in Portland.** A discussion continued regarding this conference where C. Roberts and R. Dyer indicated that the summit was more for personal benefit and that JC should not pay for related travel expenses to attend. D. Breidenthal insisted that he was going to the conference but it was decided that he would have to pay the travel expenses himself.

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**Formation of a Wolf Committee** – The Cattleman’s Association and D. Breidenthal are firmly in favor of forming a Wolf Committee. D. Jordan explained that the finite state funds available require matching funds from each participating county and that Wallowa County has the largest claim. Claims are reimbursed, if at all, based on “confirmed wolf kill” by a wildlife biologist. There have been no confirmed wolf kills in Jackson County and the estimated yearly expense from the Jackson Co. B O Commissioners budget would be \$10,000. J. Benton, County Counsel, confirmed that if there were a confirmed wolf kill, they could prepare paperwork to begin implementing the participation in the state program within 48 hours. The discussion was postponed until all BOC members could be present as was the budget discussion.

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**Jackson County Board of Commissioners Meeting– 12/31/15:**

D. Breidenthal absent.

(1) **Marijuana Land Use Compatibility Statement** – Kelly Manning, Planning Director, reported that they expect long lines on January 4, 2016 for land use compatibility statement applications and explained what those statements confirm whether the applicant is in compliance with local land use laws. The Oregon Licqur Control Commission (OLCC) license for marijuana costs between \$3,000 and \$5,000 so she is urging applicants to get the compatibility statement before going to OLCC for the license so that they are sure they are in compliance with local laws before spending money on the license.

(2) **Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) Public Hearing for Southern Oregon Land Conservancy (SOLC)** – John Vial of the Parks Department and D. Jordan explained the background of the proposed acquisition of 352 acres of private land adjacent to a JC park by the SOLC and how it would be financed. They explained that while the BOC had to be notified when OWEB was deciding on a grant, the BOC does not have the ability to do anything other than a) Support the grant; b) Oppose the grant; or c) Remain neutral. They recommended remaining neutral. Since the sale relates to private property the BOC voted to remain neutral.

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