

**WEEKLY BUSINESS SESSION – March 30, 2016**

9:00 a.m. – Anne G. Basker Auditorium  
600 N.W. Sixth Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526

Present: Cheryl Walker, Chair; Keith Heck, Vice-Chair; and Simon Hare, Commissioner; Wendy Watkins, Recorder

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Pursuant to notice through the media and in conformance with the Public Meeting Law, Cheryl Walker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Items discussed were as follows:

**1. PROCLAMATION:**

- a. In the Matter of Proclaiming the Week of April 4 – 10, 2016 as National Public Health Week** *(One original Proclamation filed with the County Clerk)*

Commissioner Walker read and presented the Proclamation to Diane Hoover, Public Health Director. Diane thanked the Board for all their support and submitted Public Health Driven Money Gained in the Last 12 Months (**Exhibit A**).

**2. REQUESTS/COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:** *(Each person will be given three (3) minutes to speak)*

Ray Smith, Cave Junction, read and submitted Congress of the United States (**Exhibit B**).

Brad Converse, Grants Pass, spoke about his dissatisfaction with the money spent on the Fielder Dam removal.

Larry Ford, Grants Pass, spoke about his dissatisfaction with moving Road Dollars to Public Safety and mentioned his appreciation with Economic Development Funds being used to improve County Parks.

Rycke Brown, Grants Pass, said she would like to have a tax put on the ballot.

Judy Ahrens, Josephine County, spoke about how communities need to have better values.

Dale Matthews, Grants Pass, spoke about SRS Funding.

James Ward, Grants Pass, spoke about his concern with Public Safety in Josephine County.

Joseph Rice, Grants Pass, spoke about his concern with revenue sources at Griffin Park being closed.

**3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Minutes** *(Draft minutes are available for viewing in the Board's Office)*

**Weekly Business Session – March 9, 2016**

**County Administration Workshop – March 10, 2016**

**General Discussion – March 15, 2016**

**Weekly Business Session – March 16, 2016**

- b. Economic Development Request – Josephine County Parks** *(One original Economic Development Request returned to Finance)*

- c. Resolution No. 2016-029; In the Matter of Initiating Vacation Proceedings for a Portion of Almeda Street, a Public Right of Way** *(One original Resolution and one original Vacation Petition filed with the County Clerk)*

- d. Ratification of Resolution No. 2016-028; In the Matter of Authorizing the Josephine County Parks Department to Apply for a Local Government Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department**

- e. Resolution No. 2016-027; In the Matter of an Appointment to the Josephine Housing and Community Development Council** *(One original Resolution filed with the County Clerk)*

**Board Discussion and Action:**

Commissioner Hare made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Agenda Items 3(a) through 3(e) as listed, seconded by Commissioner Heck. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 3-0; Commissioner Hare – yes, Commissioner Heck – yes, and Commissioner Walker – yes.

- 4. OTHER: (ORS 192.640(1))** “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”)

None reported.

**PUBLIC HEALTH DRIVEN \$\$\$ GAINED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS  
THAT ARE NOT PART OF REGULAR FUNDING STREAMS**

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- Gained **\$30K** from Allcare Health for the purchase of Lillis House (transitional housing unit) in October 2015 on behalf of the County. This was the difference between what LPSCC had to put up and the asking price of the house.
- Part of a 3-county collaborative to apply and win a grant for **\$95,500 for each of the next 2 years** to hire a person to specifically work on Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention project.
- This is the dollar amount –June 2015– January 2016) that we have cited law offenders that goes directly to the Courts. It does not flow into the animal shelter coffers. Prior to this fiscal year, we hardly ever cited law violators. We are working to get to a new level of professionalism and sync as part of the public safety network.

<i>Citation</i>	<i>QTY</i>	<i>Fine</i>	<i>Total</i>
Dog at large	9	\$260.00	\$2,340.00
No License	11	\$260.00	\$2,860.00
Nuisance Dog	2	\$260.00	\$520.00
Animal Neglect	7	\$2,500.00	\$17,500.00

Total amount of revenue through citations Total **\$ 23,220.00**

- **\$135,000** grant to hire 2 Community Health Workers to place at each of the school districts to facilitate getting families hooked into the necessary supports to keep kids in school.

EXHIBIT A

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# Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-0301

March 14, 2016

The Honorable Hal Rogers  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-305, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1016 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Lowey,

As the Appropriations Committee begins its work to set fiscal priorities for FY 2017, we urge you to work in a bipartisan, bicameral way to ensure resources for the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination (SRS) program for fiscal year (FY) 2016 and beyond. SRS payments provide critical revenues to more than 775 rural counties and 4,400 schools throughout the country.

As you may know, when the National Forest System was established in 1891 by Congressional action and by Presidential Proclamation in 1911, hundreds of millions of acres of forestland throughout the country were set aside to be managed by the U.S. Forest Service. In many cases, massive swaths of public lands consume between 65 and 90 percent of the total land in certain rural counties. The initial allotment of land, along with the continued acquisition of large tracts of federal land since, has greatly diminished the potential tax base and ability for rural counties to generate economic activity.

Historically, 25 percent of all timber harvest revenues went to counties with significant National Forest Lands within their borders to be used for education, roads and to offset property tax losses. Specifically, President Theodore Roosevelt signed legislation into law in 1908 (16 USC.500) which specified that 25 percent of all revenues generated from the multiple-use management of our national forests would be shared with the counties for "the benefit of the public schools and public roads in the county or counties in which such national forests are situated."

This revenue sharing mechanism worked well for more than 70 years until a reduction of active management of our federal forests dropped revenues as much as 99 percent in some counties and on average 70 percent nationwide. Timber harvests are down nearly 80 percent over the last 30 years. According to the National Association of Counties, "During the 1980s, national policies substantially diminished the revenue-generating activity permitted in these forests. The resulting steep decline in timber sales decreased the revenues that rural counties and school districts received from forest management activities."

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In FY 2014, SRS payments totaled \$285 million. While Congress retroactively reauthorized SRS payments for FY 2014 and 2015 on April 16, 2015, and payments will be made in calendar year 2016, counties and schools are once again facing the possibility of significant budget shortfalls. To date, SRS has not been reauthorized for FY 2016 or beyond.

This pending uncertainty makes it nearly impossible for local governments to plan their budgets. SRS payments are critically important to offset the decline in timber harvest revenues until the federal government resumes a forward-thinking, active management strategy in our nation's forests. Failing to act to fulfill this long-standing obligation will leave counties and schools across the country without the important resources they need to serve their populations.

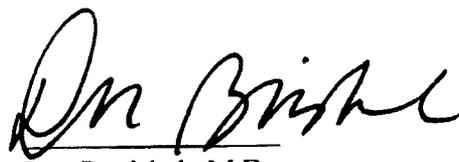
Accordingly, we ask that you work with the relevant authorizing committees and include a place holder for SRS.

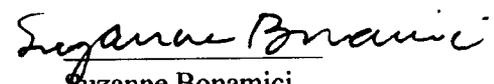
We recognize the challenges of the current fiscal environment and thank you for your effort and dutiful consideration of appropriations priorities. We thank you for your consideration of this request, and for your leadership on the committee.

Sincerely,

  
Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S  
Member of Congress

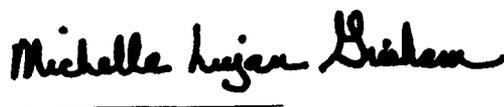
  
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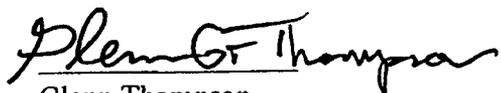
  
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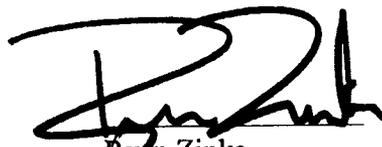
  
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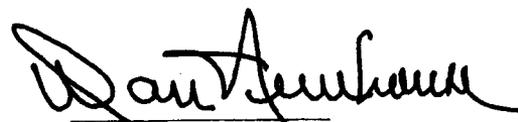
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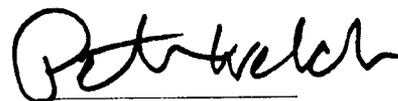
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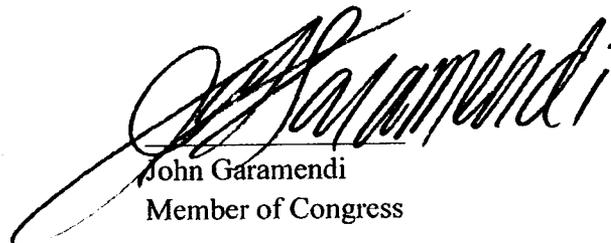
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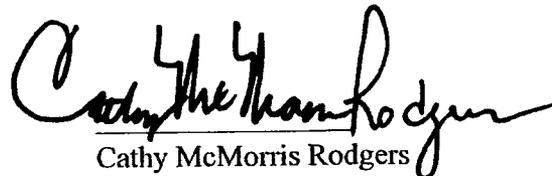
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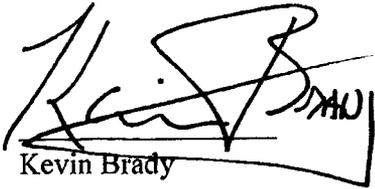
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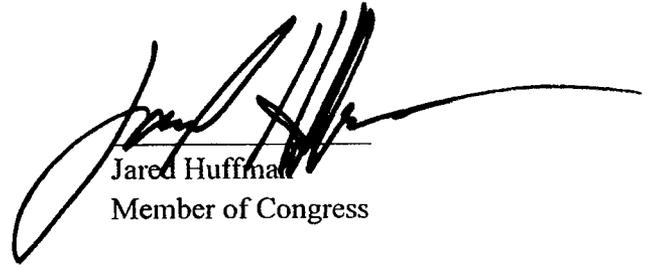
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Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
Member of Congress

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Kevin Brady  
Member of Congress

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Jared Huffman  
Member of Congress