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Nichols said, "I didn't know that we were looking at withdrawing here...I agree with what Mark (Bennett) said, about the (staff) position, here in Baker.

"There was no explanation as to why that could not happen...(because of management issues) We suffered, because all of the projects were farmed out..."

He said it appeared that there was favoritism that negatively affected the County, and Paustian said that Tri-County tried to be fair and transparent, without favoritism, including allowing Baker County contractors to bid on projects.

Bernards said that the contractors had the infor-

mation and opportunity to bid on projects, but more often than not, would decline (there was no clarification as to any reasons, which could include other obligations).

After further discussion and debate, Harvey repeated his motion, to draft and send Tri-County a 90-day notice of intent to withdraw from the cooperative agreement, and to make clear what the County's position is.

Bennett seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

An Microenterprise Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), between Baker County, the City of La Grande, Union County, and Wallowa County, for the purpose of supporting economic development through classroom training services to low-income individuals, was approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Bennett.

The three-year agreement covers available Community Development Block Grant funding, through Business Oregon.

The Board held a discussion regarding the County's half-interest in foreclosure property, located near Mormon Basin Road. The property's technical location is 13 South, Township 42 East, Tax Lot 2100, the other half-interest owned by Ketchum, Idaho-based Whitney Ellison (mineral and timber interests haven't been completely clarified yet).

Martin had contacted Ms. Ellison, who said she would be interested in buying the County's half-interest, if the County would change the zoning, from mineral extraction, to recreation (she expressed no interest in mining), or selling her half-interest to the County (the County had offered, in 2016, to sell its half-interest to Ms. Ellison for \$6,181, which she

declined).

Harvey made a motion to postpone a decision for now, and to complete some more research on the property, Bennett seconded, and the motion carried.

Order No. 2017-164, Designating Certain County Properties As County Parks, was approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Nichols.

The following parks are to be officially designated as County parks: Hewitt Park, John Noble Holcomb Park, Sumpter Valley Railroad Park, Tim Goodell Scenic Wayside, Fizz Springs, and Shanghai Creek Park.

Order No. 2017-161, Re-Appointing A Member To The Transient Lodging Tax Marketing Committee, was approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Nichols.

Dan Ermovick was re-appointed, his term set to expire on March 1, 2020.

Order No. 2017-162,

Appointing Members To The Baker County Fair Board Advisory Committee, was approved, with a motion from Bennett, and a second from Nichols.

Bob Parker and Terri Siddoway were appointed, their terms set to expire on July 1, 2020.

Order No. 2017-163, Appointing Members To The Early Learning Regional Council, was approved, with a motion from Harvey, and a second from Nichols. Laura Morin was appointed, her term set to expire on June 30, 2019.

Order No. 2017-165, Authorizing The Sale Of County Foreclosure Property By Private Sale (at 2130 9th Street), and Order No. 2017-166, Authorizing The Sale Of County Foreclosure Property By Private Sale (at 1440 13th Street), were discussed, however, no motions were made during the session.

Yencopal discussed his interest in the properties, and

whether stipulations could be amended (Harvey said that the orders currently stipulate that all improvements on the properties shall be demolished by the purchaser after the sale).

The Board decided to give bidders permission to inspect the properties at this point, and approve the orders, which may be amended, during a future session.

During Commissioner Update and Comparison of Calendar, the Board and Martin noted that there is a work session scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 9 a.m., however, that will be the last session of any type for the month, with the next session scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 9 a.m.

Harvey said that the Courthouse will be closed in honor of Veterans Day on Friday, November 10.

Bugs

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Baker County Interim Health Department Direc-

tor Nancy Staten said that an infestation in a private home, "is not reportable" to the Department, meaning, it's not in a public location, or one frequented by the public, so, she would provide the citizen with information obtained

from the CDC.

For locations like motels, for example, she would contact Geddes, or recommend the complainant contact Geddes.

"People can contact a pest control service, if needed," she said.

Meeting scheduled for Two Eagle project

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest will host an open house regarding the Two Eagle Vegetation Management Project on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 4-6 p.m. at the La Grande Ranger District Office. The objective of the meeting is to gather ideas and feedback from the public on project development and restoration activities and to provide information to private landowners on potential resources available to assist with resource management activities on their private forest lands.

The Two Eagle planning area encompasses an estimated 6,929 acres in the West Eagle, Upper Eagle and Eagle-Bennett Creek subwatersheds of the Eagle Creek watershed.

The planning area includes portions of the Eagle Creek Wild and Scenic River Corridor and numerous developed recreation facilities including seven recreation residences associated with Boulder Park Recreation Area and the historic Two Color Guard Station. The project area encompasses approximately 2,297 acres of the Eagle Creek and Tamarack Campground wildland urban interface area (WUI) located in and around the developed recreation facilities.

The purpose and need for the project is to restore overall landscape resiliency to the project area against future wildfire and insects/disease. Additionally, the project

is anticipated to benefit local communities and economies by providing a diversity of products from timber harvest activities, recreational opportunities, and other indirect benefits from increasing resiliency of public lands, such as clean water and air.

The proposed action is still in development and includes 1,505 acres of commercial treatment, 1,020 acres of non-commercial treatments and 3,465 acres of prescribed burning. Eight of the commercial treatment acres are within riparian areas and focus on cottonwood enhancement.

For more information about the project or the public meeting, please contact Brianna Carollo at 541-962-8588.

Special Olympic results announced

Baker County Special Olympics Swimming results for October 29, 2017 at Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center with coaches Paula Moe and Melanie Rhodes are as follows:

Caitlyn Calaway- 100 meter individual medley 1st place gold medal and 50 meter breaststroke 1st place gold medal

Cody Cole - 25 meter freestyle 1st place gold

medal and 50 meter freestyle 2nd place silver medal

Tommy Huntington - 100 meter freestyle 1st place gold medal and 50 meter backstroke 1st place gold medal

Emily Moe 25 meter backstroke 2nd place silver medal and 25 meter freestyle 2nd place silver medal

Janet Stout - 50 meter freestyle 1st place gold

medal and 50 meter backstroke 1st place gold medal 4 x 25 meter medley relay - Caitlyn Calaway, Cody Cole, Tommy Huntington and Janet Stout 1st place gold medals

(Caitlyn, Tommy and Janet received gold medals in all three of their events).

Gold medal relay team (l to r): Caitlyn Calaway, Cody Cole, Janet Stout and Tommy Huntington.



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