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Following public comments and commissioner responses, Board Chair Darin Fowler called for a vote on administrative actions. DeYoung had one more comment to make in regards to the seedlings which called back to his controversial view on climate change: “I just like to remind that when we’re into this carbon footprint and global warming and everything - when you plant a tree, that’s taking carbon dioxide that we are dispensing with our automobiles and putting it back into storage in that tree. Can’t imagine how much carbon dioxide 300 and some thousand trees are going to contribute to the clean air that we have, keeping in mind that in Grants Pass we’re in a, called the Middle Rogue MPO, and some metropolitan planning organization, very strict air quality controls on that, and yet Grants Pass and the vicinity has already exceeded our 2025 requirement for carbon dioxide... So as we replant these trees, as we log, we are replanting more than we are taking.” He went on to call the replanting very positive for the

environment.
Morgan and Fowler both praised county staff for their work securing competitive justice reinvestment dollars. Afterward, this administrative action was approved by the board unanimously, as the contract with GrowPro was shortly before.
Under the board’s consent calendar, a host of agenda items were considered and ultimately approved unanimously, starting with Resolution 2020-001, which granted appointments to the Josephine County Mining Advisory Committee (Sarah Bonker and Jim Frick). Next, Resolution 2020-002 appointed a new member to the Josephine County Fair Board (Monty Moore). Bylaws of the Illinois Valley Airport Advisory Board and Grants Pass/Josephine County Airport Advisory Board were amended by orders 2020-003 and 2020-004, respectively. And finally, bylaws were adopted for the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council under Order 2020-005.
As always, visit the county’s official YouTube channel to watch the WBS in its entirety or catch up on past meetings. The Jan. 22 session clocked in at just shy of an hour and 20 minutes.



(Photo by Laura Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce Vice President Grant Stutzman addresses the attendees during the annual general membership meeting held Saturday, Jan. 25 at Wild River Brew and Pizza Co. in Cave Junction.

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Boie also wants people to fully realize that “the big reason that we don’t have epidemics of these diseases is because it’s controlled with vaccines.”
Dr. Joe’s offers puppy programs that shave dollars off the total costs of vaccinations; and also, there’s clinics the first Saturday of each month with further price reductions.
“More often than we’d like to, we see pets suffer and die from these easily preventable diseases,” Boie said. “If people pay attention and follow a few simple rules, they wouldn’t have to see their fur-babies suffer.”
Other resources are available to Valley residents as well: the

Josephine County Animal Shelter is hosting a low-cost rabies vaccine and microchip clinic Feb. 1 from 1-4 p.m. (or while supplies last) at the Josephine County Fairgrounds’ Art Building, 1451 Fairgrounds Road, Grants Pass.
“We are thrilled to be able to offer this much-needed, low-cost option,” said Laura Jansen, Josephine County Animal Shelter supervisor. “Microchips play a huge role in helping to reunite lost pets with their families, and rabies vaccinations are critical to maintaining the health of your pet as well as our community as a whole.”
The prices are fantastically low (far less than half of normal cost) so those with unvaccinated pets now have a great option - and they should plan to arrive early to be sure they get in on the great deal.

Veterinarians and technicians will deliver the \$10 rabies vaccinations and \$10 microchip procedures for dogs and cats, up to three pets per person. Only cash will be accepted. Dogs must be leashed and cats must be in a secure carrier. Clinic personnel will not be able to vaccinate pets that are ill, pregnant, on antibiotics or on cortisone products.
Just remember, rabies shots are not enough, dogs and cats need their other shots as well!
The clinic is made possible by the 2017 renewal of the Local Option Tax Levy and is being organized by the Josephine County Animal Shelter Advisory Board with support from Shelter Friends and the Homeless Oregon Pet Project.

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