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David Barber, Gary Davis and Randy Joseph had submitted letters of interest prior to the county's last meeting. Each of them has met with the county Assessors Office, according to Commissioner Mark Bennett. The county is hoping to sell the property at real market value. The property owned by the county is split into three separate tax lots.

The biggest lot is roughly 100 acres and has an assessed value of about \$233,000. The other two lots are much smaller and valued at around \$1,000, according to Kerry Savage, Baker County assessor.

The county plans to conduct a private sale with one or more of the interested landowners. The county is able to sell the land privately and not publicly because it is zoned industrial.

Once sold, the county can opt to have the revenue from the land sale go into a special revenue fund.

East Eagle Creek bridge

The East Eagle Creek bridge project has run into an obstacle. After the county received a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Forest Service contacted the Corps and got the permit revoked, according to Harvey.

Harvey's Facebook page

During the meeting, Lynn and Gina Perkins of Haines spoke to commissioners about what they believe is Harvey's improper use of a county Facebook page to make what they said were

"derogatory statements" about them. The Perkinses were referring to the page titled "Bill Harvey Baker County Commissioner Chair." The Herald couldn't find evidence of any such statements, but Facebook allows users to delete their own comments or posts.

Harvey thanked the couple for their input and stated that the Facebook page they referred to is his personal page and not a county page. The page is titled "Bill Harvey Baker County Commissioner Chair," however, and states under career and professional information about Harvey that he is a government official and re-states that he is the county commission chair.

Committee appointments

While appointing a number of people to committees, Nichols brought up that Curtis Martin lives outside of Baker County. Martin does own property in Baker County. The county doesn't have any official policy that determines if those from outside the county can be appointed to committees.

The commissioners agreed that in the future they will come up with a policy that determines when non-residents of the county can be appointed to committees. Martin was appointed to the Natural Resource Advisory Committee.

The commissioners also approved a contract through June 4, 2019, for Monte Anderson to provide physical health services at the School Based Health Center that serves Baker schools. Anderson will work two days a week at a rate of \$60

an hour. The contract doesn't specify how many hours per week Anderson will work.

The County Road Department will purchase new tires for a 996E loader that is used to feed the rock crusher. The current tires are 28 years old.

The county received price quotes from three different tire stores: Lew Brothers Les Schwab at Baker City, Commercial Tire at Baker City and another Les Schwab at La Grande. The Baker City Les Schwab store presented the lowest quote of \$16,466 or \$4,116 per tire. The other two businesses gave quotes that were at least \$800 more. The price will include the labor for the Les Schwab employees to put the tires on the loader.

Deer Haven Subdivision

The final plat for the Deer Haven Subdivision was also approved along with a water tank easement for the plat. Carney and Deborah Lansford are the owners of the subdivision that will be divided into 11 lots, each of which will have a single family home on it. The Lansfords will sell each lot to interested buyers who will then be able to build a home on them.

The plat was signed by

all three commissioners and notarized by County Planning Director Holly Kerns. The subdivision is on Pochontas Road about 10 miles northwest of Baker City.

The water tank easement was necessary due to a dispute over how fire departments would access water in the case of a fire. It will be located on lot 5 of the subdivision, which is located in the northeast corner of the plot. The tank will hold at least 4,000 gallons of water.

A new road, to be titled Lansford Lane, will be built through the middle of the subdivision.

Three of the lots are expected to be sold within the next 30 days. The remaining eight are now up for sale. The sales were contingent on the commissioners' final approval on Wednesday.

There was also discussion about a possible mining project at the Sumpter dredge. Rainier Skyline Excavators Inc. has proposed the project. The commissioners mentioned that there are a number of different agencies the company would need approval from before the county could approve the project.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Children's Fund to accept applications

The Edna Rogers Harrell Community Children's Fund opens on Dec. 1 for applications.

Since its inception in 2014, the Fund has granted \$49,000 in support of youth programs that serve families that do not have the financial resources for children's programs and activities, a press release announcing the fund stated.

The purpose is to help broaden life experience for children by supporting programs that provide enrichment activities such as summer camps as well as after-school, arts, church and athletic programs and activities provided by schools to residents of Baker County and North Powder.

Beginning in 1870, multiple generations of Edna Harrell's pioneer family have enriched local life with their philanthropy and fostering of community efforts. This influence and generosity continues today.

"Setting up this fund helps us repay the community for all we've received from it over the years," Edna Harrell stated in the press release.

Grant applications may be made through The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) online at <https://www.oregoncf.org/grants-scholarships/grants/ocf-funds/harrellcommunitychildrensfund>. Application deadline is annually on Jan. 15.

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