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six new facilities in the Boardman area at a cost of nearly three billion dollars per facility. This is a huge problem for a county of 12,000. The Port of Morrow and previous county commissioners under the lead of Don Russell have allowed Amazon an 85 percent tax break and no requirement to help Morrow County taxpayers with raising bonds for our schools, our health district, water and sewer and on and on. The tax abatement revenue goes to County Enterprise Zone (CREZ—Columbia River Economic Zone) under the control of chair Don Russell and the port (Lisa Mittelsdorf) and the City of Boardman (Rick Stokoe). This CREZ Board controls who gets the windfall from Amazon. A better definition of what CREZ does is Cash cow Revenue Embezzlement Zone.

Presently Amazon has already begun building one of their new facilities on roughly 100 acres adjacent to Bombing Range Road just off I-84. The problem for Amazon and CREZ is they must get the county commissioners to sign off on the Strategic Investment Program (SIP) in order to qualify for the CREZ enterprise zone tax abatement. When you drive by this multi-billion-dollar Amazon facility you will see Windwave, owned by commissioner Don Russell and two port commissioners, already preparing the fiber optics. The problem for Windwave, the Port of Morrow and the CREZ Board is that county commissioners Lindsay and Doherty have the authority to refrain from signing off because Amazon began construction without obtaining S.I.P. approval. Not a problem for the Boardman group. Recall Doherty and Lindsay, and commissioner Russell will fix the problem. Doherty and Lindsay have to go before any new sweetheart deals can be negotiated for Amazon. Those negotiations are being stalled with the hope Doherty and Lindsay are recalled. The other five facilities will be at the Boardman Airport and port land within the CREZ enterprise zone. Nevertheless, the county commissioners have the authority to require Amazon to pay their fair share of taxes and help fund bonding for our schools, health district, water and sewer, etc. Commissioners also have the authority to establish a greater tax percent through the authority of the state required Strategic Investment Program (SIP). Recall advocates have their own agenda to personally and politically profit from CREZ and

Amazon and could care less about Morrow County taxpayers.

Unfortunately, this is not the only reason the cartel must attempt to remove Lindsay and Doherty. The Columbia Development Authority (C.D.A.) previously chaired by Commissioner Russell under paid Director Rep. Greg Smith (\$120,000) will determine the control of 50,000-acre old Army Depot property. The Port of Morrow and Port of Umatilla covet this prize chunk of real estate. The Port of Morrow has hired Rep. Greg Smith at \$100,000 plus to guide their interests for the Columbia Development Authority. Russell and Smith attempted to circumvent the proper process in 2020 and were forced to rescind an unauthorized vote, and Jim Doherty was subsequently awarded chairmanship. The Port of Morrow and the CREZ will leave no stone uncovered to remove Jim Doherty from this position. No wonder Rep. Smith had a large Yes on Recall on his property in Heppner. Doherty has also exposed the Port's nitrogen wastewater scheme. The Port would rather contract Rep. Smith to provide cover and pay the DEQ fines than mediate the nitrate problem for the benefit of all.

If the Boardman group and their allies throughout the county and state prevail in this recall of two honest county commissioners that have the integrity and courage to take on this cartel, you can kiss our heritage, our way of life, our liberty and justice down the drain. Vote like your family and children are in the crosshairs, because this cartel will pull the trigger. (s)Stuart Dick Irrigon, OR

Look for the greater good

To Morrow County Voters:

What kind of individual do you want to represent all of the residents of Morrow County? Someone with integrity, honesty and intelligence? Someone you can trust to make the best informed decisions for all of us? Do you want someone who can be swayed by a special interest group when it is not in the best interest for the county as a whole?

If we give in to a recall because we might not agree with a decision made by an informed commissioner, who will we get to run for office in this very important job in our county?

Be careful, be thoughtful, don't be a hater and look for the greater good.

Melissa Lindsay has

worked tirelessly for our county for six years. Weigh her accomplishments, as there are many, and take a look at all the benefits that she has brought to Morrow County because of her integrity, honesty, intelligence and tremendous work ethic. You will then agree that she does not deserve to be recalled.

Vote no on the recall for Melissa Lindsay.

(s)Jim and Monica Swanson Ione, OR

In support of Lindsay

Commissioner Melissa Lindsay is a hardworking and civic-minded leader. I appreciate her level of dedication and service to our county. Being a county commissioner requires a tremendous amount of time and commitment; Melissa has served with heart, grit and endless effort.

I have known Melissa for almost 20 years. She has always been an active member of our community. She volunteers countless hours helping others. She can often be seen at funerals and benefit dinners helping in a variety of capacities. Melissa has been an integral part of raising funds for a variety of organizations that benefit Morrow County residents both young and old.

Serving a county and its people is a difficult task. Representing all citizens fairly and still accomplishing the many responsibilities that the county and state requires is trying. Melissa has managed to accomplish all this and more. She has served our county with honor and pride. I appreciate her time and dedication put forth on our behalf. I support Melissa Lindsay and hope she is given the opportunity to finish her term. (s)Petra Payne Heppner, OR

Lindsay cares about Morrow County

I have been a Coos County Commissioner for ten years, and I am the immediate past President of the Association of Oregon Counties. For the last four years, I have had the honor and privilege to work with Morrow County Commissioner Melissa Lindsay in her role as Treasurer of the Association of Oregon Counties.

Commissioner Lindsay is one of the most professional, thoughtful and diligent people that I have ever worked with. She took the position of Treasurer and applied her skills and experience to ensure that the

finances of our organization were in order and carefully reviewed. More than that, Commissioner Lindsay is more than willing to take the time to carefully explain the finances to anyone who has questions or wants more detail. I have found her to be kind, thoughtful, and organized. She takes her role seriously, and she works ceaselessly to make sure that the work is done right.

What I have noticed even more about Commissioner Lindsay is that she is incredibly proud of Morrow County and her community. She cares deeply about the community and about doing what is right. The role of a county commissioner is not an easy one. Commissioners frequently have to make decisions and have to keep certain information confidential. Melissa Lindsay has the best interests of Morrow County in her heart and mind, and I am proud to say I have served with her. I would urge you to vote no on the recall.

(s)Melissa Cribbins, Coos County Commissioner and AOC Immediate Past President

Thank you Commissioner Lindsay

We ask that you vote no on the recall. If you don't vote, you have no reason to complain on the outcome.

Mrs. Lindsay has been a great commissioner for Morrow County the last six years. She does not just sit back and complain; she gets involved to help make a difference in our community, county and state. Mrs. Lindsay's endless hours of dedication and commitment will never be matched. If you have an idea or need something done, get Melissa involved and it will be accomplished and done exceeding expectations. Melissa pushed hard to get the new Morrow County Justice Court and offices in Irrigon, which was very much needed on the north end of the county. Melissa has worked on several infrastructure grants to cities based on population yearly. Melissa fought for better bonding language in a CREZ agreement, which benefits the district surrounding Boardman. Melissa helped with getting the Gilliam Bisbee building up and going for an awesome venue for Heppner. She worked tirelessly along with her peers as a member of Morrow County Emergency Management as they navigated the Covid-19 pandemic. Melissa helped in pulling together a regional solutions team to get the septic system in Ione. Me-

lissa is a huge advocate for CCS (Community Counseling Services). Mental Health is a major crisis in our communities, county, state and nation, and Melissa will push for them to get the funding needed. When Melissa's term is up at the end of this year, she will not be done advocating, helping or serving our communities.

She will continue to help make a difference to better all. Thank you, Melissa, for your commitment to our county.

Please vote no on recall.

(s)Jim and Becky Kiddle

Heppner, OR

Heppner wraps up Echo three-way



Logan Turner (#41) shoots a layup

The Heppner junior high A and B boys basketball teams traveled to Echo for a three-way tournament against the Echo Cougars and Irrigon Knights last Saturday and carried the day. The Mustang boys A team won 51-34 against Echo and 47-19 against Irrigon. The B team won 41-14 against Echo and 38-8 against Irrigon. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

Local students make OSU honor roll

Three Morrow County students are among those named to the Oregon State University Honor Roll.

Heppner graduates named to the honor roll are Tatum N. Clark, a junior in psychology, and Gibson T. McCurry, a senior in civil engineering.

Also named to the hon-

or roll is Edgar Guzman of Boardman, a senior in agricultural sciences.

A total of 3,162 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least six graded hours of course work.

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