

County OKs stop sign for Westland intersection

New data centers changing traffic on Westland Road

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Get ready to hit the brakes at the intersection of Northwest Livestock and West-

land roads near Hermiston. Umatilla County Board of Commissioners approved a stop sign for Livestock where it meets Westland. Umatilla County Public Works Director Tom Fellows told the board at its regular public meeting on July 18 in Pendleton the intersection needs the sign due to changes in traffic.

Fellows also said the sign is part of the deal with Amazon's Vadata Inc. to improve the intersection. The company has projects under construction there. The board voted 3-0 for the sign. The board also approved a deal for the county road department to provide labor and equipment for some

road work for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. The tribes asked if the county could chip seal Short Mile Road and lay down an oil mat on Southeast 56th Street and Gopher Flats Lane. Fellows said the tribes will provide all the material and reimburse the county for

its labor and equipment. And the board also voted 3-0 for a deal to provide the city of Athena with five hours of code enforcement a week at a cost of \$35 an hour. County Planning Director Bob Waldher told commissioners the deal would allow the county to hire another code enforcement employee

for two full days a week to cover Athena for five hours plus some of Pendleton and Milton-Freewater. The county has a similar deal with Adams, and Commissioner George Murdock asked if Weston might follow suit. Code enforcement coordinator Gina Miller said Weston could go that route.



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