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Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of February 12, 2024

Title/Subject

Resolution No. 2307 – A Resolution To Consent For Inclusion Of Territory In Umatilla County Road District

Summary and Background

Historically Umatilla County has received funding from the federal government for roads within the Umatilla County road system. More recently it has had to elect to receive funding either from a percentage of the timber sale receipts in the county, or from the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program. In addition, any funding under the SRS program reduces payments made by the federal government in lieu of tax.

The Oregon legislature revised the law, allowing SRS payments to go to a county road district, rather than the county, and not have the county pass up this additional revenue. Payments made to the county road district would then be paid to the county to maintain County Roads. The county road district, however, is to include all areas of the county, including any incorporated cities.

The Board of Commissioners is initiating the formation of the Umatilla County Road District to take advantage of the change in law and obtain the additional funding for Umatilla County Roads. The district is proposed to include the city limits of Hermiston. To do so, the consent of the city is necessary.

The Board is requesting the City to consent to the inclusion.

Tie-In to Council Goals

N/A

Fiscal Information

No financial impact to the city.

Current estimates for additional revenue to Umatilla County is ~\$100,000 per year.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2307 without modification.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2307 with specific modifications.
3. Direct staff to make major changes to Resolution No. 2307 and bring back at a later date.

Recommended Action/Motion

Adopt Resolution No. 2307 without modification.

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