

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING () Discussion only
(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: HAPN/City of Helix Request

<p>Background:</p> <p>Funding for improvements to the Helix City Hall and Library building have been requested from the County. The funding is to make improvements to electrical work in bathroom, council room and museum, sheetrock all walls and ceiling, flooring, and doors for interior. The amount requested is \$35,000. The source for the funding was not identified. There may be HELP funds available.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Review and take action on request</p>
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ATTACHMENTS:

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Checkoffs:

- () Dept. Heard (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- () Fiscal
- (X) Legal (copy)
- () (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: January 15, 2025

Action taken:

Follow-up:



Helix Advancement Partnership Network
PO Box 374•Helix, OR 97835

January 15, 2025

Umatilla County Commissioners:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Helix Advancement Partnership Network (HAPN) a non-profit organization that has been actively pursuing means to refurbish the Helix City Hall/Library/Museum building in Helix, Oregon. Helix is a small farming community located in the middle of beautiful and extremely productive farmland. Helix is small in numbers only; it tends to do all else “big”. The community takes such great pride in its people, its history, and its youth. The community has always tried to find ways to take care of each other through creative means. Over 20 years ago, the residents of Helix started a small rodeo to help fund scholarships for graduating seniors and that said rodeo is still thriving and producing scholarships today. Also, about 20 years ago, the community saw a need to assist with school related sports and programs, so it started the Helix Crab Feed that still actively funds the Helix School District’s sports as well as academic programs. The community further saw a need to assist the Helix Band Program with funding, so it started the Helix Wheatstock Music Festival in which the majority of the proceeds go back to the Helix Band Program and Helix Graduating Senior Scholarships.

With that being said, it is easy to explain HAPN. A group of community members felt there was a need to put some time and money into the Helix City Hall/Library/Museum building (which used to be the old grade school building). There are not a lot of old buildings in the city proper and HAPN felt it was important to take care of the ones that we do have. Since the inception of this group, we have been able to do extensive remodel of the facility with a new roof, bracing and enhancing the structural integrity of the building in the basement, adding features to help divert any flooding issues that may arise, added new electrical services and heating and cooling units in the library and library expansion room, remodeled a community room with state-of-the-art sound and visual equipment, as well as all new windows throughout the building. It is our desire to continue the pursuit to enhance this building by remodeling the city council chambers, the museum and the foyer. This remodel will include adding a brand-new ADA compliant restroom.

This building houses our City Council Chambers. They have not been renovated for 100 years. It is time to renovate this area and add the ADA bathroom. We know that the County assists

other cities in need of such help. We are asking that you provide some monetary support so that we can get this project wrapped before we lose some of the grants we have already procured.

We know that the heart of Helix is farming. The surrounding farms are blessed with rich soil that produces crops and those crops add to the financial viability of our County. The people who own those farms and produce those crops also frequent and use the very facilities that we are trying to renovate. We also know that these farms contribute to the County. We are asking Umatilla to contribute to help complete this project. In doing so, we will make sure that the community knows the extent of your benevolence and the benefit that was derived through your help.

The City Hall Renovation Project:

S&K Mountain-

Westside \$145,294.56

Center \$49,639

Entry Doors \$45,043.98

Gordon's Electric- \$13,383

\$253,360.54 TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST TO COMPLETE

Currently in the HAPN US Bank account \$114,075.67

We have requested \$20,000 from Wildhorse

We have requested \$10,000 from Umatilla County Cultural Coalition

We have requested \$20,000 from Oregon Energy Trust

We have requested \$20,000 from Oregon Community Foundation

Thank you for your time!

Helix Advancement Partnership Network Board

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