Staff Report To Prineville City Council From City of Prineville Railway Commission

RE: Juniper St Property March 11, 2014

Mayor & City Council Members

During the February 12, 2014 City of Prineville Railway Commission meeting we discussed the interest in the Juniper Street property. There was a request submitted that the property be donated for an extension of the Crook County Park system. The city originally purchased this property out of the railway fund in the early 80's. It was explained to the commission that this property has been a topic of interest in the past and their opinions are appreciated regarding the property outcome. After reviewing current railroad finances and other options, the commission decided that donating the property was not in the best financial interest of the Railroad. They recommended that the property be listed, at fair market value, and put on the market for a reasonable amount of time to determine if it is attractive to a buyer. If the property did not sale in a reasonable amount of time, they would reevaluate and discuss the donation possibility. The next option would be to ask for an equal value land trade from the Crook County Parks representative or any other entity looking to acquire the Juniper St Property. The commission collectively agreed these options would be a more suitable business decision and asked me to pass their recommendations on to the City Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

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