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STAFF REPORT

TO: Umatilla County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Department of Public Works
RE: Road Vacation of Co. Rd. #896, Umatilla County, OR

ISSUE

Vacation of a portion of Co. Rd. #896 located in Sec. 35, 34, 26, 27, 14, 15, 16, 21, 20, 29, and 30, T6N, R31 E.W.M. and Section 30, T6N, R30 E.W.M., north of State Highway #37, Umatilla County, Oregon, approximately 15 miles north of Pendleton, OR.

FACTS AND FINDINGS

The petition has been filed with the prescribed fee of \$100.00.

The portion of Co. Rd. #896 is located in Sections 35, 34, 26, 27, 14, 15, 16, 21, 20, 29, and 30, T6n R31 E.W.M. and Section 30, T6N R30 E.W.M., the landowners, the petitioners, and the adjoining and abutting tax lots as described on the assessor's tax maps are attached in an exhibit. The Legal description of the proposed vacation is as follows:

Road designated as Umatilla County Road #896. The portion of road which begins in Juniper Canyon at its intersection with Umatilla County Road #899 and ends on the west at the east boundary of Tax Lot T6N R30 T.L. 00200.

The purpose for vacation is the public does not use this portion of road in general, as the county and state road systems have alternate roads for travel from one point to the other that are more efficient and direct than this portion of county road. Private property exists on both sides of the road, thus any member of the public using this road could be suspect of trespassing.

As a result of a significant increase in damage and vandalism to property and lands, the owners have felt compelled to keep this portion of road shut to persons other than the private landowners, and utilities servicing lines, abutting the portion of road.

FISCAL IMPACT

This property would have minimal market value for the County and this road is not maintained by the County. It would benefit the adjacent property owners.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the Department of Public Works that Co. Rd. #896 in Sections 35, 34, 26, 27, 14, 15, 16, 21, 20, 29, and 30, T6N, R31 E.W.M. and Section 30, T6N R30 E.W.M., Tax Lots as noted in enclosure, be vacated, subject to any and all utility and recorded private easements.