

AGENDA

Alsea Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

Regular Session
September 9, 2024
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Alsea Library, 19192 Alsea Highway, Alsea

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| I. | CALL REGULAR SESSION TO ORDER | Chair Hendrix |
| II. | FLAG SALUTE | Chair Hendrix |
| III. | MINUTES APPROVAL | Chair Hendrix |
| IV. | ITEMS | |
| | A. CAC Bylaws Review | Chair Hendrix |
| V. | NEXT STEPS | |
| | A. Benton County Planning Commission visit | |
| | B. Logo | |
| VI. | UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS | |
| | A. October 7, 2024 CAC | |
| | B. November 4, 2024 CAC | |
| | C. December 2, 2024 CAC | |
| II. | ADJOURN | Chair Hendrix |

Alsea will make reasonable accommodations for all alterable participants. Please notify alysa.thompson@bentoncountyor.gov 72 hours before the meeting. All public meetings are recorded and retained as required by ORS 166-200-0235.



BENTON COUNTY

Community Update

August & September 2024 | City of Alsea



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The project is currently out to bid, with the bid opening scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th. We expect to have a contractor on board shortly thereafter. The contractor will be responsible for providing a detailed work plan and schedule. Once we have this information, we will be able to provide a more comprehensive update to the community. Due to delays in the bidding process and material shortages, the project is now expected to be substantially completed by the end of the year. Some finishing work may extend into next year, depending on the availability of electrical materials.

Please check the [Public Works Projects webpage](#) for the latest updates.

REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

The South Valley/Mid-Coast Regional Solutions Team will be visiting Alsea on Monday, September 23 to meet with community leaders and learn about local priorities. Regional Solutions is a uniquely Oregon approach to community and economic development that brings together the public, private, and civic sectors to advance projects, solve problems, seize opportunities, and respond to emerging local needs. The Regional Solutions Team visiting Alsea includes the Regional Solutions Coordinator from the Governor's Office and agency representatives from Business Oregon, Oregon Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Oregon Housing and Community Services, and U.S. Department of Agriculture as well as other regional partners.

WATER UPDATE

Saunders construction has commenced with work at the Alsea pump and tank site. One of the immediate things accomplished was cutting back all of the blackberries that engulfed the wellhouse. It is now visible, and crews will be doing some leveling and drainage work to ensure water doesn't continue to accumulate next to the wellhouse.

We also discovered a hive of bees living in the one corner of the wellhouse. The bees were professionally removed, and we are now wondering if we should be marketing Alsea Blackberry Honey?? The damage caused by the bees, and generally sitting in the weather for years and years will require the wellhouse to be rebuilt. This work was anticipated in the plans, so not an unexpected item.

During this time residents can expect increased traffic on Highway 34 with the specific work located to the east of the Alsea Public Library. Construction noise may also occur between the hours of 7 AM and 6 PM. There are currently no scheduled interruptions to water service during the construction period. If service outages are required, further notification will be provided in advance with the anticipated duration of the service interruption.

Thank you for your patience while we complete these system improvements. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Benton County Public Works at (541) 766 - 6821 or email: pwinfo@bentoncountyor.gov

GENERATOR UPDATE

The vendor was able to complete the needed repairs sooner than originally anticipated. The new portable generator has been delivered to the Alsea Sewer Treatment facility. Thank you for your patience as we waited for its delivery, and then the subsequent repairs.

Should you have any concerns, please feel free to reach out to us. During regular business hours, please report any issues on the Alsea water or sewer systems to the main Public Works phone number at (541) 766 - 6821. After hours, please call the Benton County Sheriff Office's dispatch number at (541) 766 - 6858 and they will contact the appropriate on-call staff member.

EPA COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT

Benton County is preparing an application for an Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grant. The proposal is focused on the development of Resiliency Hubs within Benton County, where renovation projects on three (3) existing community facilities in Monroe, Philomath, and Alsea will take place to turn them into Resiliency Hubs.

Resiliency Hubs, a newer term dubbed by city leaders in Baltimore, originated the concept in 2014 and has expanded nationally since. These hubs are community-serving facilities augmented to support residents, coordinate communication, distribute resources, and reduce carbon pollution before, during, and after a natural disaster event. The (3) three-year project, if awarded, will include the engagement of local communities to inform the development of each hub, will strengthen the capacity of local organizations to participate in planning and better serve their community, support a diverse network of community members throughout the cycle of natural disasters, and improve local emergency response efforts.

Alsea has proposed to utilize the Alsea Elementary-Middle-High School as a Resiliency Hub site. Planned facility improvements include a 5,000 sq ft addition with a large room for shelter, commercial kitchen, walk-in coolers, and food storage. Emergency generators, solar panels, and efficient HVAC systems will be installed. ADA accessible restrooms and showers will be included as well as offices for emergency command. Roof, window, and insulation replacements to improve energy efficiency of the existing facilities are included in the plans. If awarded, the project will begin immediately and not exceed three years.



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