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Union County has needed indoor plumbing at our fairgrounds for some time now. The current septic services are no longer viable, leaving us with the only option of connecting to the city of La Grande's water and sewer system. However, the challenge is that the Grande Ronde River and Interstate 84 stand in the way, presenting a funding dilemma.

To address this, we have two options: navigating under or over these obstacles. When we initially sought funding in 2019, the project cost was around \$700K. Unfortunately, the price has since skyrocketed to approximately \$4.1M. Despite multiple attempts to secure funding through state and federal channels, we've only managed to gather smaller amounts from various sources.

Our concern is that delaying further could lead to an even higher cost to complete the project. For a detailed breakdown of the Union County Fairgrounds Wastewater project, please refer to the attached document.

The county fairgrounds are a vital resource to our community and are utilized for much more than the annual fair including such things as emergency support, education and conferences.

Feel free to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

R. Matthew Scarfo
Union County Commissioner

HOUSE BILL 2635

Union County Fairgrounds Wastewater Project -

Updated November, 2023

Estimated Project Cost (2024) **\$ 4,102,777**

Project Summary

Design Engineering (complete)	\$	135,474
Construction Administration (estimate)	\$	80,000
Construction	\$	3,176,321
10% Construction Contingency	\$	317,632
La Grande Public Works (estimate)	\$	343,025
Additional Project Contingency	\$	50,325

Secured Funding:

HB 5006 Business Oregon Capital Improvements for Fairgrounds (2021)	\$	(277,777)
HB 5202 Christmas Tree Bill (2022)	\$	(1,000,000)
Northwest Farm Credit Donation	\$	(75,000)
Union County Contribution (ARPA Funding)	\$	(250,000)

Future Anticipated Funding:

City of La Grande Contribution	\$	(250,000)
Oregon Legislature	\$	(2,250,000)

Remaining Balance: **0.00**



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