

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF SETTING A
PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER
MERGING THE COUNTY'S OPEN
SPACE TIMBERLAND
CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM WITH
THE DESIGNATED FORESTLAND
PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. **17 141**

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW Chapter 84, it is in the best interest of the state to maintain, preserve, conserve, and otherwise continue in existence adequate open space lands for the production of food, fiber and forest crops, and to assure the use and enjoyment of natural resources and scenic beauty for the economic and social well-being of the state and its citizens; and the state legislature further declares that assessment practices must be so designed as to permit the continued availability of open space lands for these purposes; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 6180, later codified as RCW 84.34.400, to allow counties to merge its timberland classification with its designated forestland program as a County option, was passed by the Washington State Legislature in 2014; and

WHEREAS, applications for land classifications are made to the county assessor or the county legislative authority, and for administrative purposes, Walla Walla County Assessor Debra Antes presented a request to the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners during an open, public session of the Board on May 2, 2017, to ask that the Board consider adoption of the statutorily allowed County option by means of an ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to seek input from county citizens prior to adoption of such an ordinance; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that a public hearing shall be set for Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. or as close thereto as possible, in Commissioners' Chambers, Walla Walla County Public Health and Legislative Building, 314 West Main, Walla Walla, Washington, for this purpose.

"Passed this 15th day of May, 2017 by Board members as follows: 3 Present or 0 Participating via other means, and by the following vote: 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained 0 Absent."

Attest:



Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board



James L. Duncan, Chairman, District 3



James K. Johnson, Commissioner, District 1



Todd L. Kimball, Commissioner, District 2

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners
of Walla Walla County, Washington