

Gilliam County Court
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2019

Judge Farrar called the regular Gilliam County Court meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Gilliam County Courthouse in Condon, Oregon. Present were Judge Elizabeth Farrar, Commissioner Leslie Wetherell, Commissioner Sherrie Wilkins, Chief of Staff Lisa Atkin and Court Administrative Assistant Teresa Aldrich.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

None.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

No public comments or correspondence.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Wilkins, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to approve the Consent Agenda. Farrar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; Wilkins – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

The Consent Agenda included the following:

Approval of September Bills Pending Review

Approval of September 18th Regular Meeting Minutes

Approval of Revised City of Condon Ward Street Lease Agreement

Approval of STIF Grant Agreement #33773

Approval of Revised Letter of Engagement with Local Government Law Group

Approval of Columbia Basin Electric Application for Activities in the County Right of Way

Approval of Revised Contract with CCS for Developmental Disabilities Services

Re-Appointment of Commissioner Leslie Wetherell, Susie Anderson and Marta Mikkalo to the Gilliam County Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA)

Approval of IGA with Sherman County for BOPTA Independent Assessment Services

Approval of IGA with Morrow County for BOPTA Independent Assessment Services

IN THE MATTER OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #2019-02, ESTABLISHING THE FIBER COUNCIL, AN ORS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

Judge Farrar noted the draft Intergovernmental Agreement between the parties has been discussed during several previous County Court meetings. The County's Telecommunications Counsel, Christy Monson, has reviewed and revised the IGA. Specifically, she has drafted amendments to clarify the scope of the Council and financial arrangements between the parties, as well as provide new language creating clear processes for dispute resolution and an orderly termination if needed. The City's Counsel and Administrator have reviewed these amendments, and are in agreement. Counsel is advising the County the IGA needs to be enacted via ordinance, which

requires two readings, at least 13 days apart, before adoption. The Ordinance will declare an emergency in order for the Fiber Council to move forward immediately with leasing the fiber lines. The second reading of Ordinance #2019-02 will be at a Special Meeting on October 23rd.

Motion by Commissioner Wetherell, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to have the first reading of Ordinance #2019-02 by title only. Farrar – Yes; Wilkins – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.** The judge read the ordinance by title only.

Motion by Commissioner Wetherell, seconded by Commissioner Wilkins, to accept the first reading of Ordinance #2019-02 by title only. Farrar – Yes; Wilkins – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF THE BATCH PLANT

Judge Farrar noted that at the September 18th County Court meeting the Court discussed entering into a lease with Hood River Sand and Gravel for the batch plant. The consensus was to modify the terms and reduce the per cubic yard production fee from \$7.00 to \$5.00. At this time Hood River Sand and Gravel is still reviewing the lease.

Motion by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Wetherell, to approve the lease for the batch plant with Hood River Sand and Gravel, subject to any minor revisions deemed necessary and appropriate by legal counsel. Farrar – Yes; Wilkins – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF FIBER COUNCIL MEMBERS

A notice seeking letters of interest to fill the Fiber council was published in the Times-Journal and on the County's website. Two people submitted letters of interest by the September 26th deadline: Rita Rattray and Josh Hendricks. The Court discussed the two good candidates, each offering knowledge and experience. After a discussion it was the consensus of the court to appoint Judge Farrar and Rita Rattray as members of the Fiber Council and to recommend Josh Hendricks to the Fiber Council as its fifth member. Under the Intergovernmental Agreement forming the Fiber Council, the City of Condon and Gilliam County are each allowed to appoint two members. Collectively, those four members then select the fifth member.

Motion by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Wetherell, to appoint Judge Farrar and Rita Rattray as members of the Fiber Council and to recommend the Fiber Council appoint Josh Hendricks as its fifth member. Farrar – Yes; Wilkins – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Wetherell:

- Noted to the Court that she would prefer to space out the mandatory and department reporting, especially the reports that have little effect on budgeting decisions.
- Attended the District 3 AOC meeting on September 26.
- Attending the October 8 meeting of the North Central Public Health District.
- Noted this is Homecoming week in Arlington.
- Attending the Tri County Court Meeting on October 23.
- Attending the Road Tour on October 30.

Commissioner Wilkins:

- Attended final classes for County College, September 19, 20 and 21.
- Attended the District 3 AOC meeting on September 26.
- Attended Enterprise Zone and Other Oregon Tax Incentives Workshop in Arlington, hosted by Grant County Economic Development and Business Oregon on September 10.
- Serving on the Sheriff's Office Deputy Interview committee on October 16.
- Attending the Tri County Court Meeting on October 23.
- Attending the NORCOR Meeting on October 24.
- Attending the Road Tour on October 30.

Judge Farrar:

- Attended final classes for County College, September 19, 20 and 21.
- Attended the District 3 AOC meeting on September 26.
- Welcomed Lisa Atkin as the new Chief of Staff. Reported that she and Lisa plan to stagger their work days. Tentatively, the Judge will be in the office Tuesday – Friday with Lisa in the office Monday – Thursday. But will be flexible.
- Attending the Road Tour on October 30.
- Noted the Legislative Public Hearing scheduled for November 6th in a land use case involving the Woolery in Arlington.
- Reminded all that she will be out of the office, October 7 – 15, for her wedding. Her last day in the office this week will be October 3.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Farrar noted the following:

- Special meeting scheduled for October 23rd, prior to Tri County Court for the second reading of Ordinance #2019-02.
- Tri County Court on October 23rd in Fossil
- Frontier Telenet Supplemental Budget Hearing on October 23rd.
- *Webworks: Anywhere! Working with the Internet* informational meeting on October 3rd at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Condon.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

It appearing to the Court that there was no further business to be conducted at this time, Judge Farrar adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Elizabeth Farrar, Judge

By _____

Leslie Wetherell, Commissioner

By _____

Sherrie Wilkins, Commissioner

Teresa Aldrich _____

Court Administrative Assistant