

Gilliam County Court
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2020

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

Added 4.4 to Consent Agenda Approval of Coos County Amended Vehicle Usage Agreement

Added 4.5 to Consent Agenda Approval of Weed Department Grant Submittal Request

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

No Public Comment or Correspondence

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Consent Agenda included the following:

Approval of January 22nd Regular Meeting Minutes

Approval of January Bills Pending Review

Approval of Amendment to the Transportation Blanket Purchase Agreement with Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. (GOBHI)

Approval of Amendment to Coos County Amended Vehicle Usage Agreement

Approval of Weed Department Grant Submittal Request

IN THE MATTER OF FRONTIER TELENET UPDATE

Judge Farrar presented an update on the Frontier Telenet meeting held on January 29th in Sherman County. The committee will continue to perform the day to day operations of Frontier Telenet in 2020. However, they have decided to seek project managers and technical consultants for the Cottonwood and Roosevelt projects, via RFP's. Judge Dabulskis and Judge Farrar will be handling the search. At the request of Jim Deason and the committee agreed, they will search for additional counsel specializing in regulatory filings. Kathryn Greiner has been reappointed to the Frontier Telenet Budget Committee.

IN THE MATTER FIBER COUNCIL UPDATE

Fiber Counsel Kristy Monson is finalizing a dark fiber lease and it will be presented to the council upon completion. Judge Farrar and Kathryn Greiner have been meeting with potential dark fiber customers.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. R2020-07; A RESOLUTION DECLARING COUNTY VEHICLE AS SURPLUS

The 2004 Toyota Sequoia Work Crew Vehicle is no longer being used by the Sheriff's Office. The vehicle is 16 years old, has 185,170 miles, and has served its useful life. The Sheriff's Office recommends the vehicle be declared surplus and sold through sealed bids, public auction, or through an online public auction website with a minimum bid of \$800.00.

Motion by Commissioner Wilkins, seconded by Commissioner Wetherell, to adopt Resolution No. R2020-07 declaring the 2004 Toyota Sequoia as surplus and directing the vehicle be disposed of via sealed bids, public auction, or through an online public auction website with a minimum bid of \$800.00. Farrar – Yes; Wilkins – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF STAFF REPORTS

The Transportation Department, Juvenile Department and the Safety Officer all presented their bi-annual reports to the Court. This new staff reporting procedure will provide the Court a review of the past year, future programs, projects, and possible budgetary needs. Marla Davies, Transportation Department Coordinator is working on the Ward Street bus storage, vehicle tech upgrades, and developing a new designated route. Amy Nation, Juvenile Department Director is working on curriculum and program implementation of a "Girls Circle" prevention program, and coordinating the use of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Grant which is being used for risk assessment for potential delinquency. Teresa Aldrich, Court Administrative Assistant and Safety Officer is working on a security barrier around sections of the Courthouse, exterior lighting behind the library, and County vehicle emergency roadside bags.

IN THE MATTER OF POSSIBLE IGA'S WITH CONDON FOOD PANTRY & ARLINGTON HELP

The Court has requested Judge Farrar work with Counsel to develop an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) or a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Condon Food Panty and Arlington HELP. These programs provide services to the most vulnerable of community members. It has been this County Court's policy that entities have legal contracts with Gilliam County for services provided, either through an IGA or

MOA. Both Condon Food Panty and Arlington HELP, however, currently apply for and are granted funds through the County's competitive grant program. Going forward, once the agreements have been entered into, both programs would be included in the FY 2020-2021 Budget and these organizations would no longer submit applications for the operational support grants.

IN THE MATTER OF COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioner Wetherell:

- Attended the North Central Public Health District Executive Committee Meeting, on February 5th.
- Reported the Road Department is finishing up on Rattlesnake and will begin work on Baseline. Next week she will be joining the Road Master on a tour of the North End projects.
- Planning on attending the Chamber Mixer, February 13th.
- Updated the Court on recent conversation regarding the irrigation project. Reported the feasibility plan the County was involved with is proving to be an important tool.
- Expressed the County Newsletter was positive and informative, but agreed with Commissioner Wilkins that we would like to review before distribution.

Commissioner Wilkins:

- Attended NORCOR Meeting January 23rd. The board is currently working with Oregon legislators regarding House Bill 4121 and funds for capital costs.
- Attended the Tri County Court and Frontier Telenet meetings on January 29th.
- Attended the Port of Arlington meeting on February 4th. Recommended to the Port of Arlington they hold the executive sessions at the beginning or the end of the meetings.
- Expressed the newsletter was excellent.

Judge Farrar:

- Reminded the Commissioners of the North End Road Tour scheduled for March 11th.
- Met with Kevin Hunking, Superintendent of Arlington Schools. Toured the facility and the ADA upgrades. Reported the tour of the facility was very useful. Suggested a work session before the next meeting in Arlington, for the Court to tour the facility. The Judge also suggested the Court follows suit with a tour of the Condon School and treat the tours as a mid-project report.

- Busy meeting with organizations answering questions, easing concerns and helping with the grant application process.
- Attended the Port of Arlington meeting on February 4th.
- Attended the City of Condon retreat on January 31st. Discussions included the City's plans for the possible redevelopment of the grade school and baseball field for housing projects.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Farrar noted the following:

- Next County Court meeting will be held February 19, 2020 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 11:20 a.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Elizabeth Farrar, Judge

By _____

Leslie Wetherell, Commissioner

By _____

Sherrie Wilkins, Commissioner

Teresa Aldrich _____
Court Administrative Assistant