

Gilliam County Court
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2020

Judge Farrar called the Gilliam County Court Regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Memorial Hall Condon, Oregon. Present were Judge Elizabeth Farrar, Commissioner Leslie Wetherell (via Zoom), Commissioner Sherrie Wilkins, Chief of Staff Lisa Atkin and Court Administrative Assistant Teresa Aldrich.

REVISIONS TO AGENDA

None.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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 July 1st Regular Meeting Minutes

Appointment of Commissioner Wilkins to OSU Extension Citizen's Advisory Committee

Approval of Amendment #4 to ODOT Grant Agreement #32393

Approval of State of Oregon Intergovernmental Pass through Grant Agreement #165272

Approval of Arlington TV Cooperative Loan Promissory Note Amendment and Trust Deed Addendum

Approval of Drive-In Loan Promissory Note Amendment and Trust Deed Addendum

Approval of Pat's Pheasant Grill Loan Promissory Note Amendment and Trust Deed Addendum

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT ISSUED TO WASTE MANAGEMENT DISPOSAL SERVICES (WMDS) FOR A SOLID WASTE LANDFILL KNOWN AS COLUMBIA RIDGE LANDFILL & RECYCLING CENTER IN THE EXCLUSIVE FARM USE ZONE

Judge Farrar opened the proceedings at 10:05 a.m. as set and advertised for the public hearing. Commissioner Wetherell declared a conflict of interest, as her husband works for Waste Management and recused herself. Gilliam County Planning Director, Michelle Colby briefed the Court on a set of proposed findings addressing the relevant criteria for consideration. Colby, the Gilliam County Planning Commission and Waste Management Environmental Protection Manager, Leah Shannon worked together

reviewing each condition under consideration. Colby addressed questions and provided clarification throughout the presentation. Waste Management Environmental Protection Manager, Shannon addressed the Court and thanked Colby for all the hard work and calibration put into the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) review and agreed with all the recommendations presented. After hearing no public comments for proponent or neutral testimony, Judge Farrar moved to public comments in opposition of the CUP. James and Alcenia Wright addressed the Court. Areas of concern were Waste Management's lack of community involvement, accountability, protection of Gilliam County citizens and the County's relationship with Metro. In conclusion, Shannon appreciated the Wrights concerns and will take them back to Waste Management. Judge Farrar closed the hearing 11:46 a.m. for deliberations. A recording can be found at <http://www.co.gilliam.or.us/>.

RECESS 11:20 a.m.

BACK IN SESSION 11:27 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF FY 2020-2021 SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT TO ARLINGTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

During the July 1st Regular Court Meeting, Commissioners Wilkins and Wetherell requested more time to research and clarify the special projects grant application submitted by Arlington Education Foundation. Commissioner Wilkins recently spoke with Brad Anderson for additional information. After a discussion it was the decision of the Court to award a special projects grant for website and newsletter design.

Motion by Commissioner Wilkins, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to award a FY 2020-2021 North Gilliam Special Projects Grant to the Arlington Education Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 and to authorize the County Judge to prepare and execute a grant agreement reflecting the terms and conditions discussed. Farrar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; Wilkins – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF FTE ADJUSTMENT OF GILLIAM COUNTY LIBRARIAN POSITION

Gilliam County Public Library Board Vice-Chair David Greiner submitted a letter from the library board along with documentation of librarian daily duties for review. The board is of the opinion the librarian position's hours and duties warrant the position be full time. Librarian Mary Reser was also present to answer questions. There was a discussion of extra duties due to the pandemic, additional non-pandemic related duties, BOLI's requirement for regular rest breaks and the Collective Bargaining Agreement consideration of 37.5 hours per week equating to full time. It was the consensus of the Court to move forward with the FTE adjustment. Judge Farrar explained to achieve the adjustment there are multiple steps that will need to be completed, before the item can be brought back to the Court.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO R2020-22; ADOPTING A SAFEGUARDING PERSONAL IDENTITY INFORMATION POLICY

CIS is requiring Gilliam County adopt a Safeguarding Personal Identity Information Policy (PII) to purchase the increased Cybersecurity coverage previously approved by the Court at the July 1st County Court Regular Meeting. The Safeguarding PII Policy is designed to establish a foundation for an organizational culture of security and helps ensure Gilliam County's compliance with the Oregon Identity Theft Protection.

Motion by Commissioner Wetherell, second by Commissioner Wilkins, to adopt Resolution No. R2020-22 as presented. Farrar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; Wilkins – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO R2020-23; ADOPTING A REVISED FY 2020-21 SHERIFF'S OFFICE SALARY SCHEDULE

The Court adopted FY2020-2021 salary schedules for Represented Employees, Non-Represented Employees, Sheriff's Office Employees and Elected Officials during the July 1st Regular Meeting. When loading the new salary schedules into the payroll system the County Clerk discovered an error in the Sheriff's Office Salary Schedule. The error occurred during the conversion of the Emergency Management Coordinator's position from 37.5 hours to 40 hours per week. The proposed resolution corrects the error and ensures the position receives the full 2.5% COLA provided to Sheriff's Office employees. No other changes were made to the Salary Schedule.

Motion by Commissioner Wilkins, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to adopt Resolution No. R2020-23 as presented. Farrar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; Wilkins – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF GILLIAM COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT AWARD

The Historical Society was a recipient of a Special Projects Grant for FY 2019-20 to construct a new exhibit building. Due to a number of circumstances, the construction timeline for the project has been extended into FY 2020-2021, and the Historical Society is requesting the Grant Agreement be amended to provide them with more time to complete the project and expend the funds.

Motion by Commissioner Wetherell, second by Commissioner Wilkins, to amend the FY 2019-2020 Special Projects Grant Award to the Gilliam County Historical Society for construction of a new exhibit building by extending the deadline for expending the grant funds to June 30, 2021, and to authorize the County Judge to prepare and execute an amended grant agreement reflecting the same. Farrar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; Wilkins – Yes; **Motion Carried**

IN THE MATTER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Farrar, Commissioner Wilkins and Wetherell noted the following:

- The August 5th Regular Court Meeting will be held by Zoom.
- Commissioner Wilkins reported no NORCOR meeting was held in June, the next meeting will take place in July.
- Commissioner Wilkins will be attending the CAPECO Meeting via Zoom on Friday, July 24th at 11 a.m.
- Commissioner Wetherell attended the NCPHD meeting. Wasco County has been added to the COVID watch list. As of the meeting date, Wasco County had 119 positive cases, Gilliam County 2 and Sherman County 5. The NCPHD Board is continuing the search for an Administrator.
- Judge Farrar and Commissioners Wilkins and Wetherell all reported they had meetings with the new Arlington School District Superintendent, Brandon Hammond. All reported very positive interactions with Hammond and are looking forward to working with him in the future.
- Tri-County Court Meeting will be postponed until October.

Recess 12:41 p.m. Commissioner Wetherell was excused.

Back in Session 12:45 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDER NO. 2020-01; MODIFICATIONS TO CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 2020-0001, FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT DISPOSAL SERVICES OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA RIDGE LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTER

County Court conducted a public hearing today, July 22nd for the purpose of considering Modification of Conditions of Approval for a Conditional Use Permit issued to Waste Management Disposal Services for a solid waste landfill known as Columbia Ridge Landfill & Recycling Center in the exclusive farm use zone. The Court Order is the official action to take place after the public hearing to acknowledge the matter brought before the Court during the public hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Wilkins, second by Judge Farrar, to approve Court Order No. 2020-01 with Exhibit A as amended. Farrar – Yes; Wilkins – Yes; **Motion Carried**

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 12:51 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Elizabeth Farrar, Judge

By _____

Leslie Wetherell, Commissioner

By _____

Sherrie Wilkins, Commissioner

Teresa Aldrich _____

Court Administrative Assistant