

August 7, 2019

Judge Farrar called the regular Gilliam County Court meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. at the Gilliam County Courthouse in Condon, Oregon. Present were Judge Elizabeth Farrar, Commissioner Sherrie Wilkins, Court Administrator Teresa Aldrich, and Mary Dyer, Recorder. Commissioner Leslie Wetherell was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA

Judge Farrar noted the following addition to the agenda.

- Consider approval of a bid submitted by Day Wireless Systems for repair and upgrade of antennas, associated with the repair of courthouse roof.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

There were no public comments.

Judge Farrar acknowledged correspondence from Eileen Potter, Vice President of the Gilliam County Historical Society Board of Directors, in which the Historical Society thanked the Court for Special Projects and Operational grants.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

The Consent Agenda included the following:

- Approval of July bills pending review.
- Approval of July 17 regular meeting minutes.
- Approval of revised personal services contract with High Desert Writing Services.
- Approval of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative Application for Activities in the County Right-of-Way.
- Approval of Agreement with Pictometry International for aerial photography pending counsel review.
- Approval of amendment to IGA with Lane County for mapping and GIS maintenance.
- Approval of IGA with Harney County for mapping and GIS maintenance pending counsel review.

IN THE MATTER OF FRONTIER TELENET UPDATE

Judge Farrar reported that because matters have stabilized, the Frontier Telenet Board of Directors won't meet again until October. The board has asked Frontier Telenet's attorney to draft an RFP for a person or firm to manage day-to-day administrative needs. In the meantime, the search for a telecommunications attorney is on hold until it is determined what technical expertise a management person/firm may offer.

IN THE MATTER OF ARDENT MILLS DOOR REPLACEMENT

After a brief discussion, the court agreed to contract with Jeff Schott of Pillar Consulting of engineering and project management services related to door replacement and security upgrades, identified as maintenance needs at Ardent Mills.

Motion by Commissioner Wilkins, second by Judge Farrar, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Pillar Consulting in the amount of \$8,200 for the design and project management of door replacements and upgrades at the Ardent Mills facility. Farrar – Yes; Wilkins – Yes. **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF SHUTLER STATION BATCH PLANT

Judge Farrar noted that Thompson Brothers has notified the County of their intention to terminate their lease for the concrete batch plant as of July 31. Hood River Sand and Gravel has indicated they are interested in leasing or buying the plant. Judge Farrar will contact Hood River Sand and Gravel to pursue a lease similar to the lease with Thompson Brothers. Sandy McKay was in the audience and suggested the court should look at a situation with the loader, which was part of the lease but is inoperable and could be sold as scrap, or for parts.

IN THE MATTER OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF CONDON

Judge Farrar reported on discussions with Transportation Director Marla Davies and Condon City Administrator Kathryn Greiner regarding the lease of the City's building on Ward Street. Rent would be \$500/month, with the transportation department responsible for utilities. However, the County would pay for repair and upgrades, with those payments to be credited towards rent. The City Council will discuss the matter, and if all are in agreement, an agreement will be presented for approval at an upcoming court meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF FIBER MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP

Judge Farrar reported that discussions are ongoing regarding the structure of a joint fiber partnership between the County and the City of Condon, which will be in the form of an intergovernmental agreement. Treasurer Nathan Hammer has agreed that the Treasurer's office will serve as the administrative entity. A partnership agreement has been drafted by the City's legal counsel and is currently being reviewed by County counsel. Judge Farrar anticipates that the final document will be available for the court's review and consideration by early September.

IN THE MATTER OF BID SUBMITTED BY DAY WIRELESS SYSTEMS

Motion by Judge Farrar, second by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve a bid from Day Wireless Systems for antenna upgrades related to courthouse roof repair project in the amount of \$3,595.20. Farrar – Yes; Wilkins – Yes. **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF GILLIAM COUNTY FIRE SERVICES

In summary, the court determined during budget season that entities with existing intergovernmental agreements would not be required to submit funding requests through the Operational Grant Program, and would instead be automatically funded. Gilliam County Fire Services has an existing IGA with Gilliam County; however, neither the budget committee nor the county court specifically authorized its funding in the FY 2019-20 budget. It is therefore necessary for the court to formally approve funding. Gilliam County Fire Services has requested funding in the amount of \$60,000, the same amount provided by the county since 2013. Gilliam County Fire Services will be included in the budget beginning with the FY 2020-21 budget season so requests will be unnecessary in the future.

Motion by Commissioner Wilkins, second by Judge Farrar, to approve the funding request from Gilliam County Fire Services in the amount of \$60,000, funds to come from the SIP Discretionary Line Item 235-100-5-50-5120. Farrar – Yes; Wilkins – Yes.

Motion Carried.

IN THE MATTER OF GILLIAM COUNTY AUCTION COMMITTEE REQUEST

After a brief discussion, the court decided to support the 4-H livestock auction at the Gilliam County Fair, with a \$400 donation to the Gilliam County Auction Committee. This is the same amount provided by the court in previous years.

Motion by Judge Farrar, second by Commissioner Wilkins, to approve a \$400 donation to the Gilliam County Auction Committee for the 2019 Gilliam County Fair, funds to come from the donations line item, 101-103-5-50-5160. Farrar – Yes; Wilkins – Yes.

Motion Carried.

IN THE MATTER OF RESTATED FRONTIER REGIONAL 911 IGA

In summary, the Frontier Regional 911 Board has undergone an extensive process to review and revise the IGA and bylaws governing the ORS 190 organization. Changes involved fixing typos and grammatical errors, clarifying the organization's authority to acquire property from another ORS 190 entity, creating an executive committee, and streamlining the internal complaints process. **Motion** by Commissioner Wilkins, second by Judge Farrar, to implement the changes, the governing bodies of all four partner counties must approve and sign the document. Farrar – Yes; Wilkins – Yes. **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioner Wilkins:

- attended a July 17 regular meeting of the NORCOR Board of Directors. The board is also working on rewriting the by-laws.
- attended the Tri-County Court meeting and Frontier Telenet meeting held in Condon on July 24.
- plans to attend the next meeting of the Arlington Port Commission next week.
- noted earlier in the meeting that Commissioner Wetherell is absent due to a family emergency.

Judge Farrar:

- continues to pursue the possibility of contracting for building code services with the City of Boardman.
- plans to attend a Model Juvenile Court initiative in Salem next week. Juvenile Director Amy Nation will also attend.
- introduced new Court Administrator Teresa Aldrich.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judge Farrar noted the following:

- An Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(a), to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Gilliam County Courthouse.
- The regular meeting of the Gilliam Court Court will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 1 p.m., at the Gilliam County Courthouse.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

It appearing to the Court that there was no further business to be conducted at this time and no additional matters to be considered, Judge Farrar adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Elizabeth Farrar, Judge

By _____

Leslie Wetherell, Commissioner

By _____

Sherrie Wilkins, Commissioner

Mary H. Dyer/Recorder _____