

10-3-2012

Judge Shaw opened the Gilliam County Court work session meeting at 2:36 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at the Gilliam County Courthouse-Condon, Oregon.

Commissioners Present: Judge Patricia Shaw, Commissioner Dennis Gronquist and Commissioner Michael Weimar. Absent: None.

Present: Treasurer Alcenia Wright, Community Development Michelle Colby, Steve Schaffer- County Judge Elect

IN THE MATTER ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT FUND ORDINANCE

Court Administrator Leanne Durfey provided draft copies of the Economic Enhancement Fund Ordinance No. 2012-03.

Discussion on the following items:

- First page provided addition of Ordinance No. 2008-01 to the list of history, which was the last review of the ordinance.
- Article I and II had no additions or revisions.

Proposed changes under Article III Distribution of Funds are:

- Law Enforcement Fund percentage was reduced from 2.5% to 1%. The fund is capped annually at \$300,000.
- Homestead Tax Rebate percentage was raised from 10% to 11.5%.
- Perpetual Fund name change to Debt Service Fund.
- Small Business Development Loan Fund name change to "Business Development Loan Fund".
- Delete line under distribution chart limiting Capital Project Funds expenditures to no more than \$100,000 annually.
- Updated signature lines

Attachment A: Proposed Reinstating the Rationale for Distributions

- Delete Gilliam County Unincorporated Area Fund/rationale

- Homestead Tax Rebate: add “homestead” first sentence. Established amount revised to 11.5%. Additional language to explain history of the fund.

Wright reported interest for this account is down to 2% reducing interest income to about half: Down from \$270,000 to \$140,000.

- Additional language documenting interest income change/deficiency.
- Remove Rebate Endowment Fund and rationale.

Business Development Revolving Loan Fund:

- Remove “Revolving” from fund name.
- Language was added/changed regarding: gap funding, application considered for Gilliam businesses. Interest/terms will be set by County Court.
- “This fund will be deposited in a local FDIC insured bank”. Remove “and administered by” language.
- Update rationale language to reflect current cap of \$500,000.

Special Projects Grant Fund:

- Update geographic area to reflect current practice. It was noted a map of County north/south division will be referenced as needed.
- “Organizations within the county” replaces language “each community.”
- North and South shall reflect current distribution of 1.75% annually for special projects.
- Fund draw language removed and annual cap language removed.

Development Staff Fund:

- Add “Economic” Development (remove staff) Fund
- Additional language added to allow Court administration of program, which may include Port of Arlington, other entity.

Law Enforcement Fund:

- Remove recent in first sentence.

County Capital Projects Maintenance and Improvement Fund

- Remove “maintenance and improvement fund” from description
- Remove history, first two sentences delete.
- Beginning sentence language changed to: This fund is proposed in order to provide a fund for the upkeep and improvement “*or purchase of*” County property.
- Fund cap language changed to “when it reaches \$500,000”.

County Bridge Fund: no changes

Perpetual Fund:

- Discussion on name change: Debt Service Fund, Perpetual Fund or Rainy Day Fund aka. Pennington Fund. “*Debt Service Fund*” name changed.
- Remove old Perpetual Fund Distribution language regarding distribution of funds created by capping several other funds including: Business Loan Development Fund, Special Projects Grant Fund, County Capital Projects Fund, Law Enforcement Fund

Attachment B: Summary of Gilliam County Economic Enhancement Fund Ordinance Revisions:

- Add Ordinance No. 2012 review and adopted information.
- Article III revision of fund distribution.
- Decreases Law Enforcement Fund from 2.5% to 1%.
- Increases Homestead Rebate from 10% to 11.5%.
- Reinstates an attachment to explain rationale for distributions.

IN THE MATTER OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LOAN POLICIES/PROCEDURES

Tabled

It appearing to the Court there was no further business to be conducted at this work session Judge Shaw adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Patricia Shaw, Judge

By _____

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Marla Davies-Recorder