

**2-27-2012**

Judge Shaw called the Special Session County Court meeting to order at 9:00 in the Lower Closed Conference in the Gilliam County Courthouse Condon, Oregon.

Commissioners Present: Judge Patricia Shaw, Commissioner and Commissioner Michael Weimar. Commissioner Dennis Gronquist was present via speaker phone. Absent: None.

Present for the meeting: Leanne Durfey-Court Administrator, Rena Kennedy-County Clerk and Alcenia Wright-Budget Officer.

Judge Shaw opened the meeting with a discussion on the purchase of a new computer accounting program which took place at the April 20, 2011 regular Court meeting. At this meeting Wright and Kennedy provided a proposal to consider the purchase of Microsoft Dynamics accounting software. Noting the Vadium software now used by both offices will no longer be serviced by ASI, technical support after July 1, 2012. Microsoft Dynamics Software was discussed and ASI provided the proposal in the amount of \$120,852.82 for the purchase of the software including installation and implementation. A motion was made to move forward with the purchase and implementation of Microsoft Dynamics.

There have been changes in the ASI Company including staff that had demonstrated and discussed the software with Wright and Kennedy. From the original motion the Microsoft Dynamics Software had been purchased and installed and approximately \$29,000 has been expended but none of the data has been transferred at this time. Kennedy and Wright are both concerned about moving forward with this software without solid support from trusted professionals. Noting the integration of existing programs (Homestead Rebate, IRIS, assessment) which is outside the comfort level of either Kennedy or Wright.

Commissioner Weimar move to rescind his motion from April 20, 2011 to approve the purchasing/implementation Microsoft Dynamics Software in the 2011-12 fiscal year at a cost up to \$120,852.82. Commissioner Gronquist rescinded his second on the motion.

Discussion occurred on the progress of the matter since the April 20, 2011: ASI has reorganized and some of their staff left and started their own business which is TC Ideas, LLC. Gilliam County has purchased the Microsoft Dynamics Software at a cost of \$29,000 through ASI. It was noted none of Gilliam's data has been entered yet.

There were three proposals for the Court to review:

- Chaves Consulting Inc.-CCI offers GELES financial management software. This software is AS/400 "green screen" program, which stores all files in the CCI

cloud. Project estimate \$19,000, there could be additional services required at a rate of \$40 an hour.

- ASI's proposal is for the migration and implementation of the new, previously purchased Microsoft Dynamics GP 2012 software. Project total as of April 4, 2011 was \$120,852.82. It was noted the Microsoft Dynamics software was purchased through ASI previously, so this total should be less.
- TC Ideas, LLC proposal includes project planning, execution, deployment and optimization of a solution based Microsoft Dynamics GP 2010. Project total \$93,120, at a daily rate of \$960.

Discussion occurred on the longevity of the proposed software and the concerns of staff. It was noted the GELES software is an older program and though it is widely used, it will need to be updated at some point. Microsoft Dynamics is Window-based software which is good, but there could be potential problems creating program for the unique Gilliam accounts. Judge Shaw asked Wright and Kennedy to find entities who use the Chaves Consulting, Inc., then ask if they could visit and discuss the effectiveness of the software.

Wright and Kennedy will need to gather information and present their choice to County Court for approval.

There was no decision on this matter and Commissioner Weimar withdrew his motion to rescind the previous motion from this meeting. Commissioner Gronquist withdrew his second.

It appearing to the Court there was no further business to be conducted at this time, and no additional matters to be considered, Judge Shaw adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia J. Shaw, Judge

By \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

*Recorder: Marla Davies*

