

3-28-2012

Judge Shaw opened the regular Gilliam County Court meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at the Gilliam County Courthouse-Condon, Oregon

County Court Members Present: Judge Patricia Shaw, Commissioner Dennis Gronquist and Commissioner Michael Weimar. Absent: None.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no addition/revisions to the agenda

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660(2)(d)

Judge Shaw declared the meeting to be in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(d) to consider labor negotiations. Marla Davies was excused from the meeting. Separate minutes were taken by Court Administrator and will be on file in the County Clerk office.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660 2(e)

Judge Shaw declared the meeting to be in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 2(e & g) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions & preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce. No decisions were made. Separate minutes were taken and will be filed in the County Clerk office.

IN THE MATTER OF MCCOG COMMUNITY ENERGY RENEWABLE

Mid-Columbia Council of Government-MCCOG representatives John Arens and Bill Fashing and wind energy consultant Tim Svenson reported the following.

MCCOG is moving forward with a renewable energy project possibly partnering Sherman, Hood River, Wasco, Wheeler and Gilliam Counties in a wind project. The counties are being asked to fund a feasibility study.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve \$5,000 for current year and \$20,000 for the next year to finance a feasibility study.

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

<u>Vote:</u>	3-0
Yes:	Judge Shaw, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar
No:	None
Abstained:	None

Absent: None
Motion Passed.

IN THE MATTER OF WASTE MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

District Manager for Waste Management Bill Carr, Director of Operations for Waste Management Paul Burns and Columbia Ridge Manager Kelly Gronquist joined the Court meeting.

Carr reported Columbia Ridge 2011 tonnage at 1,712,755 which is an 8.1% decrease from 2010. Host fee contribution \$2,349,193. Chemical Waste Management had a 29.4% increase in tonnage in 2011.

Burns reported with the increasing fuel prices, there is a potential risk of losing long distance hauls. There is a project in Seattle which will begin in a month which will bring good dirt cover to the site. Boeing will begin a dredging project in the near future.

Carr reported there are 66 FTE and five temporary positions at Columbia Ridge and 53 FTE and five part time positions at Chemical Waste. WM has made donations to 40 local organizations. S4 Energy is still debugging the process, and there are additional ventures in the process which will be reported on as they develop.

Gronquist gave credit to the employees for not having any on the job accidents: Columbia Ridge-9 months/Chemical Waste-14 months. There were 104 new containers purchased to update the rail fleet, and are in the process of being put to work.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT

Judge Shaw reported Gilliam County was applying for a grant through CIS, and the Employee Policy Manual needed amendments to be CIS compliant.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the amendments to make the Gilliam County Employee Personnel Policy Manual CIS compliant.

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Judge Shaw, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE COURT AGREEMENT

Judge Shaw reported the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Arlington and Gilliam County which amends the agreement by extending the term.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Gilliam County and the City of Arlington which amends and extends the Justice Court Agreement between Gilliam County and the City of Arlington from April 17, 2012 through April 17, 2017.

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Judge Shaw, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE FLOORING

Judge Shaw reported the Maintenance Department budgeted \$10,000 to replace the upper level restroom flooring. Discussion followed on expanding the lower level restroom flooring project into the hallway. Matter postponed.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioner Gronquist reported maintenance work was completed at the Shutler Rail Spur. He attended the North Gilliam Health District follow up meeting but had nothing to report.

Judge Shaw reported Kimberly Lindsay conveyed the North Gilliam Health District has indicated they will rent the renovated office space to Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) for \$600 per month. Currently the County pays \$150 monthly for rent plus utilities. Construction should begin within two months. Discussion occurred regarding the increase of rent and it was noted CCS's funding request to Gilliam County will include an increase to cover the rent. It was noted the term was for five years with questions regarding an opt-out option. The Court members would like to review a copy of the lease agreement.

Commissioner Weimar attended the Cottonwood Canyon State Park Education and Interpretive Center planning meeting which was convened by Mike McArthur-AOC and Laura Pryor and held at the Moro library. It was noted he also attended the Planning Commission public hearing regarding Cottonwood Canyon State Park. Commissioner Weimar attended a fire management meeting which had BLM representatives as well as private property owners. There was discussion on the needs and different beliefs of firefighting/management. There was no resolution.

IN THE MATTER OF PORT OF ARLINGTON

Port of Arlington representatives Tim Wetherell and Peter Mitchell reported:

- 2011 budget showed total revenue of \$209,223 which comes from taxes, leases, Marina and RV fees. Total annual operating expenses were \$203,225 leaving \$5,998 net revenue/expense remaining balance. Base operating costs for the Port include \$177,559 personal services, utilities, insurance and audit/legal expenses. The additional \$25,666 is spent on operations of the park, marina and island park.
- Port of Arlington economic development projects from 2010-2012 were submitted to the Court, which showed grants and County fund amounts received. Mitchell added the Port's budget keeps the office doors open, but the Courts support has allowed the twelve projects. (Airbase, Airport, Port Office, Insitsu, Boat Ramp replacement, Grain Terminal, Village Inn, RV Park Electric upgrade, Hanger, Willow Creek Dock/Legal, Radar Base)

Mitchell noted number one financial priority for the Port would be to fix the erosion issue at the grain elevator, this effects entire County. (\$60,000) Second priority would be to secure startup funds for potential wind industry service company. (\$40,000)

Mitchell reported the Condon Airbase industrial properties (not the residential) were purchased by the Port of Arlington Sentry Company to ensure the environmental study and clean up occur.

Commissioner Weimar asked about the Road Department in kind work at the Airbase, and was concerned with the lack of communication between the Roadmaster and the Road Commissioner (Weimar) and invited Mitchell to be communicating with him about Road Department activities. It was noted Roadmaster Dewey Kennedy providing in kind and sitting on the Port of Arlington Board could be a conflict of interest.

Mitchell reported the Port of Arlington was applying for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant to fund a Feasibility Study for a Shutler Industrial Park Food Campus. This project would allow small entrepreneurs to take their food item to scale, including preparation and packaging. This project could potentially add up to thirty employees and the deadline for the grant is March 28, 2012.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the request for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant matching funds in the amount of \$14,000.

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Judge Shaw, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar

No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed.

Wetherell reported the Corps of Engineers has requested the Port of Arlington remove the pilings from the river at the Willow Creek project, and then bill the Corps for the expenses-approximately \$300,000. Due to the continued court battle and the funds already spent on this project the Port feels uncomfortable moving forward with the Corps of Engineers request. The attorneys are not charging additional fees and have agreed to take the matter to a verdict/resolution. Anything done after the decision would require additional attorney fees. Mitchell added the original earmark was written putting responsibility of funds with the Secretary of Army. Representative Walden office has been contacted and will be assisting with the matter.

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

Treasurer Alcenia Wright reported the following:

- County Court: create appropriation for funds from three counties to purchase digital switch to enhance area communication. \$501,375 Frontier Digital Network
- County Sheriff: account for additional revenue unanticipated at budget time. Outline Sheriff's budget to conform to unforeseen expenditures and excess Federal Equity Balance not included in adopted budget. Reduce Operating Contingency \$7,498 move to Federal Equity Sharing Funds, Vehicle Expense and Office Supplies. Retirement PERS reduced \$8,000, moved to Arlington Office Expense.
- Road Department: Increase refunds for Insurance Check. Increase Vehicle Expense to reimburse for expenditures. \$65,038 Refunds/Reimbursements to Vehicle Expense-Parts/Repair.
- Economic Development: Increase the Beginning Fund Balance to accommodate upgrades to the Condon Swimming Pool. \$33,000
- Special Transportation: Increase Revenue Grant unanticipated at budget time. Increase Trans. To General Fund to offset Senior Transportation Dispatch services. \$18,497 Transportation General Fund Administration.
- Commission on Children and Families-CC&F: Conform CC&F Grant Streams to actual amounts, not known at budget time.

- Wind Energy: Appropriate for actual COREA fees under-estimated at budget time. \$14,870 Community Renewable Energy.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to adopt Resolution No. 2012-01 and the Supplemental Budget as presented.

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Judge Shaw, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

IN THE MATTER OF LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Consultant Rob Myers reported to the court:

- First legislative session ended March 6, 2012: passing 133 of the 302 bills, memorials and resolutions introduced. Health Care and Education transformation bills are not rural friendly.
- Transportation issues were not the focus of the 2012 session, though there were several important transportation-related bills.
- HB 4175: Permits some counties to use federal forest payment dollars which have been deposited in county road departments. These funds may be used to backfill law enforcement for road patrolling services.
- HB 5202/State Radio Project: Increases ODOT's federal funds limitation by \$591,920 for six years for construction beginning July 1, 2011.
- SB 1591: Changes in rest area management from ODOT to Travel Information Council-ITC.
- HB 4028: Would have increased Connect Oregon IV by \$10 million, passed House Committee, referred to Ways and Means-no further action was taken.
- SB 5701: Omnibus budget bill which would rebalance the state budget for the 2011-2013 biennium, which may include other budget and program changes to agency budgets.
- HB 4131: requires state agencies with more than 100 employees to identify their current employee/supervisor staffing ratios.

- HB 4165: Governor’s Early Learning Council meant to improve early childhood services in Oregon. Eliminating the State Commission on Children and Families, and establishes common standards, assessments and screening of children.
- SB1559: Reallocation of Emergency Management to allocate funds from Emergency Communications Account to counties and cities for direct distribution to 911 jurisdictions.

Judge Shaw asked for progress on the Rural Internet Project. Myers reported he is finalizing Lonerock tower efficiency and cost. Plan to erect new tower in Roosevelt which will not impact the \$30,000 project cost. RFP will be written mid-April, which should allow completion in this fiscal year.

Commissioner Gronquist encouraged Myers to meet with the Arlington and Condon City Councils to inform him of his work in the county.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter from Mark McElroy and family for memorial gift.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the consent agenda including March 7, 2012 regular Court meeting minutes and March 7, 2012 Executive Session Court minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

<u>Vote:</u>	3-0
Yes:	Judge Shaw, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion Passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEXT COURT MEETING

The next County Court meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2012 in the Gilliam County Courthouse- Condon, Oregon.

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 regular court meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Judge Shaw called the work session to order at 2:30 p.m.

Budget Officer/Treasurer Alcenia Wright joined the meeting.

- Judge Shaw felt the Weed Department grant application should be withdrawn since the applicant is a county department.
- Wright added there was at least an additional \$300,000 in the General Fund which could be added to the Economic Development Fund, raising the total from \$598,705.65 to \$898,705.65. Parks and Recreation funds totaled \$214,072. Both North and South Special Project Funds each have \$41,558.80.
- Wright asked about the (\$200,000) in kind agreement between the County Road Department for the excavation of the Columbia Hills Independent Living facility.
- Discussion occurred on saving funds, not spending all of the funds.
- Park and Recreation items could include the City of Condon, China Creek Golf Course, Arlington Youth Sports, Arlington Saddle Club and Columbia Basin Rodeo. Discussion on reducing City of Condon's by \$35,000 since there could be donated exercise equipment.
- Arlington TV Coop is asking for \$1,523,500 for a fiber optics project. Commissioner Gronquist added they need \$45,000 for engineering.
- Discussion on Columbia Basin High School Rodeo which could be funded between North and South Special Projects. It was noted the equipment was to be used at the Fairgrounds; perhaps Fair Board should purchase equipment.
- Summits Springs did not receive any funding last year. Commissioner Gronquist suggested \$100,000 for this year.
- South Gilliam County Health District \$140,000 for operating funds. The handicap bathroom was taken out at this time.
- Daycares: Commissioner Gronquist asked if the childcare rates were comparable with surrounding areas. Condon Child Care asked for an increase; it was noted the Commission on Children and Families has supported the program in the past. The child cares and preschools were funded with Economic Development funds.
- Rock Creek School House could be fully funded out of North Special Projects; \$4,600.

- Condon School District proposal of \$400,000: \$75,000 tech staff, \$50,000 college classes and the remaining \$325,000 needs to be funded to prevent further staff cuts.
- Pioneer Community Development Corporation-PCDC and the Port of Arlington need more than staff dollars, they need program/operation funds.
- Commissioner Weimar added the need to hold over funds for projects which may come up later in the year.

Community Development Michelle Colby asked the court if there was any additional information needed from applicants. The Court replied there was adequate information on the applications. Judge Shaw will forward the draft of today's activity to Wright and the Commissioners.

Wright asked about a part time employee rate at the library, Judge Shaw will work with Wright on the hourly rate.

There being no further business the work session was closed at 3:45 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Patricia J. Shaw, Judge

By _____

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Marla Davies, Recorder