

**4-18-2012**

Judge Shaw opened the regular Gilliam County Court meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 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 AGENDA

Judge Shaw added the following items to the agenda:

- Columbia Basin High School Rodeo Club grant request
- Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc.-GOBHI meeting
- Weed Department discussion

IN THE MATTER OF COLUMBIA BASIN HIGH SCHOOL RODEO REQUEST

Judge Shaw reported the Columbia Basin High School Rodeo Club attended a Gilliam County Fair Board meeting and requested funds for the arena groomer to be used at the fairgrounds. It was noted the fair board donated \$1,000 and the club has raised an additional \$1,000.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve a \$1,000 grant to the Columbia Basin High School Rodeo Club to purchase the arena groomer. The funds will come from Community Development budget.

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 APPOINTMENT TO WOLF DEPREDATION

Gilliam County Cattleman's Association member Rita Rattray submitted an email stating Nick Welp has agreed to sit on the Wolf Depredation Committee as a neutral person.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to appoint Nick Welp to the Gilliam County Wolf Depredation Committee as a neutral appointee.

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 RESOLUTION 2012-02-ROAD SURPLUS

It was noted Roadmaster Dewey Kennedy submitted the following equipment items to be declared surplus.

- 1964 CAT 12E grader
- 1974 International Transtar truck
- 1977 Ford one-ton chassis
- 1959 Rosco Pneumatic Roller
- 24' Utility dry van
- Allis-Chalmers; 6 cylinder Diesel power unit

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Resolution No.2012-02 declaring the equipment listed above as surplus and to be disposed of by sale at public auction or advertisement of sealed bid.

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 FIRE SERVICES SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Gilliam County Fire Services Coordinator Shannon Coppock reported the following:

- Volunteers are needed: Arlington has 14 on roster, two are structure fire qualified. Four are working on wildland training, and many of the new volunteers are wind industry workers. Condon has 10 on the roster, including Coppock, eight of them are structural and wildland qualified. Working on word of mouth recruitment, but nationally volunteer fire fighting volunteer numbers are down.
- Oregon Trail Fire Training may begin online training for structural training in September. Students could join the training on a scheduled night, but in the event they are unable to attend, the classes would be recorded, so the student

could catch up before the next scheduled class. This also requires five monthly weekend hands-on trainings.

- South Gilliam Fire is in the planning phase to begin a Junior Firefighter program which would allow youth to get training and the youth could assist with other duties at fires but must be 18 years of age to participate in active firefighting.
- March 27, 2012 the South Gilliam County Rural Fire held a meeting with landowners, BLM, Road Department and Commissioner Weimar to discuss how best to manage wildland fires with the varying opinions from landowners. Some want the juniper/sagebrush to burn which can cause some fires to become uncontrollable and spread to property owned by others. It was noted there will be another landowner meeting scheduled to further progress of the matter.
- North RFPD building site is requiring additional work since the donated property is located in the flood plain which has caused a delay in the project. Additional fill for the site will cost \$350,000-\$400,000 elevating the North end of the property up 5'-6'.
- South Gilliam County RFPD is working to exchange property with the City of Condon. Plan to exchange the property owned by the Fire District on Main Street for four acres owned by the City of Condon at the corner of Main and Cottonwood Street. With the additional acreage the new station could provide training and parking areas. Construction will not begin until county funds are received.
- Fire safety house at both Arlington and Condon grade schools. Participated in the Condon High School Career day in March. Students were able to operate the hose and rescue tools and some of the students showed interest in the Junior Firefighter program. Fire extinguisher training has been offered to Summit Springs and AES Wind Farm.
- Applied for two FEMA grants last summer- unsuccessful, these would have provided physicals for volunteer firefighters. Received two safety grants through Special Districts Association of Oregon. Currently looking for funding/grants to replace South Gilliam's brush truck.

Judge Shaw inquired if the Fire Services have been billed for Weed Department services. Coppock recalled paying one invoice for weed services at the North end and reported the billing code was incorrect.

## IN THE MATTER OF CC&F STAFF REPORT

Commission on Children and Families Director Teddy Fennern reported the following:

- Photo of the Gilliam's OYCC crew was included in the State OYCC program booklet
- Assisted with Christmas events in Arlington and Condon.
- Resource Connection intake staff; assisting low income citizens with energy assistance in the winter.
- Cooking Matters Program has started in Condon and is serving eight families. The classes are on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Within a year there will be a class in Arlington.
- The Commission sunset is set for June 30, 2013. ESD Superintendent Mike Carroll has begun discussions with Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman and Grant Commissions about the ESD becoming the accountability hub. Judge Shaw added this will be discussed at the tri-county court meeting in May. It was noted Carroll plans to apply to become an accountability hub pilot program.
- Collaborated with Family Care Resource and Referral and hosted a min-conference for preschool/childcare participants.
- Wrote the Ford Family Leadership program grant for the fairground gate project. The grant was accepted and the paperwork just arrived for signatures. The social capital event will be held on May 5, 2012 at the fairgrounds and will include gate branding and BBQ.
- Hosted Mandatory Reporter training which had 29 participants. There will be another training scheduled in Arlington.
- Planning Complex Trauma training with Kristen Sauers for September 2012 which will be held in Condon. It educates participants how the effects of abuse, trauma and other family issues may cause problems in a child's behavior and learning.
- OYCC grant received: there were no additional OYEI- Oregon Youth Employment Investment funds this year. There will be a second OYCC type program which will be funded through CC&F funds. There will be a crew in Arlington and in Condon.

- Planning for: Kid Quest in collaboration with Library/Condon Child Care and the summer food program to schedule activities.
- Planning Underage Drinking Forum: received a \$500 stipend from SAHMSA which will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>.
- Will attend the Child Abuse and Neglect training in Portland.
- Working with DHS to prepare recognition letters for Foster Care Awareness month (May) to be distributed to local foster parents.
- Other: quarterly reports, database input, RFP process, CC&F and other meetings.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION 2012-03-CAFFA GRANT APPLICATION

Assessor Dave Messenger discussed the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance-CAFFA grant which provides a percentage of reimbursement of expenditures. Total expenditures for CAFFA consideration \$511,876, and historically the Gilliam Assessor office has received 20%-23% in reimbursements.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve County Assessment Function Funding Assistance Grant Resolution No. 2012-03.

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 RESOLUTION 2012-04-SIP ALLOCATION FOR 2012-2013

Judge Shaw reported the SIP Resolution would allocate community service fees for fiscal year 2012-2013 as follows: City of Arlington 25%, City of Condon 25%, County Recreational services 25% and Pennington Fund/Emergency Reserve 25%.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve Resolution No. 2012-04 authorizing expenditures of Gilliam County SIP Community Service fees as follows: : **City of Arlington 25%, City of Condon 25%, County Recreational services 25% and Pennington Fund/Emergency Reserve 25%.**

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

Commissioner Weimar expressed concerns the Bridge Fund was being overlooked, adding need to accommodate wind industry by upgrading bridges. Commissioner

Weimar had concerns Park and Recreation funds being burned up and questioned if Park and Recreation should be a priority for Gilliam County.

Vote: 3-0  
Yes: Judge Shaw, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar  
No: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Passed.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CONSOLIDATED FUNDING CYCLE

Judge Shaw opened the discussion on the allocation of funds as prepared at the last Court meeting. At this time the allocation totals are in the proposed 2012-13 budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the consolidated funding cycle grant application awards as proposed on April 4, 2012.

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 COUNTY COURT MEMBERS REPORTS

Commissioner Gronquist attended the North Central Public Health board meeting telephonically, nothing new to report.

#### IN THE MATTER OF GOBHI CCO DISCUSSION

Judge Shaw reported Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Institution-GOBHI has announced a Town Hall meeting to discuss becoming a Coordinated Care Organization. Meeting scheduled for April 23, 2012 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at the Hotel Condon.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

City of Condon planning commission public hearing scheduled for April 18, 2012 at 6:00 to consider site plan review, historic district review, and parking off street variants requirements for the proposed Gilliam County library.

#### IN THE MATTER OF RISK MANAGEMENT STAFF REPORT

Risk Management Coordinator Terri Carnine was unable to attend the Court meeting. Carnine submitted a Gilliam County Fleet Safety Program handbook for the Court to review. Matter tabled until Carnine was available.

Per Carnine's request Court Administrator Leanne Durfey added there is a Defensive Driving Class scheduled for May 9, 2012. Training will include anyone who operates a Gilliam County vehicle, including Special Transportation volunteers. It was noted there were 22 employees signed up so far for this training.

#### IN THE MATTER OF VETERANS OFFICER QUARTERLY REPORT

Judge Shaw acknowledged the Court had received a third quarter report from Veterans Services Officer Bryan Hunt including: County Activity Report, Composite Activity Report, Enhancement/Expansion Outcomes /Measurements and Quarterly Financial Report.

#### IN THE MATTER OF PILLAR CONSULTING PROJECT UPDATE

Leanne Durfey reported being in contact with Pillar Consultant Inc. Jeff Schott and reported on the following:

- Condon Pool project is on track and scheduled pouring concrete on April 19, 2012. There are no changes at this time.
- Gilliam County Library is holding a Public Hearing tonight to discuss project with City of Condon Planning. Waiting for final planning approval before making any design changes.
- Courthouse Lift project is in the RFP stage. Commissioner Gronquist added he needs to know when the RFP is being distributed as projected in mid-April.

It was noted Schott plans to attend the next Court meeting to give project updates.

#### IN THE MATTER OF WEED SPRAYING

Judge Shaw opened the discussion on Gilliam County property receiving timely weed management services. Maintenance staff Darryl Houghtelling has been treating Gilliam County property and this has caused safety and handling concerns from Weed Department Coordinator Don Farrar. Discussion occurred about the county paying for spray but not paying for labor.

Commissioner Gronquist added the Industrial Park has been treated and looks great.

Commissioner Weimar reported Farrar has concerns regarding the Assessor's office collecting the weed assessment and keeping \$1,500 administration costs on these funds.

Don Farrar will be added to the next agenda.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the Regular court minutes from March 28, 2012 and April 4, 2012 and the Executive Session court minutes from April 4, 2012.

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

Vote: 3-0  
Yes: Judge Shaw, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar  
No: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Passed.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the Executive Session court minutes from December 7, 2011.

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 COLUMBIA HILLS MANOR BUDGET/DISCUSSION

Columbia Hills Manor Board members: Alcenia Wright and Nancy Proctor, Columbia Hills Manor Project Manager Tiah Devin and Architect Mark Rossi joined the Court meeting to discuss the \$240,000 in kind grant match from the County. It was noted the project will require excavating and concrete.

Devin introduced Mark Rossi to the Court: Rossi is the Architect for the eight unit independent living project and the community center project. The location of the two projects is approximately three city blocks which will require a 17% elevation change.

Rossi reported a 10%-20% cost savings if both projects had the base site work completed at the same time. The project will also require retaining walls which are a pre-made unit, but will need additional concrete for installation.



Devin reported the total project cost is \$2.065 million and covers everything but interior furnishings for the common places. Need to interpret which duties the County in-kind match may provide before the bid process begins.

It was noted Roadmaster Dewey Kennedy has put a two week timeline for the initial ground work, with an additional four weeks in the future. Devin will get the projected Road Department costs and tentative start date from Kennedy.

Devin supplied the Court with the Columbia Hills Manor cost summary to review.

#### IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 192.660(2)(f)

Judge Shaw declared the meeting to be in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection. No decisions were made. Separate minutes were taken and will be filed in the office of the County Clerk.

#### IN THE MATTER OF GILLIAM COUNTY BUSINESS LOAN APPLICATION

Bill and Carol Gubser- Loan applicants, Community Development Director Michelle Colby and Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation-GEODC Executive Director Melissa Drugge joined the meeting.

Drugge spoke about the business development loan application received for a loan in the amount of \$165,000 to purchase the Twist and Shake restaurant. She explained the GEODC loan review committee declined the application as it was submitted, noting the applicant projected lower food costs than average and had no additional collateral and asked for 100% financing. Business earnings would not support debt, referencing current business history.

Discussion occurred on Gubser's previous experience in running the Drive-In. Brian Barnett, current Twist and Shake operator, spoke about the upgrades and improvements of the business. Barnett reported the firm price of the business (\$165,000) includes food inventory and other supplies.

A decision was tabled and the Court will hold a special session court meeting on April 25, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. on this matter.

#### IN THE MATTER OF NEXT COURT MEETING

The next regular Court meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held 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 meeting at 3:23 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia Shaw, Judge

By \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

*Marla Davies-Recorder*