

4-4-2012

Judge Shaw opened the regular Gilliam County Court meeting at 10:04 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 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

Judge Shaw had the following additions to the Agenda:

- Oregon Solutions funding request
- Port of Arlington legal fund discussion
- Columbia Basin High School Rodeo funding request
- Courthouse flooring project
- Schedule Tri-County court meeting

IN THE MATTER OF PORT LEGAL FUNDS

Judge Shaw opened the discussion on the remaining attorney fees set aside in the Willow Creek project in the amount of \$149,800. In the previous Court meeting Commissioner Gronquist had asked Port of Arlington representatives Peter Mitchell and Tim Wetherell if there were any additional attorney fees with the Willow Creek project. The conversation relayed the attorneys would be taking this to resolution with no additional costs. Judge Shaw was asked by Treasurer Alcenia Wright if \$149,800 could be transferred into the Economic Development fund.

The court reached a consensus on transferring the Willow Creek Port Legal Fee line amount of \$149,800 to Economic Development.

IN THE MATTER OF EMS COORDINATOR: GRANT SUBMITTAL REQUEST

Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Fitzsimmons supplied a budget for the 2012 emergency management performance grant. This grant pays fifty percent of Fitzsimmons wages and benefits.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant submittal in the amount of \$41,843.

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 OREGON SOLUTIONS FUNDING REQUEST

Judge Shaw reported Oregon Solutions submitted a funding request in the amount of \$4,000 to help pay for Cottonwood State Park planning. She discussed taking the \$4,000 from Project Development in the Community Development budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the Oregon Solutions funding request in the amount of \$4,000 to be paid from the Project Development funds from the Community Development budget to pay for Cottonwood State Park planning.

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 NCPHD: PROJECT PUBLIC HEALTH

North Central Public Health Department Director Teri Thalofer and Safety Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Christie Beachum joined the court meeting.

Thalofer displayed an award NCPHD received for Project Public Health accreditation. This award recognizes NCPHD has met national standards for public health emergency preparedness. There were six Oregon counties which applied for the program, only Washington County and NCPHD were successful in receiving the award. Thalofer added appreciation for Chris Fitzsimmons, Emergency Management Services- EMS Coordinator and the other local EMS coordinators for making this process applicable.

Judge Shaw asked Thalofer for input on the Coordinated Care Organization-CCO process. Thalofer reported the letters of intent-LOI were due April 2, 2012, and she was unsure how many entities had filed LOI. It was noted Kevin Campbell, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc.-GOBHI which at this time oversees mental health services in the area was moving forward with the CCO process. There has been discussion the CCO area could include 18-19 Eastern Counties. It was noted Campbell has also been contacted by some coastal counties about including them in the CCO. CCO's will

initially cover Medicaid patients in this pilot project. In the event this CCO Medicaid pilot is successful the Governor has plans to blend the Public Employees Benefit and the Oregon Educational Benefit. (Medicaid, PEB, OEB are all state purchased programs) Thalofer added there could be significant savings for NORCOR if the CCO was in place. There are a substantial number of inmates requiring mental health medications and currently the expense has to be covered by NORCOR. If the CCO was in place, inmates Medicaid coverage could be medication and treatment costs.

It was noted Kevin Campbell should be invited to the Tri-County Court meeting on May.

Thalofer added she would check the Oregon Health Authority website to find out which entities applied for our local area CCO.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2012-02 SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

Tabled- next meeting

IN THE MATTER OF PICTOMETRY IGA WITH STATE OF OREGON

Judge Shaw reported this matter came before the Court and was approved several months ago. The Intergovernmental Agreement for pictometry imagery between the State of Oregon, Department of Administrative Services and Gilliam County has been submitted for the Court's signature. Consensus to sign the IGA.

IN THE MATTER OF CONDON INTERNATIONAL FUND

Judge Shaw reported removing the Condon International funding request from the consolidated funding cycle. Their request of \$1,000 could be paid from the County Youth Activities line from County Court budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve \$1,000 County Youth Activity fund for the Condon International Fund.

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 COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Judge Shaw opened the discussion on the funding request from the Columbia Basin High School Rodeo-CBHSR in the amount of \$2,885. Gilliam County Fairboard member Chris Fitzsimmons joined the meeting and explained the entity has never

contacted the Fairboard about paying for the equipment. The youth have raised \$1,000 towards the purchase of the equipment. The funding request was postponed until the CBHSR meets with the Fairboard to discuss funding.

IN THE MATTER OF TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTY

Judge Shaw opened the discussion on use of the former Fox property and reported needing to get a value of the property. It was noted the property could be used for additional Courthouse parking or sold to a potential home builder. No action was taken on the property.

Sheriff Gary Bettencourt suggested having the County vehicles park on the North and South side of the Courthouse. This would provide parking for citizens, especially on court and DMV days.

IN THE MATTER OF ROB MYERS CONTRACT RENEWAL

Judge Shaw reported Robert E. Myers & Associates personal services contract will be automatically renewed on July 1, 2012. Discussion on the history of Myers duties, and the recent additional duties assigned to the Rural Internet project. Currently the contract is for \$1,000 monthly, totaling \$12,000 annually.

Myers will be invited to a County Court in May to discuss the contract and duties.

IN THE MATTER OF ELEVATOR UPDATE

Jan Moffit asked the Court for an updated timeline on the elevator project. It was noted the bid proposals will be sent out in mid-April, which will not allow for the completion of the project by June 30, 2012.

Commissioner Gronquist will contact Jeff Schott and get timeline.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 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 WILDLIFE SERVICES

Wildlife Services District Director Patrick Smith and Wildlife Specialist Bob Thomas reported the following.

- Smith reported he has been on the job for six months, and relocated from Arkansas.
- Thomas recently had shoulder surgery and is currently unable to operate a four-wheeler. Thomas' father and the Wheeler County Wildlife Services Specialist have been volunteering to assist Thomas with his duties.
- Thomas said he received two cougar calls last weekend.
- Thomas will be involved with problem wolves as applicable and will work directly with USFW Gary Miller since the wolves are federally protected.

When asked how often the Court would like to Thomas to report it was consensus to request annual reports.

IN THE MATTER OF TRI-COUNTY COURT

Judge Shaw reported the tentative date for the Tri-County Court meeting will be held on May 9, 2012. Coordinated Care Organizations and Early Learning Council initiatives will be on the agenda.

IN THE MATTER COUNTY COURT MEMBERS

None

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE FLOORING

Judge Shaw asked the Commissioners to go downstairs to look at the lower level flooring so she can explain a project she is proposing.

IN THE MATTER OF WOLF DEPREDATION COMMITTEE

Cattleman's Association Representatives Johnny Wayne Johnson and Rita Rattray joined the Court.

Johnson reported the Wolf Depredation Law protects the wolves from harm, with Federal protection. Wolf kill compensation options are available to farmers using non-lethal guidelines set forth by the ODFW. Non-lethal measures include: removing and burying of carcass, clean up boneyard, overall herd body score documentation, well-timed tagging and weighing of calves. It was noted just having wolves in vicinity of the herd may cause weight loss in cows and calves birth weight.

There are eight counties which are forming wolf committees including: Wallowa, Baker, Union, Umatilla, Grant and Crook. ODFW will determine if there is a wolf kill, the wolf committee will then determine value of loss, and if this farmer was using non-lethal

measures. HB4095 allows a farmer a \$37,500 tax credit, but must be a determined wolf kill.

The County Wolf Depredation Committee by statute must have five members which include two livestock representatives, County representation and two wolf neutral members. When this committee is appointed, it will be their task to appoint two business members. The Court encouraged Johnson and Rattray to find North Gilliam representation.

Commissioner Weimar asked if this committee would be in charge of funds dispersal in the event of a wolf kill. Rattray answered any disbursement of funds would run through the committee.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to appoint Livestock Representatives Alan Anderson and Tom Campbell. County Representative Commissioner Michael Weimar and Wolf Neutral Representative Jay LaRue to the Gilliam County Wolf Depredation Committee.

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

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

It was noted there has to be one more wolf neutral member. Johnson and Rattray were advised to contact Court Administrator Leanne Durfey when they found the representative. The matter would be added to the Court agenda for appointment.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the Consent agenda including: March 29, 2012 Executive Session minutes (1&2), March 2012 claims pending review and Gilliam County Weed Control Assessment Authorization to Assessor.

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 CONSOLIDATED FUNDING CYCLE APPLICATIONS

- Judge Shaw asked Treasurer Alcenia Wright is there were any adjustments to the Economic Development funds. Wright reported an additional \$483,098 bringing the total for Economic Development to \$1,381,803.65. These dollars came from the beginning fund balances, and are available due to increased tax revenues.
- Judge Shaw reported Condon International Club was removed from the consolidated funding cycle. The \$1,000 was funded through the County Court Youth Activities line item and approved earlier today in the meeting.
- Funds available for the consolidated funding process are as follows: Both North and South Special Projects-\$41,558.80, Economic Development- \$1,381,803.65, Parks and Recreation-\$241,000 and State Lottery-\$50,000.
- Discussion occurred projects may not be funded in the full amount requested. The amounts requested are listed below.
- Commissioner Gronquist was imperative on the matter of Pioneer Community Development Corporation-PCDC and the Port of Arlington receives enough funding to move forward on projects, not just staffing dollars.
- Port of Arlington/Economic Development -Peter Mitchell added the importance of fiber optics submitted by the Arlington TV Coop, bringing unsurpassed internet speed and capabilities.

Applicant	Project	Request for funds
City of Condon	park and recreation dept. operations	\$155,500.00
City of Condon	pool robotic vacuum, portable stairs and re-plumb showers	\$10,000.00
Condon Chamber of Commerce	operations	\$16,000.00
Condon Child Care	operations	\$111,525.00
Condon Dollars for Scholars	local scholarships and endowment	\$11,000.00
Condon International Club	6 students to travel to Costa Rica	\$1,000.00
Condon School District 25J	operations/technology/college credit	\$400,000.00
Condon Western Events Association	Condon NPRA in August & support high school rodeo during fair	\$17,000.00

Gilliam County Historical Society	projects and operations	\$43,000.00
South Gilliam County Health District	handicap bathroom and lab renovation projects	\$75,000.00
South Gilliam County Health District	operations	\$187,000.00
Summit Springs Village Corp.	memory care facility debt retirement and operations	\$200,000.00
Gilliam County Cultural Coalition	expand program	\$4,000.00
Columbia Basin High School Rodeo Club	equipment- arena groomer	\$2,885.00
SAFE (Suicide Awareness for Everyone)	programs and operations	\$2,000.00
Arlington Community Chamber of Commerce	2012 chamber events & other projects	\$6,700.00
Arlington School District No. 3	college credit/technology upgrades/professional and technical education Center	\$200,000.00
Arlington Community Schools	Community group fitness operations	\$35,000.00
Arlington Child Care -- LATE		\$55,000.00
Arlington Saddle Club	2012 Jackpot Rodeo operations	\$12,000.00
City of Arlington	Arlington Mesa Industrial Park - RV park improvements- add water/sewer	\$50,000.00
City of Arlington	China Creek Golf Course bond payment and equipment repairs	\$75,000.00
Rock Creek Community Center	furnace	\$4,600.00
Arlington TV Coop	extend fiber optic cable through entire City of Arlington	\$1,523,500.00
Arlington Youth Sports	Little League field improvements-fencing	\$16,000.00
Arlington Community Preschool	operations	\$28,000.00
Port of Arlington	project support	\$314,000.00

Pioneer Community Development Corp.	programs and operations	\$290,000.00
Gilliam County Fire Services Coordinator	operations	\$50,000.00
	TOTALS	\$3,895,710.00

Commissioner Weimar commented on the amount of dollars being proposed for education of local students. Adding how important it was to look at community benefits when allocating funds.

It was noted there are five major projects County Court dedicated funds to which are large economic development projects.

Lengthy discussion was held as the list of requests. Judge Shaw prepared a draft excel sheet which was shown on a projector and the Court worked through the list of requests and developed funding suggestions. Judge Shaw will send the draft spreadsheet to Budget Officer/Treasurer Alcenia Wright for budget preparation.

IN THE MATTER OF COURTHOUSE FLOORING-CONTINUED

Judge Shaw reported Cottage Construction Inc. had submitted a proposal which included installation projects for: Conference Rooms A&B-\$9,738; Downstairs Hall Floors-\$9,725 (It was assumed the estimate would be the same for the upstairs hall floors, but nothing was written in the proposal) and Rear Entry Floor-\$3,158. Estimate includes labor, tile, thinset, grout, adhesive and the removal of existing flooring. Total proposal \$22,621.

Discussion on the removal of the door frame at the lower level. Consensus was to get an estimate for the door frame removal and come back before the Court.

IN THE MATTER OF LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

MOTION: Judge Shaw moved to approve:

- Court created salary step schedule which was presented to the Union, including the scale consolidation to ten years, increasing the Crusher Supervisor to 75% instead of 70%.
- Minimum 2%/Maximum 3%: cost of living allowance-COLA for the next three years of the contract.
- Final offer

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 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

Next Court meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 18, 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 2:30 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Patricia J. Shaw, Judge

By _____

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Recorder: Marla Davies