

9-19-2012

Judge Shaw opened the Gilliam County Court Economic Enhancement Fund Ordinance Work Session at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at the Gilliam County Courthouse-Condon, Oregon.

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

Judge Shaw suggested the following changes:

- Reduce Law Enforcement Fund, capped at \$300,000 from 2.5% to 1%. Noting the fund is at \$300,000 so any contribution made is returned to Economic Development Fund.

Take the 1.5% reduction and put it towards the Homestead Tax Rebate Fund. Reportedly this fund is being depleted causing the need of a withdrawal from Rebate Endowment Fund to cover rebate costs. Withdrawals can be done for this purpose but require a service fee.

Commissioner Weimar opened a discussion regarding the language of the existing Ordinance and process of moving funds. Judge Shaw noted the original distribution rationale was removed from Ordinance in 1999-2004. She asked the Commissioners to consider reestablishing rationale for fund distribution.

Commissioner Weimar is concerned the County Bridge Fund is inadequately funded. Discussion on possibly moving SIP funds to build fund.

Commissioner Weimar stated Capital Projects fund capped at \$500,000, concerned the cost of constructing a building would exceed capped amount.

Commissioner Weimar asked about the Perpetual Fund purpose.

Judge Shaw went through rationale language:

- City of Arlington- ok
- City of Condon- ok
- City of Lonerock- ok
- General Fund- ok
- Unincorporated Area Fund- remove
- Transition Fund- established by ORS-ok
- Homestead Rebate Fund- update from original 14.7% to 11.5%: additional language/example needed
- Rebate Endowment Fund- Good history
- Business Development Revolving Loan Fund- Name change: remove small/revolving. Cap amount change from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

Discussion on uses of loan: language change will offer flexibility while providing gap funding rationale

- Special Projects Fund- Remove two mile language input North/South County. Language changes should coincide with application for funds. Percentage will be changed from 5.15% to 1.75%.
- Development Staff Fund- rename economic development, add language.
- Law Enforcement Fund- Remove first two sentences-out dated. Rationale language is good, states purpose of fund expenditure.
- County Capital Projects Fund- remove first two sentences: Shutler Industrial Park/Fairground properties have been added. Remove 2001 from capping sentence.
- County Bridge Fund-no additions
- Perpetual Fund- Name change: capped changed from \$200,000 to \$500,000. Fund receiving 3% to pay debt from IBR building/property.

Court Administrator Leanne Durfey will work on language on above items and bring draft back for review and discussion.

IN THE MATTER OF NEXT MEETING

Next Work Session for Economic Enhancement Fund Ordinance meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 1:30 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 10:30 a.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Patricia Shaw, Judge

By _____

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Marla Davies-Recorder