

**9-5-2012**

Judge Shaw opened the regular County Court meeting at 10:08 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at the Gilliam County Courthouse-Condon, Oregon.

Commissioners Present: Judge Patricia Shaw and Commissioner Dennis Gronquist.  
Absent: Commissioner Michael Weimar.

#### IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Future plans for old Library building
- Arlington Ambulance Service
- Add August bills pending review to Consent Agenda
- Tri-County Court meeting schedule

#### IN THE MATTER OF CONDON GRADE SCHOOL VISITORS

Condon School Teacher Joe Colby and the Condon Grade School third and fourth grade students were present for Court, the class is studying government.

Judge Shaw reported on County Court duties and provided students with a document showing services provided by local and state governments. The students had some questions for the Court members ranging from personal time and Court related duties.

#### IN THE MATTER OF BURNS PARK RV FEE DISCUSSION

Maintenance Darryl Houghtelling reported on RV rates with regards to a letter of concern received from Condon RV Park owner Randy Rogers. Rogers is concerned with competition for RV consumers, and asked the Court to review and raise rates for Burns Park. Rogers submitted his rate change recommendations to the Court as follows: \$30 daily, \$140 weekly, \$350 monthly and \$15 nightly per tent. Houghtelling recommended the daily rate increase from \$18 to \$20 and monthly rate from \$325 to \$350 and abolish the half price winter rates.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve raising the Burns Park rental rates to equal the Condon RV Park rates.

SECOND: None.

Discussion on the two recommendations. It was noted signage for the Condon RV Park could be placed at Burns Park to advertise optional RV parking available.

MOTION: Judge Shaw moved to approve Houghtelling recommendations increasing daily rate to \$20, monthly rate to \$350 and abolish the half price winter rate.

SECOND: None.

Further discussion occurred with no decisions made.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CONDON SWIMMING POOL UPDATE

City of Condon Administrator Kathryn Greiner thanked the Court for the financial support and reported revenue from swimming pool operation was comparable with last year's revenue. The cost of pool admission was much lower this year resulting in increased use and the purchase of fifty membership passes. There were 100 kids on the Fourth of July, and about sixty Gilliam County children attended swimming lessons which were paid by the County Court.

Greiner added there are maintenance issues to be resolved before next summer's operation. The pool underwent several improvements this year but there were other components which were not updated. There is a filter problem, which may be curtailed with sand replacement. The pool needs to be resurfaced: noting it was repainted for this year's season, but the materials used did not work as expected. An ADA lift needs to be purchased a portable unit is preferred to accommodate limited space on the pool deck.

Anticipated cost for repairs and additions is \$60,000, and there is approximately a \$3,200 balance in the 2012 County Court \$50,000 allocation for Swimming Pool operation. Greiner added if the revenue of the pool is consistent with last year's receipts, there is a potential to have an additional \$10,000 balance from the 2013 County Court allocation for pool operation. Greiner asked the Court if funds were available in the Park and Recreational Services Fund for the remaining improvements Judge Shaw reported funds were not available at this time but could possibly be after taxes were received in November.

The City of Condon will have a Main Street Open House to showcase the Condon Main Street Project on September 20, 2012. There will be sidewalk sales and some businesses will provide refreshments. Further information will be forthcoming with press releases in The Times-Journal.

City of Condon received a Oregon State Parks Grant to install an irrigation system in City Park. The contractor has been selected and the project will be done in October 2012.

#### IN THE MATTER OF OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

Commissioner Gronquist reported he was approached regarding the future plans of the existing Library building located on Main Street. City of Condon Kathryn Greiner added interest in using the building for a fitness center in cooperation with the local Parks and

Recreation program. It was noted the floors in the building may not support exercise equipment.

Greiner added the City of Condon is planning to apply for a Business Oregon grant to fund an estimate study on clean-up and demolition of vacant main street property. Commissioner Gronquist suggested she find out what the disposal cost is, noting the possibility of taking hazardous waste to Chem Waste.

#### IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC ENHANCEMENT FUND ORDINANCE REVIEW

Judge Shaw asked that the Court hold a special work session during an October County Court meeting to discuss the Economic Enhancement Host Fee Ordinance. It was noted the public hearing previously scheduled for October 3, 2012 will be moved to November 7, 2012 in Condon and November 21, 2012 in Arlington. Item tabled.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the consent agenda including August 2012 bills pending review and the regular County Court meeting minutes for August 15, 2012

SECOND: Judge Shaw.

<u>Vote</u> :	2-0
Yes:	Judge Shaw and Commissioner Gronquist
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Weimar

Motion Passed.

#### IN THE MATTER OF NORCOR FUNDING FORMULA

Judge Shaw reported the updated funding formula for NORCOR has been drafted and sent to the four counties which fund NORCOR operations for approval. It was noted during mediation Wasco County reportedly has additional costs since the facility is in their County and is asking for a reduction in their percentage. This causes an increase in the three other counties contribution.

Commissioner Gronquist stated NORCOR was originally established by the four counties who agreed to fund the facility. The original agreement was accepted and counties should not have to subsidize the funding if a county chooses to change procedure by reducing their inmate use. Commissioner Gronquist does not support mediation or additional funding formula allocations.  
Item postponed.

#### IN THE MATTER OF JURY ROOM CHAIRS PURCHASE

Judge Shaw reported the interim Circuit Court Clerk has concerns about existing furniture causing overcrowding in the jury/court room. Sheriff Bettencourt has provided input to support the overcrowding issue and has concerns on courtroom security.

Judge Crowley has approved the purchase of two smaller plaintiff/defendant tables from the Court Security funds. Judge Shaw request approval to purchase armless stacking chairs for the jury/court room which will be more appropriate for the space.

Consensus to purchase stackable chairs with County funds.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CASA MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Judge Shaw reported CASA Director Amy Nation had submitted a Memorandum of Agreement between the newly formed Oregon CASA Network and the local CASA program.

MOTION: Judge Shaw moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Oregon CASA Network and Gilliam County Local CASA Program for the July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012 term.

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

Vote: 2-0  
Yes: Judge Shaw and Commissioner Gronquist  
No: None  
Abstained: None  
Absent: Commissioner Weimar  
Motion Passed.

#### IN THE MATTER OF GRAIN LAB PROTEIN TESTER

Judge Shaw reported Grain Lab Director Nathan Hammer contacted her regarding the Protein Analysis Tester which quit working during harvest. Hammer is requesting \$8,700 for repair and shipping cost of the equipment. Commissioner Gronquist asked for how much the Grain Lab earns annually.

Consensus to approve repair cost.

#### IN THE MATTER OF ARLINGTON AMBULANCE SERVICE

Judge Shaw reported a phone contact from Arlington resident Julius Courtney regarding the Arlington Ambulance Service. Emergency Coordinator Richard Herrmann who was hired a few months ago to provide operational services to the local group of volunteers has resigned. Courtney has reviewed the ambulance plan and feels the program has the guidelines to be successful; the plan just needs to be implemented and followed. Courtney is willing to provide coordinator services and request the County Court meet with all the parties including volunteers, fire district. At this time there is not an

Ambulance Board, and it was agreed there should be communication between all parties.

#### IN THE MATTER OF RURAL WIRELESS TOWER RELOCATION

TDS representative Gail appeared telephonically.

Rural Internet project manager Rob Myers reported the original tower placement was to be at the Mikkalo Grain Elevator. After closer review there was property owned by Ernie Barnett which would provide better coverage for the county. This tower relocation will cost an additional \$9,000 to install electricity to the site. Barnett has agreed to dig the .2 mile ditch at no cost. This tower also provides additional coverage which will enhance public safety. The Sheriff's Department will be able to access service with iPad technology instead of the costly laptops used now, saving an estimated half million dollars in the Sheriff's budget.

MOTION: Judge Shaw moved to approve spending up to \$10,000 out of Capital Projects for electricity installation to provide tower relocation from the Mikkalo site to Barnett property.

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

<u>Vote</u> :	2-0
Yes:	Judge Shaw and Commissioner Gronquist
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	Commissioner Weimar

Motion Passed.

#### IN THE MATTER OF TRI COUNTY COURT

Judge Shaw reported the next Tri-County Court meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2012 in Moro. Commissioner Gronquist reported he will be on vacation and unable to attend.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Judge Shaw reported the Court had received:

- Thank you from Conley/Fitzsimmons family for flowers, card and continued support.
- Letter of thanks for funding from the Arlington Public Library.

#### IN THE MATTER OF BLALOCK CANYON HISTORICAL MARKER CONTRIBUTION

Judge Shaw opened the discussion on the Blalock Canyon Historic Marker project. It was noted the Special Project grant application would exclude this project since the application states entities eligible must be within Gilliam County.

The project has a cost of \$10,000 and ODOT has agreed to install and take ownership of the historic marker upon completion. It was noted additional information was needed including: picture of project, maintenance of marker and will there be any additional fees in the future.

There is a Blalock Canyon Historic Marker fund set up to receive donations. No decisions were made.

#### IN THE MATTER OF PORT OF ARLINGTON QUARTERLY REPORT

Port of Arlington Economic Development Officer Peter Mitchell reported the following:

- Thanks to Planner Susie Anderson and County Court for applying and receiving the updated Enterprise Zone, a useful tool for business recruitment.
- Introduced Arlington Mesa Industrial Park at a conference attended by data center industry leaders in San Francisco, CA. It was noted the size and acreage availability at Mesa makes prospects encouraging. At this time there is a power study being done, anticipating 250 megawatt power capability at Mesa. It was noted most data centers take up about 25 acres and anticipate growth to store data.
- Windwave will be providing conduit for fiber to accompany the water/sewer pipe installation. Integra another fiber optic company has been contacted to prepare installation of fiber to Mesa. Data Centers require redundant fiber connections.
- Water/sewer bid is being advertised. Bid will be awarded on September 27, 2012 with construction to begin November 2012 through May/June 2013.
- Insitu building to be completed by end of September. Ribbon cutting/open house will be held in October.
- Osprey V-22 vertical take-off transport planes were providing Marine training around the skies of Arlington over the last two weeks.
- Radar Base bids have been submitted and Environmental Sentry Corporation Board will award the clean-up bid on September 11, 2012. The project received a \$220,000 grant from Oregon's Brownsville.

- Shutler Station is undergoing the Food Campus feasibility study awarded to Whiteboard Consulting groups. Project consultants have met with Grain Lab Director Nathan Hammer to discuss the labs capabilities.
- Island Park received notification the Section 10 joint permit application for slope erosion repair/restoration at the Arlington grain elevator will receive approval September 27, 2012.
- Marina reports substantial boater usage with the new boat ramp. Gangway replacement project, dock upgrades and fuel dock permit has been submitted to the Corps' Realty Division and Permit Division for approval. Working with Marine Board on fuel dock designs. This would provide non-ethanol fuel and diesel dispensers, and would be the only fuel dock between The Dalles and Umatilla.
- Willow Creek project: The case continues to be ongoing with no outcome to report at this time.
- Attended Pictometry training hosted by Assessor Dave Messenger. Pictometry is an impressive program and provides numerous potential applications.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COURT MEMBER REPORTS

None

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular County Court meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gilliam County Courthouse, Condon, OR.

It appearing to the Court there were no further business to be conducted at this time, and no additional matters to be considered, Judge Shaw adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia J. Shaw, Judge

By \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By Absent \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

*Recorder: Marla Davies*