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Judge Shaw opened the regular Gilliam County Court meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at the Arlington City Hall Council Chambers- Arlington, Oregon.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Judge Shaw added a possible need for an Executive Session to discuss employee negotiations.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING-WEED CONTROL ASSESSMENT

This being the time and place advertised Judge Shaw opened public hearing stating the purpose of the public hearing is to receive testimony regarding the Weed Control Assessment. Weed Control Officer Don Farrar was present for the public hearing.

Farrar reported the Weed Assessment was set at \$.05 per acre in 1993. At this time the revenue from this fee is approximately \$35,000, which is only covering about half of the private property services, currently \$70,000 per year. The County Court has voted to raise the Weed Assessment fee to \$.07 (\$.02 increase) per acre to support the private property services.

Dick Krebs, North Gilliam landowner, testified in support of the increase stating the importance of weed control.

There being no further public comment Judge Shaw closed the public hearing at 10:03 a.m.

IN THE MATTER ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM

Arlington School Representative Beth Burton and Arlington High School students Junior Katie Scott and Senior Lexie Chase reported on the Arlington Early College Program.

Burton reported the partnership between Columbia Gorge Community College-CGCC and Arlington School District program funded by the County Court has been successful with 6-7 students in the program. The pilot program is at the one year mark and there have been modifications to enhance opportunities for success. Students in the program are able to satisfy the prerequisites and meet the freshman requirements when entering college.

In the beginning students could earn up to twelve credits a year, now a student may earn up to 56 credits in a year. Other changes include providing students with laptops allowing the students a 24/7 time management tool, instead of the regular eight hour

school day. Every three weeks students have face to face sessions in Condon or on the CGCC campus in The Dalles.

Some of the work may be counted for high school credit along with the college credit.

The students reported on learning responsibility and are happy they are doing something to offset the high cost of a college education.

Students and their families may save \$20,933-\$41,886 on the future cost of their college education by participating in the Early College Program which is free to students.

IN THE MATTER OF TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Treasurer Alcenia Wright presented the Budget Calendar for review.

Discussion took place, it was agreed to move the regular County Court meeting scheduled for March 21, 2012 to March 28, 2012 including a 2:30 p.m. budget work session.

Wright reported the Industrial Park leases are current. Commissioner Weimar commented the revenue summary was unclear regarding the balance due. The revolving loan fund has two accounts delinquent and two accounts current.

Wright reported frustration with the lack of communication from GEODC in the matter of Gilliam County loan funds. The budget office has not received any communication since August 2011.

Discussion on the shortage of projected SIP funds committed to five projects in Gilliam County including: South Gilliam County Fire Department-building, City of Arlington-infrastructure, City of Condon-infrastructure, City of Lonerock-water tank and Columbia Hills Manor-senior facility. The projected SIP funds were short due to the Montague wind project not being developed when as expected. It was noted the entities listed above should receive notification that funds may be less than expected this year. All entities were aware the allocations were contingent on incoming funds. Judge Shaw, Alcenia Wright and Assessor Dave Messenger will create a spreadsheet with the incoming revenue projections and the information will be provided to the Commissioners. The discussion was tabled until the March 7 meeting. Judge Shaw opened the discussion concerning fixed asset purchases noting the auditor suggested a specific form accompany fixed asset purchase. He recommended this as a process to ensure the county captures fixed asset purchases suggesting if the form is not attached to invoices for purchases over \$5,000 the invoices should not be paid until the purchasing department provides the form with the necessary information filled in. Wright reported an accounts payable form will be sent to department heads along with their budgets informing them to add their fixed asset purchase at budget time. Items

purchased in the past year also could be documented at budget time to allow tracking of fixed assets. Wright added if the departments do not provide a fixed asset inventory list, she will not accept their budget.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY COUNSELING SOLUTIONS

Community Counseling Solutions Director Kimberly Lindsay and Business Office Manager Shannon Boor joined the Court meeting.

Lindsay reported CCS is building a three year business plan and the process involved all of the managers. The plan includes mission statement, code of ethics, strategic objectives, operations/training manuals, promoting services and internal communication.

In response to a question Lindsay said a Rural Health Care Center may provide primary care with mental health care as an option. There are federal dollars attached to this designation, which may provide the service provider with increased reimbursement.

Suicide Awareness for Everyone (SAFE) will be partnering with CCS to bring a mental health first aid class to Gilliam County.

Discussion on Coordinated Care Organizations-CCO working together with local providers to bring all aspects of care (mental health, vision, dental, medical) into a silo system to minimize administrative costs. Currently the dollars may come through multi-administrative agents, each taking a percentage for administrative costs. (4%-40% estimated administrative costs) CCO's would contract with service providers and all of the funds would go through one administrative agent, thus saving dollars. The plan is for a pilot CCO program to begin on July 1, 2012. Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. - GOBHI may become a CCO, noting the board would need to expand to bring in dental, vision and primary care stakeholders. There would also be bylaw changes necessary.

In regards to the current Arlington office which is going to be remodeled, Lindsay reported she met with Arlington Medical Center Office Manager Carmen Gronquist and they discussed relocating the CCS office space at the center. The Center is waiting for the construction plans at this time but this appears to be a workable solution. Discussion followed on the cost/term at the clinic and also noted a possibility of office space availability at the Senior Center.

Lindsay also reported that CCS participated in the one hundred best nonprofit organizations, which is driven by employees, and there must be at least 50% employee participation. CCS is ranked 17 in the state for large nonprofit (50 or more employees)

group. The employees rank the non-profits in trust, management, benefits and customer satisfaction.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MEETING-COLUMBIA RIDGE

This being the time and place advertised Judge Shaw opened public hearing stating the purpose of the public hearing is to receive testimony regarding Columbia Ridge Landfill Conditional Use Permit.

Present for the hearing were Waste Management representatives: Bill Carr, Sam Jiries, Dan Burns, Gary Fisher and Kelly Gronquist. Also present were Peter Mitchell Port of Arlington and Jeff Bufton Mayor of Arlington.

Gilliam County Planner Susie Anderson reported Columbia Ridge Landfill and Recycle Center is in compliance with both Gilliam County and DEQ requirements.

Updates to the Conditional Use Permit include:

- Deletion of vacuum truck: Landfill has a litter fence and other prevention items. Anderson and Jiries have been working on language for the Citizen Advisory Committee on an ordinance regarding covered waste being transported to landfill. Legal Counsel and Law Enforcement have been advised regarding the litter problem.
- Additional item accommodating the use of water in a previously permitted dry landfill.
- Addition of S4 Energy project which was authorized by the County and DEQ in 2010. If S4 Energy increases its waste use to over 25 tons daily, Waste Management will come back before the County Court.

All participants agreed the process was satisfactory and the language was consistent. There being no further public comment Judge Shaw closed the public hearing at 1:18 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the final Conditional Use Permit Order No. 2012-01

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 RIDGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bill Carr District Manager for Columbia Ridge Landfill asked that Kelly Gronquist be appointed to the Columbia Ridge Landfill Citizens Advisory Committee.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to appoint Kelly Gronquist to the Columbia Ridge Landfill Citizens Advisory Committee to fill the employee of the permittee position.

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 PLANNING STAFF REPORT

Planner Susie Anderson reported the following:

- Conditional Use Permit for Cottonwood Canyon State Park for Oregon State Parks and Recreation: Public Hearing set for March 22, 2012.
- Conditional Use Permit for installation of tower near Arlington to enhance the public safety network for Klickitat County Washington: pre-application process.
- Zoning Permit for Temporary Met Tower placement for potential expansion of wind energy facility for AES Windpower: application not received yet.
- Zoning Permit/Conditional Use Permit for expansion/co-location of antennae on existing tower near Arlington for Riverguard: application not received.
- Zoning Permit/Conditional Use Permit for potential catering business for Rod McGuire: application not received.
- Property Line Adjustment for Claudia Jacobs and Gary Hiatt: in progress
- Property Line Adjustment for S. Newell: pre-application process.

Other tasks: Beginning Enterprise Zone renewal application, 2011 Farm and Forest reports, 2011 Opportunity to Recycle report, Review Exhibit K (Land Use) for Cascade Crossing, Prepare Nuisance Ordinance including uncovered loads to landfill/transfer station, Review Baseline Wind EFSC Site Certification application and Strategic health

Impact on Wind Energy Development in Oregon and finishing up the Planning Department procedures manual.

IN THE MATTER OF CITY OF ARLINGTON

Mayor of Arlington Jeff Bufton reported the following:

- City of Arlington has been working with the Port of Arlington to expand the Mesa Industrial Park which is the state certification process.
- Moving forward on the existing grant permit (1969) which allows the City of Arlington to take water from the Columbia River, plan to upgrade the grant permit to Municipal Water Rights.
- Arlington Clinic is connecting to the Fiber Optics from Rhea Road to upgrade the computer connectivity services at the Clinic. Making this service an option to potential businesses in Arlington.
- Working with Susie Anderson on the Enterprise Zone.

Bufton asked about the availability/timeline of the SIP dollars allocated for Arlington Infrastructure. City of Arlington is in the process of preparing bid packets and has been in contact with Roadmaster Dewey Kennedy to begin scheduling the job. Judge Shaw explained when the funds were projected, Montague Wind Project was included but it has not been developed so the projections will be less than originally anticipated. The funding discussion will be on the March 7 agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the consent agenda including the February 1, 2012 regular County Court minutes and executive session minutes.

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 CONDON SCHOOL FUNDING REQUEST

Judge Shaw brought up the Condon School funding request presented at the last Court meeting. Discussion occurred on the availability of funds and the upcoming

consolidated funding cycle. It was noted Condon School District should apply and all requests will be reviewed on March 28, 2012.

IN THE MATTER OF OSTER PROFESSIONAL GROUP

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve Oster Professional Group audit contract for year ending June 30, 2012 and engagement letters for Gilliam County and Gilliam County Fair Board.

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 COURTHOUSE PLATFORM LIFT REPLACEMENT

The Court reviewed proposal submitted by Jeff Schott of Pillar Consulting Group for project management services and structural engineering services associated with the replacement of the existing platform lift at the Gilliam County Courthouse.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the Pillar Consulting Group, Inc. proposal of \$9,250 for project management and structural engineering services associated with the replacement of the platform lift.

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 WEST RAIL INSPECTION UPDATE

Commissioner Gronquist reported he has asked Jeff Schott to contact West Rail to request a quote for required mechanical maintenance on the rail spur.

IN THE MATTER COUNTY MEMBERS REPORTS

Commissioner Weimar attended:

- Oregon Department of Transportation Steering Committee meeting, reporting no critical issues were discussed.

- Board of Property Tax Appeals hearing-landowner requested, and the appeal was denied.

Judge Shaw reported:

- Rob Myers submitted email which states a regionalization of emergency response systems which may include Jefferson, Crook, Sherman, Wheeler and Gilliam Counties.
- Rob Myers agreed to provide project management services for the Gilliam wireless internet project under his current contract with the County.

IN THE MATTER OF RECREATIONAL SERVICES FUND PROCESS

Judge Shaw opened the discussion on how to proceed with the Recreational Services Fund. There has been interest in promoting a City of Condon parks and recreation employee/program. Commissioner Gronquist felt the funds should be distributed between the North and South end of the County and could possibly support summer activity/sport program. Commissioner Weimar added these funds could be put into an endowment. No decision was made.

IN THE MATTER OF WILDLIFE SERVICE BUDGET REQUEST

Judge Shaw reported the receipt of a letter from USDA and a budget for Wildlife Services. It was noted the local wildlife officer should come to the Court for a staff report annually.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Tamera and Kevin Fuller thanked the Court for the volunteer dinner invitation and leftover dinner items which were donated to Summit Springs Village.

IN THE MATTER OF ROB MYERS LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Leanne Durfey reported Rob Myers had provided email correspondence which was forwarded on to the Court members noting he will provide a report at the conclusion of the session.

IN THE MATTER OF UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Judge Shaw reported the union negotiations were moving forward.

IN THE MATTER OF MIKKALO NUISANCE

Judge Shaw reported Will Carey was accessing assistance to get the lien served to the property owner. Commissioner Gronquist asked for a copy of the document.

IN THE MATTER OF CONDON PROPERTY

Commissioner Gronquist had a citizen inquiry about getting the siding off of the Condon building scheduled to be demolished, and told the citizen to contact Roadmaster Dewey Kennedy. Leanne Durfey will contact Roadmaster Dewey Kennedy for a demolition timeline.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD DEPARTMENT WORK

Commissioner Gronquist inquired into the work being done by the Road Department at Airport Road. Peter Mitchell added Kennedy has been improving and maintaining the road.

IN THE MATTER OF NEXT SCHEDULED COUNTY COURT MEETING

The next County Court meeting will be held on March 7, 2012 at 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 2:55 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Patricia J. Shaw, Judge

By _____

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Recorder: Marla Davies