

3-20-2013

Judge Shaffer opened the regular Gilliam County Court meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Gilliam County Courthouse- Condon Oregon

Commissioners Present: Judge Steve Shaffer, Commissioner Dennis Gronquist and Commissioner Michael Weimar. Absent: None.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- Roadmaster Dewey Kennedy ODOT IGA Discussion
- Library Change Order No. 7
- May Court meeting in Arlington discussion

IN THE MATTER OF CASA SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Judge Shaffer performed the swearing in of new CASA volunteers Cindy Osterlund and Patricia Latrace.

CASA Director Amy Nation reported the volunteers have successfully completed thirty hours of training, and will be appointed to cases immediately.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the consent agenda including the March 6, 2013 regular court meeting minutes and the March 6, 2013 Executive Session minutes.

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OSTER PROFESSIONAL

Court members discussed the Audit Contract, System Review Report and Engagement Letter submitted by current auditing service providers Oster Professional Group. Noting the choice to stay with Oster for an additional year was impacted greatly by the newly appointed Treasurer Danelle Wetherell ability to work with the firm.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the submitted Oster Professional Contract in the amount of \$28,860 effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

Commissioner Weimar asked for the price comparison from last year's agreement. Court Administrator Leanne Durfey reviewed previous contract noting the amount was comparable to the last contract.

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

IN THE MATTER OF SIP GAIN PROGRAM

Judge Shaffer reported Gilliam County received a check in the amount of \$86,262. The proceeds came from the income gained on SIP Wind Industry project employment.

IN THE MATTER OF BOILER REPORT

Maintenance Darryl Houghtelling reported the eighteen year boiler is in need of some upgrades totaling \$7,000. The majority of cost will be to purchase and install a new control panel, noting the current control panel is obsolete.

Proctor Sales provided an estimate for a new boiler at \$20,059, which did not include installation. Houghtelling was instructed to gather total cost including installation.

Eclipse Heating/Cooling suggested heat pumps could be installed, noting one pump would cover three offices/rooms. Discussion on the effectiveness of a heat pump in excessive cold temperature, and the electrical operating cost.

Houghtelling suggested a heating/cooling study, which was not supported by the Court. Discussion on cost of maintenance of the current system and the overall cost of a new system occurred.

Consensus to upgrade existing system

IN THE MATTER OF LIBRARY CHANGE ORDER NO. 7

The library project submitted a change order for six under canopy light fixture upgrades from existing fixtures to a waterproof bronze 38 watt fixture. Noting there will be a credit provided upon returning the L6/L6 EM fixtures.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to accept Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$676 to upgrade six under canopy lights for the Gilliam County Library project.

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Judge Shaffer acknowledged a letter received from Greg Walden's office looking for support to keep the US Postal service and six day delivery.

Discussion on the retirement burden of the postal service/school is causing financial hardship. Commissioner Weimar reported postal service has gone down, noting inefficiencies in delivery of publications.

Consensus support six day services.

IN THE MATTER OF CAPECO EMERGENCY SHELTER

The court reviewed the Community Action Program East Central Oregon-CAPECO Emergency Shelter Grant Program Work Plan. The plan is mandated by federal regulation: Oregon Housing and Community Services-OHCS require CAPECO to submit and gain approval of work plan from local jurisdictions in our service area.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the CAPECO certification of local government approval for nonprofit organizations receiving Emergency Solutions Grant funds from state sub-recipients.

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

IN THE MATTER OF LANE COUNTY IGA SOFTWARE

Judge Shaffer reported Lane County submitted a contract amendment for the Intergovernmental Agreement for Mantron Software Development and Support. The

amendment modifies the contract between Lane County and Lake, Gilliam, Crook and Wheeler counties. Noting Assessor Dave Messenger supports the IGA and all amendments.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Lane County and Gilliam County as presented.

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

IN THE MATTER OF MAY COURT MEETING IN ARLINGTON

Judge Shaffer reported the budget calendar has a meeting scheduled for May 15, 2013, which is a regular court meeting in Arlington. This would require Budget Committee members to travel for the meeting. Noting all of the present budget committee members are from the South end of the county.

Consensus to proceed with meeting schedule.

IN THE MATTER OF COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Judge Shaffer reported Wilson Ranches Retreat has been picked to host the first Tough Mudder competition in Oregon. The British Special Force training course is scheduled for June 15 -16, 2013.

Community Development Michelle Colby will provide information and assistance to local chambers and businesses, and will be working closely with John Day River Territory board member Kara Wilson-Anglin.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING

This being the time and place advertised Judge Shaffer opened the Public Hearing to receive evidence of need for the special assessment: identify who will benefit: receive input on the special assessment rate: receive written and oral testimony on the Special Weed Assessment.

Weed Department Officer Don Farrar reported on the following:

- Received ODA weed grants for Lonerock Creek/30 Mile and Ferry Canyon. Need to contact landowners and will begin project in May.

- Completed bare ground treatment on county road, three weeks ahead of schedule. Plan to begin starting rock pits and stock piles. ODOT roads have been treated for bare ground. Started bare ground treatment at Industrial Park, Fire Halls, Bus parking, Fairgrounds and Burns Park.
- New contract with State Parks-Cottonwood Park: Large field has been treated. Commissioner Weimar asked if Dyer Park is included in the State Park coverage. Farrar added yard treatment has been done as a free service. Park volunteers have requested assistance in treating some Hemlock and Toadflax.
- BLM fire prevention treatment begins next week: treating over 7,000 acres in three different counties/locations: Gilliam, Wheeler and Wasco.
- New BLM contract for Tamarisk on the lower end of John Day River.
- Began BPA bare ground treatment. Farrar reported Power company staff does maintenance of power lines and equipment.
- Treating Horn Butte Yellow Star Thistle for BLM.
- Reseeding disturbed ground areas: Mikkalo turn-off and others.

Public Input:

Tom Rietmann: 10606 Ajax Lane- Condon, Oregon 97823

Rietmann asked the following:

- Update on Ferry Canyon weed control grant: Farrar replied Gilliam County will receive the funds: not sure of timeline though.
- Who performs pipeline weed control? Farrar will find the contact information of the Sherman individual and inform Rietmann.
- Asked about pit weed control, noting Ajax pit is undergoing surveying, and would like to know who to call when knapweed or other weed appears? Contact Farrar.
- Inquired if the landowner cost share rebate was still available. Farrar responded yes. Rietmann reported just turning his cost share back to the Weed Department, noting he appreciates the job Farrar provides.

There appearing to be no additional public testimony or input Judge Shaffer closed the Public Hearing at 11:11 am.

IN THE MATTER OF WEED ASSESSMENT WEED ORDINANCE

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-01 for a Special Weed Assessment within Gilliam County and will be in effect July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

IN THE MATTER OF ROADMASTER REPORT

Roadmaster Dewey Kennedy was contacted by ODOT concerning an exchange of a stacker belt system, asset #98-0872 for crushed chip seal gravel: total trade \$50,000. ODOT is restructuring their equipment inventory to cost save.

Cottonwood State Park will require about 6,000 yards of chip seal rock, and will be stored at Ajax pit. Stockpiling at Ajax will also coincide with the potential wind industry development. ODOT has agreed to transport all chip seal rock, and will rent the stacker belt system as applicable for projects.

Commissioner Weimar reviewed the IGA and inquired why ODOT was paying less than Gilliam residents are charged for rock. Kennedy replied ODOT paid for the aggregate permit, and Gilliam County will not have to pay royalties. ODOT must request the rock with four months advance notification.

Kennedy reported the IGA is a standard ODOT agreement, noting the only difference is a trade of commodities for equipment. There were no decisions made the Court agreed to review IGA. Commissioner Gronquist voiced concerns the information was not shared with Road Department Commissioner Weimar.

Kennedy reported the IGA is a standard The Court will review the IGA and make a decision at the next meeting.

Kennedy provided an update on the Baseline project.

Judge Shaffer has concerns of the safety of volunteers accessing the bus barn with the unstable rock parking lot. Kennedy has the material made to pave the parking lot and it will be worked into the Road Department schedule.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Judge Shaffer opened the discussion regarding information from the tri county court meeting regarding the Early Learning Council-ELC hub. Sherman County and NCESD

have interest in being the hub for the area, noting Kim Williams has presented NCESD interest during a previous tri county court meeting in Condon. Sherman County is presenting their ELC hub in The Dalles March 22, 2013. Due to conflict Judge Shaffer asked Commission on Children and Families Director Teddy Fennern to attend the meeting, noting her background and knowledge of ELC hub discussion. Sherman County is proposing a three percent administration fee for being the hub and a yearlong contract. There is still a concern of the 11-12 year old population plan being non-existent at this time.

Commissioner Weimar attended the AOC transportation meeting and topic of discussion was the I-5 Bridge project between Oregon and Washington.

Judge Shaffer reported the NCPHD finalized language in the IGA and bylaws, and documents have been sent to Legal Counsel. This will require a new 190 agreements, but the original five year expiration term will remain: December 2014.

Commissioner Weimar attended the SWCD meeting, nothing to report. It was noted SWCD representatives were not present for Weed Department staff report as previously designated. Court Administrator Leanne Durfey will provide Farrar's report to Sandy McKay and Walter Powell.

It was noted there were no Weed Advisory committee members present at the Weed Assessment public hearings.

Commissioner Gronquist reported Waste Management is storing 39 cars on the Rail Spur at Shutler Industrial Park. WM has a two week grace period to store the cars, and after that a \$2 usage fee per day/car will be charged.

Commissioner Gronquist reported Watco has not contacted him further on account balance or additional business. Discussion on usage and storage fee amounts vary from \$3-\$5 daily.

Noting Campbell Crane has a lot of equipment stored on their partial, but no signage.

Commissioner Weimar reported Cargill-Horizon Mills is merging with Cenex Harvest States and Conagra, making them more competitive in the world market holding 30% of the milling capacity in the United States.

Judge Shaffer reported "Tough Mudders" a British special forces training course type of race will be held at Wilson Ranch in Fossil, Oregon. These events have been held throughout the world, and this will be the first one in Oregon.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

It appearing to the Court there was no further business to be conducted at this time, and no additional matters to be considered, Judge Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

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Steve Shaffer, Judge

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Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

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Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Marla Davies-Recorder