

3-20-2013

Judge Shaffer opened the work session at 1:00 p.m. at the Gilliam County Courthouse-Condon, Oregon.

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

Also present: Court Administrator Leanne Durfey, Treasurer Danelle Wetherell and City of Condon Administrator Kathryn Greiner.

IN THE MATTER OF 2013-2014 BUDGET/PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

Treasurer Danelle Wetherell opened the discussion with her concerns with budget law compliance. Noting budget adjustments may not be made without budget committee approval. It was agreed the County Court is the acting governing body of the budget and this is a preliminary budget discussion.

The Court reviewed the funding requests:

Arlington Help: Ok

Requesting \$6,500: Funds used to rent food pantry space and stock food pantry with paper, soap and other items clients are unable to purchase with food stamp benefits, energy assistance and emergency lodging/gas funds for stranded motorist. Last year's award: \$10,000.

Resource Connections-heating: Pending

Requesting \$11,000: \$10,000 will be used for energy heating assistance and water/sewer service assistance. \$1,000 will pay food delivery shipping costs from CAPECO. Last year's award: \$10,000

Wildlife Services: Ok

Requesting \$67,365.82: Funds will be used to pay for staff. This program could be potentially cut with sequester. Last year's award: \$65,718

OSU Extension Service: Ok

Requesting \$94,837: Funds will be used for staff rent and other office/operation supplies. Last year's award: \$96,823

Arlington Library: Pending

Requesting \$20,000: Funds to be used for operating and to purchase a new computer. Last year's award: \$19,000

Discussion on the availability of County owned previously used computers may be available for the Arlington and Condon libraries.

Condon Child Care: Pending

Requesting \$100,000: Funds are operating costs: The Court reviewed the 2012-13 program budget, noting wage/benefit expenses-\$167,000
Last Year's award: \$110,906

Arlington Preschool: Pending

Requesting \$33,000: Funds are for operating costs, noting the payroll expenses \$31,200.

Last year's award: \$27,300

Arlington Child Care: Pending

Requesting \$80,000: Funds are for operating costs, noting payroll expenses \$89,175.

Last year's award: \$52,500

Port of Arlington: Pending

Requesting \$249,500: Funds would be used for: Grain Elevator expansion, market rate housing, DCR restroom, business expansion project, marketing and marine fuel/utility project. Discussion on the housing project concluding there are four studies available for our area. Noting marketing funds may fall under the economic developer position, which is within the funding rationale. Court will discuss the funding application for clarity on DCR restroom and inquire how funds are being spent with Port Economic Developer Peter Mitchell.

Last year's award: \$190,000

PCDC: Ok

Requesting \$65,470: Funds to be used for staff, office and program administration.

Last year's award: \$101,200

South Gilliam County Health District: Pending

Requesting \$150,000: Funds will be used for operation costs, noting the facility is in need of a handicap accessible bathroom and lab renovation. Clinic has noted they would plan on using \$25,000 of the funds to be put into a building fund to allow the bathroom/lab upgrades in the future.

Last year's award: \$150,000

College Credit Program: Arlington Ok

Requesting \$50,000:

Last year's award: \$50,000

College Credit Program: Condon Ok

Requesting \$50,000:

Last year's award: \$50,000

Gilliam County Fire Services: Ok

Requesting \$60,000: Funds will be used for operating cost along with educational support for local firefighters. Ability to reach higher levels of training allows competitive chance when applying for federal grants. Requesting \$25,000 from districts/cities

Last year's award: \$50,000 from County/\$19,000 from district/cities.

Condon School District: Pending

Requesting \$350,000: Funds will be used for operating expenses. Discussion on a retiring staff/AG position ending and concerned with the inability to operate on less. At this time the amount will remain, noting questions imminent.

Last year's award: \$350,000

John Day River Territory: Set aside

Requesting \$3,000: Funds will to membership fees, promotional materials and grant match. This was the only group who applied which was not invited to do so. Noting this is a regional group and would not qualify as a Special Projects, would qualify for state lottery or project development funds.

Wetherell reported Summit Springs did not submit a funding request. Durfey reported Summit Springs were not sent a letter to apply for funds. Discussion on entities which may come forward to apply for funds and the court ability to fund options will be dependent on the revenue.

Wetherell informed the Court she will need to transfer \$200,000 to accommodate the debt services payment increase. Durfey added there had been a decision from the Court to pay an additional amount on the debt service, as revenue allowed. Not applicable at this time.

Commissioner Gronquist restated waiting to make budget decisions until revenue is final.

Wetherell asked if the Court had any Capital Projects forthcoming. Judge Shaffer reported some discussion on the Fairboard may be looking for funds to re-roof the horse barn and possibly a new boiler for the Courthouse.

Commissioner Gronquist left the work session for another obligation.

IN THE MATTER OF COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATIONS.

Present for the meeting: GOBHI CEO Kevin Campbell and CCO Liaison Mark Webb. Local Community Advisory Committee members Ryan Hawley and Vicki Winters.

2009 through present state and federal legislation has been working towards transforming the fragmented health care system. Unsustainable health care cost and poor health outcomes have been instrumental in making a change.

Community Advisory Committee-CAC consumer membership rationale was discussed noting flexibility is encouraged and each county committee may look different than another county. CAC consumer member selection may include teachers, state employees, noting it could be argued everyone in rural counties is a medical consumer.

CAC member's appointments may vary from region to region, and all will be working to build a service circle with their area needs/challenges. Working towards building a health assessment of county, then working together to acquire and provide needed services.

There are meager funds to reimburse for facilitation and agenda meeting expenses.

IN THE MATTER OF GENERAL INFORMATION

Webb reported the state has hired Oregon Health Authority Innovator Agents to work with local areas as allies as the system moves forward.

Public Health Director Teri Thalofer has applied for the local CCO noting she also sets on another CCO which is favorable for knowledge and understanding public/mental health services. Additional CAC members Lisa Helms and Vicki Winters also provide necessary local information and services available. GOHBI is in three CCO's.

The CCO process is being executed and created to provide better service to OHP/Medicaid clients while stream lining services and procedures which will cut medical expenses in the future. By local CAC gathering information and support of existing services while contemplating other services needed locally the goal is provide better medical services at a reduced cost.

Service providers will be paid on a monthly basis for OHP/Medicaid patients, which is different from the fee for service now in effect. This is causing concern and may seem daunting in the beginning but with community input and involvement the process should be more cost effective, without medical service recidivism or co-occurring conditions.

Coordinated Care Organization is a single organization which accepts responsibility for the cost of health care within a global budget and for delivery, management and quality of care delivered to the specific population of patients enrolled with the organization.

Meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By: _____
Judge Steve Shaffer

By: _____
Commissioner Michael Weimar

By: _____
Commissioner Dennis Gronquist

Marla Davies Recorder

