

3-2-2013

Judge Shaffer opened the regular Gilliam County Court meeting at 10:05 am 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

- Horse seizure funding request- Sheriff's office

IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATION

Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Fitzsimmons reported the following:

- The 256 page Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan has gained pre-approval from FEMA in December, 2012. Plan now has to be reviewed and approved by the cities: Lonelock, Condon and Arlington and Gilliam County then returned to FEMA.
- Same University of Oregon student participating in the Resource Assistance to Rural Environments-RARE and provided plan application support to Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Wheeler and Gilliam counties.
- FEMA may be cut \$117 million due to the sequestration. Noting 50% of Fitzsimmons wage/benefits are federal funds.

Commissioner Weimar noted his frustration of the amount of paperwork and time required to complete this plan and asked if the plan was pertinent. Fitzsimmons added the plan is required for FEMA grant submissions and is also part of her work plan.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05: MITIGATION PLAN

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-05 adopting updates to the Gilliam County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar- reluctantly

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the consent agenda including February 20, 2013 regular court meeting minutes and February 2013 claims pending review.

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

IN THE MATTER OF OSU INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Court Administrator Leanne Durfey reported Oregon State University Extension representative Jordan Maley has supplied the Intergovernmental Agreement. Durfey noted the IGA was something new therefore was forwarded to Legal Counsel Will Carey for review.

Carey made changes regarding funding carry over language, and had concerns of the broad “funding for space to house OSU educational programs” statement in Attachment A.

No decisions were made: Jordan Maley will be invited to court to discuss matter.

IN THE MATTER OF CCO WORK /BUDGET SESSION

Judge Shaffer suggested scheduling a work session with Mark Webb following the next regular Court meeting. Webb will provide Coordinated Care Organization-CCO information and answer questions. In addition Judge Shaffer asked the Commissioners about scheduling a budget work session on the same date. Noting the Court meeting will have a short agenda to provide ample time for additional work sessions.

Consensus to schedule CCO/Budget work session on March 20, 2013, following regular court meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING STAFF REPORT

Planner Susie Anderson reported on the following:

- Horn Butte Wind Energy Facility has Planning Commission approval from 2008, and has been on hold due to Navy and FAA concerns. Invenergy is waiting for full approval of site turbines: new conditional use permit will be submitted for project if applicable.

- Land Use applications and planning activities included: Four Zoning permits at various stages. One Property Line Adjustment; One Land Partition. Three Oregon Water Resources Land Use Capability Statements proposing water right transfers and investigating an Ordinance Violation.
- Oregon Department of Energy provided the Energy Facility Siting council activities and project information.
- Anderson is submitting a grant to update the 1999 Transportation System Plan, collecting transportation priorities from Lonerock, Condon and Arlington.(bike/walking paths, sidewalks, etc.) Road Master Dewey Kennedy supports plan update. Grant amount is \$85,000 with a required match of at least \$9,350 (Anderson asking for \$10,000): Pre-application deadline March 15, 2013: Final application deadline June 14, 2013.

Discussion of available funds for match.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the Oregon Transportation and Growth Management Program grant submittal request in the amount of \$85,000 contingent on the availability of the \$10,000 match.

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 BLALOCK COMMUNITY HISTORIC MARKER

Judge Shaffer acknowledged a letter and sign design submitted by Mike Reynolds regarding the Blalock Historic Marker. The information included location and size of sign, and discussion of the sign maintenance occurred.

Commissioner Gronquist supported the project if the City of Arlington would agree to provide maintenance. Judge Shaffer agreed to contact Arlington Mayor Jeff Bufton.

Consensus project funding available contingent on City of Arlington's maintenance agreement.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioner Gronquist reported meeting with Watco representatives regarding the Rail spur located at Shutler Industrial Park. Watco reportedly is working to develop revenue for the Rail spur, and will possibly want to discuss reduced usage rate with the

County. It was noted any usage by Waste Management will be an agreement between Waste Management and Gilliam County Court.

Commissioner Weimar attended:

- CAPECO meeting in Pendleton and his attendance provided a quorum. He plans to continue attending and reported the food bank was a matter of discussion.
- MCCOG meeting reporting the Area Agency on Aging which is a federal mandate program has no funds for sustainability. Noting government versus non-profit discussion occurred and realization at some point the food bank program may be terminated.
- Oregon Corps of Engineers meeting Rufus to discuss future of Philippi Park. Corps discussed removing docks, locking bathrooms and posting no usage signage. The Corps is looking to partner to keep the park open. Philippi Park with its boat only accessibility is the most expensive park to maintain and the water system is in need of repair. Sherman County has boat and currently patrols John Day River/LePage Park and is in the process of taking over Giles Park, which is in poor condition. Senator Wyden's aid Kathleen Cathey noted tough budget times require cuts, supports Corps decision.

IN THE MATTER OF SENIOR PROGRAM STAFF REPORT

Senior Coordinator Delene Durfey reported on the following:

- Arlington Meal site served: 127 under 60 meals/ 822 over 60 meals through 2012. Annual expenses \$ 7,924.86. Durfey thanked the Court for continued support of meal sites.
- Condon Meal site served: 146 under 60 meals/ 1,284 over 60 meals through 2012. Annual expenses \$16,331.70. Condon attendance down working to expand clientele.
- October-December 2012: Transportation system made 194 trips, transporting 705 individuals with total mileage of 39,856. Our volunteer drivers logged 1,276 hours.
- Resource Connections energy assistance intakes are increasing: 15 clients have applied since October. Unsure of Arlington energy assistance program allocations, noting Irma Wetherell and Kay West provide service.

- Condon Food Pantry has relocated to St. John Parish Hall, eliminating the staircase accessibility. NORCOR work crew painted, set up shelves and moved existing inventory and appliances- did a great job. Pantry program has changed from participants receiving a pre-packed box to shopping style. Noting the entry to food pantry is now done by lottery, which caused a few unhappy people. Overall good feedback on new location and process.
- Capeco provided of a pallet cloth shopping bags constructed by prisoners in sewing training for the food pantry. Capeco is also writing a grant which will be used to purchase freezers with glass doors. Capeco supports shopping style food distribution.
- Durfey reported individuals are receiving: Respite, Oregon Project Independence assistance. Noting DHS has been helpful with additional clientele needs and placement.

IN THE MATTER OF HORSE NEGLECT SEIZURE

Sheriff Gary Bettencourt reported there were five horses seized from their owner and are being cared for by Veterinarian Cari Wade. Timeline of care and case closure is unattainable, and care for animals is the responsibility of Gilliam County. Bettencourt requested funds from the Economic Enhancement Fund to care for the horses, which is required upon seizure.

Judge Shaffer read the funding Law Enforcement Funding Rationale for the record.

Funding matter will be reviewed by legal counsel. No decision made.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 192.660 (2)(h)

Judge Shaffer opened the Executive Session 192.660 (2)(h) to consult with legal counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation to be filed. Separate minutes were taken and will be filed in the Clerk's office. No decisions were made.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

Judge Shaffer informed the Court of another Gilliam County owned property located in the flood plain, near the Condon High School football field. Noting there were concerns about mowing and weeding which is being done by Gilliam County Road Department and Maintenance Department.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Judge Shaffer has plans to meet with Waste Management representative Kelly Gronquist and Port of Arlington Peter Mitchell to discuss the need for employment housing. It was noted the housing conversation has been brought up several times in Court meetings. Discussion on possible employer staking housing project and the local housing studies available.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Judge Shaffer noted the Court received:

- Thank you from the Association of Oregon Counties, Friends of Tim Josi acknowledging the \$500 donation for his campaign for NACo 2nd Vice President.
- Dollars for Scholars 2012 annual report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tri-County Court meeting will be held in Wheeler County on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 beginning at 10:00 am in the Wheeler County Family Services building in Fossil Oregon.

Weed Control Assessment Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Gilliam County Wheat Lab.

The next regular court meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at the Gilliam County Courthouse, Condon, OR.

There will be a Coordinated Care Organization/Budget work session on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 following the regular Court meeting.

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

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____
Steve Shaffer, Judge

By _____
Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____
Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Marla Davies-Recorder

