

## 5-1-2013

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

- Weed Department Budget Resolution 2013-10

### IN THE MATTER OF 2013 CERTIFIED **RATIO** STUDY

Assessor Dave Messenger supplied the 2013 Certified **Ratio** Study for the Court.

The study is an annual requirement and explains how sales have affected the local tax base. Increase **in** property sales and improvements have elevated the Real Market Value of property: 4% structure and 2% land increases. This is the first increase in Real Market Value in several years.

Farm Use/Market Study was also completed and taxable value for local farms will increase by 3%.

### IN THE MATTER OF APPRAISER TRAINING POSITION

Assessor Dave Messenger reported there are six to eight applicants for the vacant Appraiser position.

Messenger added the Union Contract does not currently provide for an Appraiser Trainee position, noting the contract does provide a certified Appraiser position with a starting wage of \$42,027.

Messenger provided an Appraiser Trainee position wage proposal of \$38,000 starting wage allowing the successful applicant two years (statute requirement) to complete the training and become a certified Appraiser. Upon certification completion the individual would then move to step one of the Appraiser position in the union contract.

Messenger has contacted the Pendleton Field Office to get a training outline for the position, noting if applicant does not meet required levels of the position within the probation period applicant may be dismissed. The field office will provide training along with Messenger acting as Training Coach.

Consensus to approve Messengers wage proposal.

Messenger will draft letter regarding wage and job responsibilities and Judge Shaffer will sign and send to Union representative. Discussion on hiring committee which must include one County Court member.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the Consent Agenda including:

- Joint Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2013-Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler Counties.
- April 17, 2013 County Court minutes
- April claims pending review
- Assessor Authorization for 2013-14 Weed Control Assessment

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 NGCHD AMBULANCE TRANSFER REQUEST

Judge Shaffer acknowledged a letter from North Gilliam County Health District asking Gilliam County Court to authorize the transfer of Ambulance Service Area-ASA from the North Gilliam County Rural Fire Protection District to the North Gilliam County Health District; an Intergovernmental Agreement is being negotiated between the two districts at this time. Approving this request will expedite transfer of license, insurance and other requirements which may arise.

Consensus to approve request as presented

#### IN THE MATTER OF TIG SUPPORT AGREEMENT

Community Development Director Michelle Colby reported at this time TIG contract language is not clear regarding line/system changes in Tier One of agreement. Colby added she is unable to make changes: not trained, password unavailable, etc. Noting email conversation TIG has agreed to continue with changes as they have been, but Colby asked for the contract to confirm services are provided.

Colby reported the former Obsidian, now TIG has been very responsive to service needs and have completed service requests in timely manner.

#### IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STAFF REPORT

Community Development Director Michelle Colby reported the following activities:

- Attending the Cottonwood Canyon meetings and working with group on the Park's grand opening scheduled for September 25.
- Gilliam County's direct contact for Tough Mudder event and working with Wilson Ranches who are hosting the event. The event will be held June 15-16, 2013
- Updating Gilliam website as needed.
- Working on the Tech contract with ESD: noting dollar amount remains the same, but there have been some language changes.

Colby stated 80% of County computers are Microsoft XP which is being phased out by Microsoft support; these systems will be changed to Microsoft 7, noting the migration process is labor intensive. Windows 8 is not an option due to glitches in program.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CC&F STAFF REPORT

CC&F Director Teddy Fennern reported on the following:

- Providing energy assistance intakes for Resource Connections. Working with Helping Hearts a CBEC program which serves Gilliam and Wheeler Counties energy assistance. Incorporated Wheeler County's CC&F Director Marj Sharp to provide local intakes **to accommodate** Wheeler County residents.
- Food Pantry moved from Rectory to Parish Hall eliminating stair access. Food distribution participants have steadily increased. Served 46 families (87 people) yesterday. Still working out system: shopping style distribution, lottery participation. Board meeting monthly.
- Working with Kay West to apply for a FEMA grant in the amount of \$2,800 which will be split between Condon and Arlington, and will be used to purchase pantry items as needed.
- Fennern serves on the Condon Childcare Board and reported they are moving forward to build a center, to insure sustainability for the program. With the grade school buildings uncertain future the board is looking at the Walrath property located across from the high school. At this time the childcare is at capacity, noting afterschool children are often moved outside or play shed due to space availability. The childcare prepares and serves food to children, not included in school lunch program.

- Fennern will be assisting law enforcement with the last day of school bike rodeo; this is replacing “Field Day” and will be held on June 6, 2013. She will be fitting bike helmets which have been purchased with grants funds through law enforcement. In 2012 there were 64 helmets fitted and distributed to Gilliam County children and some adults.
- Sending out summer food program donation requests to local businesses: asking for funds, supplies or volunteer hours.
- Planning summer activities for children including Kid Quest and other summer camps. Partnering with childcare.
- Working through ELC learning Hub process, still not clear of outcome.
- Children’s Fair participation requests are being sent out to community and regional partners.
- OYCC grant was approved and the amount increased from \$11,111 to \$16,500, which will add another position for the crew. There will be the crew leader and five youths employed
- Participating in the South Gilliam Health Center Health Fair on May 11, 2013. Providing prevention information and fitting bike helmets.
- Participating in the Anti-Bullying effort at the Condon School on May 7, 2013. Wheeler County is involved.
- Healthy Kids enrollment assistance will be ending June 30, 2013. There will be some type of assistance available to families, at this time it is unclear what will change. There will be a stipend available for departments assisting consumers.

Judge Shaffer reported Fennern is staffing the CCO Community Advisory Committee-CAC and will be assisting with the community health plan and needs assessment. Noting Tiah Devin will be submitting an application to become a CAC member. Devin is the Prevention Coordinator through CCS and has experience with health/needs assessment.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CITY OF CONDON FUND EXTENSION REQUEST

Judge Shaffer recognized a letter submitted by City of Condon regarding a 2012 allocation of \$70,500 to fund a Parks and Recreation Department. The City of Condon is requesting to hold the funds which were to be spent on camps and possibility a fitness center when more funding is obtained. Noting the Main Street Project, park

renovation and Memorial Hall façade renovation resources are not available to start the Parks and Recreation Department in 2013-14 year.

The letter seems expectant the Parks and Recreation Department will be funded annually by Gilliam County which is a concern. Discussion on funding what is necessary in Gilliam County occurred with concerns of the schools status and the swimming pool expenses. Commissioner Weimar added Parks and Recreation could help fund school sports expenses.

Commissioner Gronquist questioned if the Condon grade school was combining with the high school. Judge Shaffer added many grades school parents do not support combining campuses.

Mac Stinchfield reported Pillar Consultant Jeff Schott estimated retrofitting the high school to accommodate all students would cost \$1-\$1.5 million. Even if the grade school building is closed it would still have expenses.

Consensus not to extend the \$70,500 as requested by City of Condon.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET

Treasurer Danelle Wetherell reported the Weed Department received \$73,000 from BLM for fire rehabilitation. She asked the Court to make Appropriations for Weed Department Revenue-BLM Fire Rehab and increase BLM Reimbursed Projects Expense to meet Requirements.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-10 in the amount of \$73,000 for BLM Projects.

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 USDA/APHIS COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT

Judge Shaffer reported the Court has received the Cooperative Service Agreement-CSA from USDA/APHIS for the period June 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018. The CSA

is renewed every five years, but Gilliam County's current CSA doesn't expire until June 30, 2014. **USDA contact said a July 1, 2013 renewal would bring Gilliam County in line with the renewal date of most of the other counties but the decision to renew in 2013-or 2014 is Gilliam County's.**

The new CSA does not have language providing the County with special reports upon request. Stalman will be contacted and asked to include reporting to CSA.

Consensus reporting is an important part of the contract.

#### IN THE MATTER OF SENIOR COORDINATOR GRANT SUBMITTAL REQUEST

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the Oregon Department of Transportation grant submittal request submitted by Gilliam County Special Transportation in the amount of \$70,000 to be used for operations and grant match funds.

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 COUNTY COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioner Gronquist reported Waste Management has been using the Industrial Park siding to store rail cars. Treasurer Danelle Wetherell has been provided a purchase order from Waste Management for up to \$3,000 a month for **three months** for railcar storage.

Commissioner Weimar attended the CAPECO meeting in Pendleton and the topic was CAEPCO housing projects which are in Irrigon, Boardman and Pendleton and are professionally managed. Also the food pantry, workforce investment programs and health plans were discussed.

Judge Shaffer attended NORCOR budget meeting: funding formula and Wheeler County's alternative prisoner handling was discussed. Grant County is charging \$45-\$50 a day for prisoners, while NORCOR is charging \$85.

Judge Shaffer attended **The Oregon Consortium-TOC** and reported a change in the approach to place workers. Plan to contact employers to find out needs and then offer adequate training to individuals to place them in available positions. In the past individuals have picked their training and then tried to fit in to positions.

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next regular Gilliam County Court meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. followed by the first Gilliam County Budget Committee meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Arlington Municipal Building- Arlington, 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 Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Shaffer, Judge

By \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

*Marla Davies-Recorder*