

6-19-2013

Judge Shaffer opened the regular Gilliam County Court meeting at 10:05 a.m. in the Gilliam County Courthouse Courtroom- Condon, Oregon.

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- Resolution 2013-17
- Correspondence from Canda Rattray
- Office furniture

IN THE MATTER OF EASTERN OREGON REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

Governor staff Scott Fairley reported on the following:

Working with ten Eastern Oregon counties as a one stop shop to provide economic revitalization coordination. This program has undergone changes throughout the past Governors terms, but Governor Kitzhaber feels it is an important program. The Eastern Oregon Regional Solutions has field staff and coordinator and are provided office space in Universities, which provides an intern workforce option for many local entities.

Regional Solutions is working to review and check general trends such as:

- Increase forest land usage for jobs, conservation and future sustainability.
- Columbia River irrigation availability
- City of Arlington Mesa Industrial Park: noting importance of shovel ready sites with infrastructure already installed and ready to build.
- Cottonwood Canyon State Park: noting next step in the Cottonwood Institute which will provide academic model using the John Day watershed for educational purposes.
- Workforce housing in Pendleton, Boardman: noting a contractor working in the Pendleton area is interested in working on this type of project.

Discussion on Regional Solutions membership and additional interests including: mining, timber, agriculture and RV manufacturing.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve May 15, 2013 and May 22, 2013 Budget Committee minutes.

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 EOCCO ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION

Mid-Columbia Council of Government/Area Agency on Aging Marvin Poole and Department of Human Services Aging and People with Disabilities Carol Mauser have submitted applications to be on the local Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization Local Advisory Committee.

It was noted Committee makeup should be 50% professional and 50% consumers: consumers may be more difficult to appoint.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to appoint MCCOG/AA Marvin Poole to the EOCCO Local Advisory Committee.

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 HSA CONTRIBUTION POLICY

Health insurance team members Rena Kennedy, Terri Carnine and Leanne Durfey presented the following information and recommendations.

- There were 28 employees who voted for the HSA plan and nine who chose option A: HSA plan will begin January 1, 2014.
- Many employees are eligible for other insurance (Entitlement Program) including veteran, Medicare, etc. These employees could be offered a workaround which would allow the County to give the employee contribution to a Voluntary

Employee Benefit Account-VEBA. VEBA operates differently than the HSA and the employees are not able to add money to the VEBA.

Consensus to agree with the committee recommendations.

Another decision needs to be made regarding the employees who may be double covered and the three options were discussed:

- Employees would be treated as any family coverage and receive the \$3,000 family HSA contribution amount: totaling \$6,000
- Allow double coverage with a single contribution of \$1,500 per employee.
- Not allow double coverage to County employees.

No decisions were made.

The HSA program will require a banking partner for the County/employee contributions. This matter will be discussed and agreed upon at a later time, noting the Bank of Eastern Oregon is not an HSA administrator.

IN THE MATTER OF JUVENILE DEPARTMENT GRANT SUBMITTAL REQUEST

Juvenile Director Vicki Winters is requesting the Court's approval to submit a grant to the Oregon Youth Authority for Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan funds in the amount of \$3,859 for the next biennium. These funds require no match and will go towards the Juvenile Directors wages.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the Oregon Youth Authority-Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan grant submittal request in the amount of \$3,859

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 BUDGET HEARING

This being the time and place advertised Judge Shaffer opened the Budget Hearing at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 approved by the Gilliam County Budget Committee.

Treasurer Danelle Wetherell provided the 2013-2014 Adopted Budget to the Court.

PERS contribution was to be dramatically increased and was budgeted for \$100,000. Updated PERS Employer Contribution rates were provided to the Court and Wetherell noted there will be a carryover in the PERS account next year, since rates were lower than anticipated.

Wetherell reported the following corrections made to approved budget:

- Transfer added from Commission on Children and Families to General Fund in the amount of \$60,000.
- Created new line item for DOC HB 2837 to appropriate \$35,000 in revenue: funds to be used for Drug and Alcohol treatment costs for juveniles and adults. Did not clarify if persons had to be incarcerated to access funds.
- Decreased the Sheriff Department budget due to new employee decreased salary/benefits in the amount of \$4,277.
- Increased Contingency to balance General Fund
- Transfer \$20,000 from Weed: was entered into Proposed instead of Approved.
- \$20,000 from Weed Equipment Purchase: was entered into proposed instead of Approved.
- Total increase to Budget Balance \$115,000
- Total proposed budget \$36,170,323

No public comments: Judge Shaffer closed the Budget Hearing at 11:15 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-15 adopting 2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$36,170,323: making appropriations, imposing and categorizing taxes

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 RESOLUTION NO. 2013-17

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-17 making appropriations for Department of Corrections HB 2837 and increase General Fund Contingency in the amount of \$22,658.

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 COURT ORDER NO 2013-04

Treasurer Danelle Wetherell reported the funds received from two County properties which were sold through a Sheriff's auction need to be distributed to taxing districts. Distribution shall be to current taxing districts in accordance with the formula provided in ORS 311.390. It was noted all Sheriff auction expenses were paid.

There was discussion on the process in the event a foreclosed property was in need of debris removal and other services before it could be auctioned or sold by sealed bid. Could the County recoup expenses before the funds were distributed to taxing districts?

Wetherell will research the process and report back to the Court at a later date.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve Court Order No. 2013-04 in the matter of distribution of proceeds for sale of County properties.

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 TREASURER'S REPORT

Industrial Park Revenue Summary:

Treasurer Danelle Wetherell reported:

- Cargill and the County's monthly statements which caused the lease and water payments to go unpaid. Matter has been resolved, waiting to receive payments.
- WI Inc. lease and water are delinquent, but the equipment lease is current.
- Waste Management is working with a paperless invoicing system which is working very well- account current.
- Watco has not submitted any payments for the Rail Spur use.

Revolving Loan proceed recap noted all accounts are current.

IN THE MATTER OF GUBSER BUSINESS LOAN ASSIGNMENT CONSIDERATION

Judge Shaffer opened the discussion on the request made by William Gubser to allow an employee of the business to assume the Gilliam County loan for the drive-in restaurant. Noting reservations with the value of the property, and the individual interested in the business having no previous background business experience operating a restaurant.

Commissioner Gronquist reported there were reservations in the beginning about loaning the funds, especially at one hundred percent of purchase price. The loan is the responsibility of the Gubser's and he does not support allowing the loan to be assumed. Perhaps the interested employee could manage the business for Gubser.

Commissioner Weimar concurred with the other court members.

Consensus was reached not to allow the loan to be assumed: Gubser's will be notified by letter of Courts decision.

Wetherell reported there has been one inquiry about a business loan, noting the balance at this time is \$60,000.

It was noted the Business Loan needs a procedure/policy in place before any other loans are considered.

Judge Shaffer supports the funds being used as gap funding, which requires applicants to use other lending options: Wetherell agreed.

IN THE MATTER OF JDRT BUDGET REQUEST

Judge Shaffer reported the John Day River Territory –JDRT is requesting \$3,000 for marketing/promotional efforts. It was noted the JDRT is not a Gilliam County entity which exempts them from applying for Special Projects funds.

JDRT Gilliam representative Michelle Colby reported the entity has requested funds in the past. It was noted there are Project Development funds to cover the request.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the amount of \$3,000 be allocated from Project Development funds to the John Day River Territory for 2013-14 fiscal budget.

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 NCESD TECHNOLOGY SERVICE PROVIDER

Community Development Michelle Colby reported the Intergovernmental Agreement for technical service between NCESD and Gilliam County was adequate. Noting Commissioner Weimar's concern about technical service availability has been forwarded to NCESD Technology Director Robert Waltenburg. Waltenburg is concerned about technician liability providing service at personal properties.

No decisions were made, pending discussion with Waltenburg.

IN THE MATTER OF EMPLOYEE CHAIRS REPLACEMENT

Community Development Michelle Colby asked the Court to consider the purchase of eight ergonomic office chairs to replace older models, some which have been used for the past eighteen years. The cost of the chairs is under \$400, for a total expense of \$4,000.

There are funds available in the Equipment Replacement line item.

MOTION: Judge Shaffer moved to purchase eight office chairs not to exceed \$4,000.

SECOND: None.

Vote: 2-1

Yes: Judge Shaffer and Commissioner Weimar

No: Commissioner Gronquist

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

The following offices will receive the chairs: 3-Assessor, 2- Clerks, 1-District Attorney, 1- Justice Court and 1-Community Development.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2013-16 ODOT GRANT AUTHORIZATION

Judge Shaffer reported Planner Susie Anderson has been working to update the 1999 Gilliam County Transportation System Plan.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for the 2013 Transportation Growth Management Grant. This grant will provide needed solutions to potential and identified safety issues, maintenance costs/concerns and future land use planning. There is a required cash match commitment of \$10,000.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Gilliam County Resolution No. 2013-16 authorizing the submission of an application to Oregon department of Transportation for a Transportation Growth Management Grant.

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 EMS COORDINATOR GRANT SUBMITTAL REQUEST

Court Administrator Leanne Durfey reported the grant pays for half of Emergency Coordinator Chris Fitzsimmons wages. There are some dollars for travel and supplies as well. Gilliam County is eligible for up to \$61,000 in grant funds from Oregon Emergency Management-EMPG but requires a 50/50 match.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved approve the grant submittal request in the amount \$44,500 to the Oregon Emergency Management Grant.

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 LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Judge Shaffer acknowledged a letter of resignation from Library Board member Canda Rattray effective June 11, 2013.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Canda Rattray effective June 11, 2013.

SECOND: Judge Shaffer.

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 Port of Arlington Peter Mitchell had taken the lead on getting the IBR building plan updated. Noting IBR Manager Keith Cross had asked the Court in a previous court meeting about expanding the site. Cross now has contacted Mitchell canceling the building plan due to long term sustainability concerns. No plan will be done at this time.

Commissioner Weimar reported the following concerns from the AOC Transportation and MCCOG meetings.

- Oregon bridge condition: noting majority of bridges were built in 1950-1960 and funds are not available to repair.
- Columbia Crossing project stalled
- Looking for a way to gather taxes from electric car road usage to pay for infrastructure.
- MCCOG is losing \$250,000 annually: There was a discussion/vote to raise Building Codes fees to help adjust loss: Failed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING: NCPHD INTERGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

This being the time and place Judge Shaffer opened the Public Hearing to obtain citizens view and respond to questions about an ordinance ratifying the creation of the North Central Public Health District as an Intergovernmental Agreement.

Judge Shaffer instructed the audience of the rules for a public hearing.

North Central Public Health District Director Teri Thalofer gave a history of the Public Health District which encompassed Gilliam County in 2009. All Public Health positions were Wasco County positions. The matter was facilitated and parties agreed it would be better if the North Central Public Health District became a separate entity, which is

what is reflected in the Intergovernmental Agreement being discussed today. Sherman, Gilliam and Wasco counties receive the Public Health services and pay a portion: Gilliam's portion is \$82,000 annually. Wasco County's portion is in-kind for office, technical and other operating expenses.

South Gilliam Health Board-SGHB members Paul Bates, Cindy Hinton, Cody Bettencourt and Larry Moffitt requested public comment

Cindy Hinton-SGHB Director: Condon Oregon

The original agreement to have the Public Health District was decided back in 2009 before the South Gilliam Health Board was aware, and the Board was disappointed they were not included in the process. There was further concern that some services were being provided by the local clinic such as family planning and children immunizations. For these services the clinic received funds (\$10,000) which are no longer available.

Hinton inquired into the North Central Public Health Board makeup. (Nine members reviewed the bylaws and it required six members to agree on bylaw decisions)

Cody Bettencourt- Condon

Asked to review the Gilliam County budget: North Central Public Health District is funded through Gilliam County's General Fund in the amount of \$82,000.

It was noted how many citizens are receiving services for the \$82,000, and could these services be provided at the clinic, keeping the money local.

Thalofer explained Public Health does not provide primary health care, and is not in competition with local clinics. Noting the clinic was providing children vaccinations and family planning, but at very low numbers. Family Planning tends to be a private matter and most clients like the confidentiality of traveling out of the local area, and do not mind driving to The Dalles for this type of services. Local clinics may apply for Title 10 family planning services, follow criteria and be reimbursed for services. Thalofer has discussed the matter with South Gilliam Health Center staff and at this time the offer has been declined. Thalofer added if there is a direct need for family planning in Gilliam County she will provide staff.

Thalofer staff includes a nurse who is in the County three days a week. NCPHD also provides Tobacco Prevention, Emergency Coordination (partnering with local EMS Coordinator Chris Fitzsimmons) additional nurses and a Director. Restaurant health inspections are provided by NCPHD (Environmental Specialists) staff. Thalofer feels every citizen in Gilliam County receives service from the NCPHD. She also understands the clinics concern about the \$10,000 no longer coming into their revenue. WIC services are provided in Arlington and Condon as well.

Commissioner Gronquist noted this IGA is in effect until December 31, 2014, so if services are not satisfactory there is a way to get out of agreement. The agreement also offers a 180 day withdrawal clause.

Commissioner Gronquist suggested Thalofer meet with the North and South Health Boards to discuss and clarify any questions they may have on Public Health. Noting there may be lack of communication between clinic staff and board members.

Commissioner Gronquist inquired about the reason Arlington Clinic will not provide children immunizations. Thalofer reported she was told it was due to liability.

Larry Moffitt- Condon, Oregon

Between the South Gilliam Health Board and clinic staff there is four new people, and all of us are on a large learning curve. How does Wheeler County do Public Health services?

Thalopher replied existing staff and additional contracted personel provide Public Health services to the area. Noting data shows no level of service.

If Gilliam County Court was to provide Public Health services to residents the following statutory requirements must be met:

Tobacco Prevention, Nurses, Director, WIC services, Communicable Disease and Environmental Services. These services are provided to Gilliam County for an annual cost of \$82,000.

Commissioner Weimar added the South Gilliam Health Center is asking the Court for \$200,000 for operational funds.

There being no additional public input at this time Judge Shaffer closed the Public Hearing at 2:15 p.m.

Thalopher added Wasco County has requested a full disclosure report from the North Central Public Health District. Wasco County wanted documentation since they have invested so much time and money in Public Health. Wasco reportedly requested the report before the uncoupling occurred.

It was noted communication between both the North and South Health District Board members would be beneficial.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02: NORTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Ordinance No. 2013-02 ratifying the creation of the North Central Health District as an Intergovernmental Entity and attached Intergovernmental Agreement.

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

Vote: 3-0

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

There was discussion on updating entity bylaws.

IN THE MATTER OF NCESD TECHNOLOGY SERVICE PROVIDER (CONT)

NCESD Superintendent Robert Waltenburg reported the Intergovernmental Service Agreement covers Internet connection, computer and technology service to Gilliam County. He also discussed the importance of keeping personal and county equipment and internet services separate noting ethics criteria.

In the event a problem was to arise with an elected Commissioners connection at their home office a separate contract would be in order.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the Intergovernmental Service Agreement between North Central Educational Service District and Gilliam County to provide Internet connection, computer and technology to County in the amount of \$15,000 annually, to be paid quarterly amounts of \$3,750.

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 MEAL CONTRACT: MCCOG/AAA 2013-14 AND RESPITE CONTRACT: MCCOG/AAA 2013-14

Senior Coordinator Delene Durfey reported the Mealsite contract shows a reduction from the previous year's contract as a result of the federal sequester.

Noting an addition of automobile liability insurance requiring contractor carry automobile liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident for bodily injury and property damage which includes coverage for MCCOG/AAA agents, officers, elected officials and employees.

Durfey added in home care went from \$300 to \$2,400 annually. This allows for a certified care giver to come into a family's home up to two hundred hours a month at a

rate of \$10 an hour. Caregivers must undergo background checks and are provided liability insurance through program.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the following:

- Mid-Columbia Council of Government/Area Agency on Aging Meals Contract for fiscal year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.
- Mid-Columbia Council of Government/Area Agency on Aging Respite Contract for fiscal year 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.

Durfey reported Columbia Hills Manor in Arlington should be ready for residents by August 1, 2013. There are five applicants working on the qualification process.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY COURT MEMBER REPORTS (CONT)

Judge Shaffer attended the CREA meeting and reported on a petition which would make hydro-power a renewable resource. Discussion on customer costs and benefits to area occurred.

Judge Shaffer will be attending the Air National Guard meeting tonight to discuss possible training/practice air traffic. These flights would potentially occur over Gilliam County at 11,000 feet or higher.

IN THE MATTER OF NEXT MEETING

Next Court meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in 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 Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Steve Shaffer, Judge

By _____

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Marla Davies-Recorder