

**6-5-2013**

Judge Shaffer opened the regular Gilliam County Court meeting at 10:03 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 CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the Consent Agenda which includes: May 1, 2013 and May 15, 2013 regular County Court meeting minutes and May claims pending review.

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 ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA

- TIG phone agreement review
- IBR light replacement Resolution No. 2013-14
- Gilliam County drought Resolution No. 2013-13
- Compensation Board meeting note discussion
- Connect Oregon discussion

IN THE MATTER OF USDA/APHIS SERVICE AGREEMENT

The Cooperative Service Agreement between Gilliam County and USDA Wildlife Services has been re-submitted with the understanding Wildlife Services will provide reports to Gilliam County Court when requested. Noting this stipulation was not included when the agreement was submitted earlier.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the Cooperative Service Agreement between Gilliam County and United States Department of Agriculture-Wildlife Services to provide wildlife damage management.

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 NCESD TECHNOLOGY PROVIDER AGREEMENT

North Central ESD submitted an Intergovernmental Service Agreement which had been reviewed and supported by Community Development Michelle Colby. Court Administrator Leanne Durfey noted changes:

- Provided specific service locations in Arlington/Condon- #8
- Scope of Services was more detailed- #1

Commissioner Weimar added there was no language in the agreement which offered tech service for Commissioner's home, which has been a concern. Matter will be discussed with ESD.

No decisions were made

#### IN THE MATTER OF GUBSER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LOAN

Gubby's Drive-In Bill and Carolyn Gubser and employee Kelly Frech joined the Court meeting.

Bill Gubser asked the Court if the Business Development Loan he currently has on Gubby's Drive-In could be assumed by current employee Frech. In the event Frech was to default on the loan Bill Gubser noted he would like to be able to get the property back and operate it to make sure the County received their funds. Reason for wanting to sell the business is due to health issues and other matters.

Frech provided a business plan to the Court.

It was noted the loan is not assumable and the matter will need to be discussed with legal counsel and Treasurer.

#### IN THE MATTER OF EOCCO COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION

Judge Shaffer reported Natalie Wilkins has submitted an application for the Local Community Advisory Council. Discussion on the developing advisory group regarding

professional and consumer representation, noting the State has agreed professionals may fall under consumer appointments as well.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to appoint Natalie Wilkins to the Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Community Advisory Council.

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 APPOINTMENTS/TERMS

Judge Shaffer reported Gilliam County Library Board member Jane Campbell's second term ends June 2013. Campbell has interest in staying involved with the Library project until completion. Library bylaws state: No person shall hold appointment as a member for more than two full consecutive terms, but any person may be appointed again to the board after an interval of one year.

Commissioner Gronquist felt this was a library board matter.

Discussion on the library moving/reopening schedule occurred.

Judge Shaffer reported his concern with safety regarding the roller chairs located in the open conference newly tiled flooring.

Consensus to move roller chairs to the new Library.

#### IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 192.660 (2)(g)

Judge Shaffer declared the meeting to be in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 2(g) preliminary negotiations involving matters of trade or commerce in which the governing body is competing with governing bodies in other states or nations. No decisions were made. Separate minutes were taken and will be filed in the office of the County Clerk.

#### IN THE MATTER OF ROAD DEPT. FUND TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2012-12

Treasurer Danelle Wetherell reported the need to transfer funds from the Road General Fund to Road Equipment Replacement Fund to cover equipment purchases. Noting Roadmaster Dewey Kennedy made choices to balance budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-12 reducing expenditures in the General Road Fund and transferring these appropriated funds to Road Equipment Replacement Fund in the amount of \$108,000.

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. 2013-03 SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Assessor Dave Messenger reported the tax foreclosure process is complete for Township 4 South Range 21 East 10 BD 6800 Condon and Cornish 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition to Condon: 110 N Lincoln Street.

It was noted previous property owner Barbara Hawk would like to schedule time to come and collect her personal items from the property. This matter will be scheduled and supervised by Gilliam County Law Enforcement. Hawk will be required to sign a waiver stating Gilliam County is not liable while she is on county property. Property will be advertised for four weeks which should allow some schedule to be made for Hawks belongings.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve Order No. 2013-03 directing the Gilliam County Sherriff to conduct sale of Township 4 South Range 21 East 10 BD 6800 Condon and Cornish 2nd Addition to Condon: 110 N Lincoln Street with a minimum bid of \$15,000.

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar

No: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed.

Messenger will have Deed notarized and filed today.

#### IN THE MATTER OF IBR LIGHT REPLACEMENT RESOLUTION 2013-14

The Court discussed the lighting improvements at the IBR building and the need to tour the facility.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-14 declaring the overhead industrial lights as surplus property.

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 GILLIAM COUNTY DROUGHT RESOLUTION NO. 2013-13

Judge Shaffer acknowledged a letter from Gilliam Soil and Water Conservation District manager Walter Powell. Powell is requesting that Gilliam County Court support and approves a disaster request for the 2013 crop year.

Discussion on the drought occurred.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve Resolution No. 2013-13 declaring a state of drought emergency in Gilliam County.

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 CONNECT OREGON GRANT

Judge Shaffer reported the Connect Oregon Grant program is proposing a one percent holdback on future grants. This one percent would be withheld in the event the project did not submit progress and completion forms. The proposal included language which would prohibit parties from applying for Connect Oregon grants if the party had not provided adequate reporting information on previous projects.

Consensus to support one percent holdback.

#### IN THE MATTER OF COMPENSATION BOARD DISCUSSION

Judge Shaffer acknowledged the Gilliam County Compensation Board meeting minutes from May 30, 2013. The Compensation Board reviewed and discussed the following items:

- Should all elected officials start at the same base pay. Discussion on jobs and the skills required. Plan to revisit next year and would like elected official salary comparisons from similar counties.
- Five percent pay raise for Gilliam County Sheriff Deputies. Noting this is outside compensation committee scope: agreed with Court's decision to approve increase.
- Commissioner's salary. Committee was concerned the Commissioners are receiving enough for the time spent on County business. No further action necessary on this topic.
- Unanimously agreed upon the cost of living increase in the amount of 2.3% is fair.

#### IN THE MATTER OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN CONSULTANT

Judge Shaffer conveyed information from Planner Susie Anderson regarding the Transportation System Plan. Anderson would like to use an experienced consultant for this project and has funds available in the Planning budget to pay the \$2,000.

Consensus to use the Consultant for the plan.

#### IN THE MATTER OF JULY 3, 2013 COURT MEETING

Consensus the July 3, 2013 regular Court meeting will be held as scheduled.

#### IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND

The Court acknowledged a letter from Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution-OOCDR stating Six Rivers Community Mediation Services is eligible to receive grant funds to provide local mediation services.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Six Rivers Community Mediations Services as the 2013-15 Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution 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 EARLY LEARNING COUNCIL IGA

Judge Shaffer reported the Early Learning Council has submitted an Interim Intergovernmental Agreement which will be in effect from July 1, 2013 through January

1, 2014. The IGA has been reviewed by Legal Counsel Will Carey who is recommending approval. It was noted there is a termination clause.

There was discussion on the Hub process which at this time is split between Sherman County and North Central ESD. Sherman County is drafting an IGA to become the Hub, noting their concern the state dollars be spent on services not administration. There are some local counties, who do not want to have NCESD as the Hub. It is important we get our Hub assigned and moved forward noting if too much time passes the state may just assign us to a Hub of their choice, which may not benefit our area.

There was further discussion on the Healthy Start Funds agreement.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the Early Learning Division 2013-2015 County Healthy Families Oregon Medicaid Administrative Activities Intergovernmental Agreement including the Healthy Start Agreement and Mixed Funds Agreement.

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 2013-15 OHA CMHP AGREEMENT #141410

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve Agreement No. 141410: Issuance of County Intergovernmental Agreement for the financing and administration of Community Mental Health and Addiction Services program.

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 SOUTH GILLIAM SPECIAL PROJECT APPLICATIONS

There was discussion on the projects which were submitted.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the South Gilliam Special Projects in the amount of \$43,479.92 as follows:

- Gilliam County Cultural Coalition- \$2,000
- Condon Western Events-14,479.92

- Condon Garden Club- \$4,000
- Condon Chamber of Commerce- \$15,000
- Gilliam County Historical Society-Museum- \$8,000

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 COUNTY COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioner Gronquist reported Port of Arlington Economic Development Officer Peter Mitchell has conversed with IBR staff about additional space. The addition will require a site plan and Mitchell contacted Pillar Consultant Jeff Schott, per Commissioner Gronquist approval. The plan would cost \$2,500-\$5,000. Mitchell was able to find the original IBR building engineer who is currently working in Boardman at the Tillamook Dairy. It was noted with the concerns reported on building the original engineer may be a good option.

Consensus to approve IBR site plan by either engineer in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Judge Shaffer and Commissioner Weimar attended MCCOG meeting and discussed:

- Six Rivers Mediation
- Internal loan rate was increased and passed
- The Oregon Consortium building community plan

Commissioner Weimar attended Lower John Day Warm Springs BPA funding meeting per invitation of SWCD Walter Powell. Powell was unable to attend due to GMO wheat matter.

Judge Shaffer attended Senator Wyden's Memorial Weekend Town Hall meeting in Condon noting the main topic was senior citizen health issues and there are 20,000 people turning 65 every day.

Judge Shaffer reported our local digital switch is offering us an expanded opportunity, but there are concerns regarding our limited workforce and space that may limit that opportunity. Other counties want to become backup facilities. Fiber optic is necessary for full implementation of service; Windwave has a proposed plan to bring the service to Condon.

Judge Shaffer attended the Eastern Oregon Regional Counties Organization, a newly formed organization which is taking the place of the Eastern Oregon Alliance.



Discussion on the payment in lieu of taxes- PILT and the hardship of counties who are working to get timber revenue.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

None

IN THE MATTER OF TIG PHONE AGREEMENT

It was reported Community Development Michelle Colby has reviewed the contract in the amount of \$1,800 and is recommending approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the TIG Phone Agreement 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 NEXT MEETING

Next Court meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 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 2:20 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Shaffer, Judge

By \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

*Marla Davies-Recorder*