

1-22-2014

Judge Shaffer called the regular Gilliam County Court meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. which was held 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

Judge Shaffer made the following changes:

1.2 Revised: Peter Mitchell added City of Arlington- Mayor Jeff Bufton

4.4 Revised: Executive Session cancelled

#### IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 192.660 (E,G)

Canceled

#### IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

The minutes were unavailable:

Commissioner Weimar voiced his concerns over the minutes being a low priority for staff. He would like the minutes to be done in a timely manner so the information is fresh.

#### IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Judge Shaffer received a letter of interest from Brad Anderson to become a Budget Committee member.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to appoint Brad Anderson as a Budget Committee member: term ending December 2017.

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

<u>Vote:</u>	3-0
Yes:	Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar
No:	None
Abstained:	None
Absent:	None

Motion Passed.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CRLCAC APPOINTMENT

Kelly Gronquist has agreed to stay on the Columbia Ridge Landfill Community Advisory Committee as the public representative, filling the position previously held by Chuck Hickerson.

Bill Carr will be Waste Management's representative.

#### IN THE MATTER OF NCPHD BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Gronquist reported he spoke with North Gilliam County Health Board representative Joann McCarthy to discuss appointment. McCarthy is hopeful the new Ambulance employee Dave Anderson will serve on the Board. The matter will be discussed at NGCHD meeting on February 5, 2014.

#### IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE COURT PRO-TEM APPOINTMENT

Justice Court Judge Cris Patnode recommended the following people to act as pro tem Justice Judge: Ron McDermid, Leona Foster, Laura M. Pryor, S. "Chris" Nix

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to appoint Ron McDermid, Leona Foster, S. "Chris" Nix and Laura M. Pryor as pro tem justice court judges for both Arlington and Condon Courts for the 2014 calendar year.

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 2014-15 BUDGET CALENDAR

County Court reviewed the revised 2014-15 Budget Calendar.

Consensus to approve calendar as presented.

#### IN THE MATTER OF 2014-2015 FUNDING PROCESS

The Court discussed the funding allocation process, noting the importance of putting funds aside to pay for bridge repair and prioritize other county needs. A funding ordinance similar to the Host Fee Ordinance may need to be developed.

Other items discussed:

- County Court cannot continue funding schools at the current level.

- Hiring a Financial Advisor to decipher/plan financial future of County.
- Using Strategic Plan in developing expenditures: bringing group back to discuss plan, input moving forward. Importance of building a long term financial plan to ensure future of county.

Consensus to use past years funding process: Letters will be sent to same entities.

Times Journal Mac Stinchfield reported Liberty Theater owner Don James will close the theater in February or March unless funds are found to cover the cost (\$35,000) of a new digital projection system. Stinchfield provided the Court with information, and it was noted James needs to contact the Court to discuss the project.

Round-Up Grill has reduced operation: the restaurant side has been closed indefinitely, the bar will remain open.

The Arlington School Board has been working with the Condon School Board to merge services which included: shared Superintendent, staff and sports program. It was noted Arlington was able to provide funds and really needed numbers for sports program. Condon declined offer and will continue partnering with Wheeler County for sports. The Court was disappointed with Condon's decision.

Judge Shaffer has been working with Oregon Workforce Alliance to bring career technology education options to the Gilliam County school system. The goal was to make this a county wide school endeavor.

Discussion on combining Condon schools into one building: the possibility of looking towards a bond to pay for consolidation.

#### IN THE MATTER OF CLERK PRINTER/COPIER PURCHASE

Judge Shaffer reported the Gilliam County Clerk's office purchased a Bizhub 364e: Printer/Copier/Scanner: \$5,753. The funds were available through AT&T grant line item and 199 Copy Machine line item.

It was noted the funding limit was raised from \$5,000 to \$10,000: requiring purchases of \$10,000 and above have three bid proposals.

#### IN THE MATTER OF FAMILY SERVICES GRANT SUBMITTAL

Teddy Fennern submitted a grant request to fund the summer OYCC work crew. The funds have been reduced from \$11,111 to \$10,000, and there is a OYCC requirement to work four or five youth 1050 hours and a crew leader position. Fennern asked the Court for \$9,099 to cover the cost of the expenses. Fennern has submitted a letter of intent and the grant deadline is February 19, 2014.

Discussion on the funds which were previously the Commission on Children and Families which have not been solidified and may be available to supplement youth programs. If additional funds are not found there will not be an OYCC program this summer.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the grant submittal request contingent on the availability of \$9,099 for the program 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 PORT OF ARLINGTON QUARTERLY REPORT

Port of Arlington Director Peter Mitchell reported the following:

- Three phase power installed, water and sewer installed at Mesa Industrial Park. Three business prospects have toured the property.
- Connect Oregon grant submitted for the rail spur expansion project.
- Condon Radar Base clean-up project which included removal of friable asbestos, contaminated soil and underground fuel storage tank. Ten buildings were inspected for structural sustainability: three have to be demolished. A water sewer system assessment has been completed, noting the well provides 100 gallons per minute. Shadow plat plan was prepared and provided to Court members.

There was discussion on the property being used for drone testing and the Military Training Route height restrictions. It would be beneficial if a two mile air radius could be negotiated for the airbase.

- Century Corps (Port of Arlington/Airbase ownership partner) has completed the project and at the last Port of Arlington meeting the property was returned to original owners.
- Fuel dock has had some setbacks in acquiring permits: the issued permits were not feasible. There are required setbacks and light grating restrictions to be worked through. A mitigation plan has been agreed upon and the revised permits should be available soon. This extended the project completion date.

- Electric car charging station should be installed within a month, noting Condon already has one installed.
- Nothing new to report on Willow Creek: There is \$3.2 million invested and at this time there is an offer of \$1 million to be reimbursed. Noting the earmark language states the funds will pay the Port of Arlington, nothing about Gilliam County. Discussion on moving forward with court proceedings and amount of time which has transpired on this matter. It was noted Merkley/Wydens office have been contacted over this matter.

Arlington Mesa:

City of Arlington Mayor Jeff Bufton reported Mesa Industrial improvement project had cost overruns from the extra rock and boring under Highway 19. Considering increasing the existing loan from \$2,121,000 + \$305,000 (overage)=\$2,426,000 and explained options to pay off loan.

Noting the City is looking for funds \$305,000 which could pay the shortfall off without taking out additional loan funds. County Court members reported their funds are depleted at this time.

Bufton added the City of Arlington is working on water rights which will provide water revenue as applicable. Hoping additional businesses will lease Mesa property.

Bufton added the Arlington City Council has been the most progressive he has ever been a part of: and thanked them for their service.

#### IN THE MATTER OF 2013 ODOT FUND EXCHANGE

Judge Shaffer acknowledged the 2013 Fund Exchange Agreement between Gilliam County and the State of Oregon for the allocation of costs on terms and condition mutually agreeable to the contracting parties.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Miscellaneous Contracts and Agreements No. 29821 allowing the trade of \$308,329 federal funds for \$289,829 state 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 ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND REQUEST

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to release Arlington School Districts 2013-14 funding allocation of \$50,000 for the Early College 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 CORRESPONDENCE

The Court acknowledged a letter of thanks and the commemorative coin for the \$2,000 donation for the Oregon WWII Memorial.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-02

Judge Shaffer reported the total amount due for the Frontier Digital Switch Warrantee is \$107,310, which includes Gilliam County's entire portion and half of Wheeler County's portion. Sherman County will pay the other half of Wheeler County's portion. The funds will come from Economic Development Fund, State lottery and proposed Frontier 911 fee agreement which is to be approved by the Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-02 making appropriations for Gilliam County Economic Development: Moving \$30,000 from Grant Matching Funds to Project Development Costs to accommodate for unexpected Digital Network Warrantee Fees. Contingent on Frontier Digital 911 approving \$35,000 fee 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 COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Judge Shaffer reported:

- Umatilla Electric Cooperative-UEC has filed an initiative trying to keep their renewable portfolio standard-RPS hydro energy percentage to a minimum. UEC is moving from 5% to 10% due to their data server businesses. UEC has agreed to pull the initiative if the agreement to use the pre-1995 hydro power as RPS.
- Attended an AOC meeting where Marijuana legalization was discussed: Discussion on possible revenue, distribution and specific acknowledgment of not using marijuana on or off the job. Judge Shaffer voted Region 3 strongly opposes legalizing marijuana.

Discussion on the Baseline Road project: This was an agricultural improvement accommodating the large semi-truck and trailers hauling harvested items, not the small farm trucks used in the past.

#### IN THE MATTER OF EMS GRANT SUBMITTAL REQUEST

Emergency Management Services Coordinator Chris Fitzsimmons asked the Court to approve a grant submittal to Oregon Emergency Management-State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$41,519.76. These funds will be used to purchase 700 Band Portable Radios for North and South Gilliam County Fire/Sheriff's Department and one base radio for ARO and installation.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the grant submitted to Oregon Emergency Management-State Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$41,529.76.

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

<u>Vote</u> :	3-0
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Motion	

#### IN THE MATTER OF COURT MEETING LOCATION

The Court discussed possible meeting locations for upcoming County Court meetings. Court Administrator Leanne Durfey will inform Court members of changes.

#### IN THE MATTER OF COURT MEMBER REPORTS (CONT)

Commissioner Weimar attended the AOC/ACT meeting where they discussed:

- Recreational vehicle registration fees: The matter is going to legislation to re-adjust portions: currently 15% to county/85% to state parks. Proposing 45/55% split.

- Intel/Nike deal to share SIP agreement: freezing tax advantages may want to note process since it may be a future problem locally.

Judge Shaffer reported:

- Met with Columbia Hills Manor board members about moving the proposed community center from behind the living facility to the Arlington RV Park located on Shane Drive.

Columbia Hills Manor Board members were encouraged to make a presentation to the Court. The funds are to be used for a community center not to purchase property.

There was a discussion about the Arlington RV Park which is to go on the auction block on the Courthouse stairs.

#### IN THE MATTER OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 5, 2014 at the Gilliam County Courthouse- Condon, Oregon beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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 1:55 p.m.

#### GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Shaffer, Judge

By \_\_\_\_\_

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

*Marla Davies-Recorder*