

1-8-2014

The Gilliam County Court regular meeting was called to order by Judge Shaffer at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held in the Gilliam County Courthouse-Courtroom in Condon, Oregon.

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

IN THE MATTER OF CARPET BIDS

Maintenance staff Darryl Houghtelling reported the District Attorney's office is next to receive paint and new flooring. Noting the area was checked for government asbestos tiling and the area has concrete flooring- no asbestos.

Painting will begin in January and the carpet will be installed in February. Funds are available in the maintenance budget. Houghtelling added the carpeting is under the \$5,000 required bid process amount.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve the R&W Carpet Gallery bid in the amount of \$4,375 which includes three rooms of carpet installation and floor preparation.

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

Judge Shaffer made the following changes:

- 4.2- Addition: Executive Session 192-660 (e,g)
- 1.3- Addition: Treasurer Business loan policy discussion
- 1.4- Addition: Resolution 2014-01

IN THE MATTER OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Columbia Ridge Landfill Community Advisory Committee: Kelly Gronquist has accepted different employment and will no longer be the Waste Management representative. Discussion on having Gronquist replace Chuck Hickerson as the public representative.

Commissioner Gronquist noted if there is not a conflict with him and Kelly Gronquist being on the same committee. Court members agreed there wasn't a conflict.

Consensus to move Kelly Gronquist to the public representative.

Commissioner Gronquist will inquire to find out who will be filling Waste Management position.

Recruiting for Budget Committee and Cultural Coalition members.

IN THE MATTER OF COURT MEMBER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Weimar noted:

- Lower John Day Partnership Area Commission on Transportation bylaws are being revised: and remove Partnership from the title.
- Lower John Day Area Conservation Work Group: dissolved

Judge Shaffer added Frontier Digital Network needs bylaws and there are no term limits in Intergovernmental Agreement.

Consensus to represent as listed.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

- December 4, 2013 regular County Court minutes
- December 18, 2013 regular County Court minutes
- December 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.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the December 11, 2013 Tri-County Court meeting 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 DESIGNATE VOTING PRECINCT

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to designate Gilliam County Voting Precincts: Arlington- No. 1, East Condon- No. 6 and West Condon No.7.

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 DESIGNATE COUNTY ROADS OUTSIDE INCORP. AREA

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to designate county roads outside the incorporated area of Arlington, Condon and Lonerock as Road District No. 1.

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 DESIGNATE GILLIAM COUNTY DEPOSITORIES

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to designate Bank of Eastern Oregon, Banner Bank and Oregon State Local Government Investment Pool as Gilliam County Depositories

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

Discussion on banking options

Motion withdrawn.

IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

Judge Shaffer inquired about adding The Dalles Chronicle to a designated choice.

Discussion on public posting process, expense of posting occurred. Noting East Oregonian is the backup newspaper of choice.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to designate The Times Journal and East Oregonian as Gilliam County's Newspapers of Record.

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 GRANT SUBMITTAL REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION

Gilliam County Special Transportation is preparing a grant to be submitted to offset transportation costs for Veteran medical rides.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Gilliam County Special Transportation grant submittal request in the amount of \$50,000 to the U.S Department of Veterans Affairs for transporting veterans to medical appointments.

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 STATE OF OREGON IGA #143664-JUVENILE DEPENDENCY

Judge Shaffer reported District Attorney Marion Weatherford does this scope of work for Gilliam County and recommends declining the State of Oregon Intergovernmental Agreement #143664.

Consensus to decline IGA #143664.

IN THE MATTER OF SGCHD REQUEST FOR BUDGETED FUNDS

The Court acknowledged a letter requesting the 2013-14 budgeted funds from South Gilliam County Health District.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve the release of \$150,000 to the South Gilliam County Health District for their 2013-14 allocation.

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 FORMER LIBRARY DISCUSSION

Gilliam County Assessor Dave Messenger submitted a letter stating the Real Market Value of the former Library building on Main Street is: \$29,360. Noting a number of deficiencies need to be corrected.

Noting the floor repairs were previously estimated between \$32,000-\$50,000.

Discussion on moving forward on the sale of the property and contacting the Port of Arlington's Peter Mitchell for opportunities which may be available for potential buyers.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 192.660 (e,g)

Judge Shaffer declared the meeting to be in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 2(e) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. (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 FRONTIER DIGITAL NETWORK FINANCE AGREEMENT

Judge Shaffer reported there are additional funds are needed to cover service upgrades and maintenance agreements for Frontier Digital Network. (\$71,540) In addition, Wheeler County is unable to pay their portion which will be split between Sherman and Gilliam County. (\$35,770)

A Resolution will be drafted.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to approve \$107,310 for the Frontier Digital Network service upgrade with Motorola and Day Wireless which will come from the contingency fund.

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 AUDIT REPORT

Treasurer Danelle Wetherell reported the audit process went smoothly and was completed in three days, noting in the past the audit took a week to complete.

Wetherell supports the current auditors and feels they perform additional services without compensation and are familiar with the Chaves record keeping software.

Wetherell was commended for her work as Treasurer.

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to accept the audit report as submitted by Oster Professional Group.

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed.

Wetherell recommended the auditing services stay with Oster Professional Group.

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Gilliam County auditing services continue with Oster Professional Group

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 APPOINT BUDGET OFFICER

MOTION: Commissioner Gronquist moved to appoint Danelle Wetherell as Gilliam County Budget Officer for FY 2014-15

SECOND: Commissioner Weimar.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar
No: None

Abstained: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed.

Wetherell added she was comfortable with the banking depositories designated.

IN THE MATTER OF DESIGNATE GILLIAM COUNTY DEPOSITORIES

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to designate the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Banner Bank and Oregon State Local Government Investment Pool as Gilliam County's Depositories.

SECOND: Judge Shaffer.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Gronquist and Commissioner Weimar
No: None
Abstained: None
Absent: None
Motion Passed.

The Court reviewed the Budget Calendar: It was noted there were some date conflicts. Wetherell will make changes and submit for approval.

Wetherell added she is working on the Business Loan Policy/Procedures: Using information from Sherman/Gilliam County she and Judge Shaffer will compose working document. Hoping to solidify loan program by March 2014.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2014-01

MOTION: Commissioner Weimar moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-01 making appropriations for Gilliam County General Fund:

- Youth Investment \$12,500
- Justice Reinvestment Grant 50,000

To appropriate and allow for expenditures for Grants not anticipated at budget time.

SECOND: Commissioner Gronquist.

Discussion: What was Sheriff Bettencourt's plan for the funds?

Wetherell stated she was told he was setting up a program in his department.

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:

- Four Rivers Early Learning Council: Need a parent and business representative with strong communications skills from Wheeler, Sherman or Gilliam County.
- Coordinated Care Organization-CCO: Group is gathering data and looking to fill Ryan Hawley's position: Holly Winslow is considering position. Need North Gilliam Health representation.
- North Central Public Health District: there are issues with the separation from Wasco County regarding employee time: accrued sick, vacation. There was communication from NCPHD if Carmen Gronquist was still interested on board position. Commissioner Gronquist reported he received verbal resignation from Gronquist, noting she was willing to stay on if needed. Commissioner Gronquist added he will contact Joann McCarthy about possible replacement.

Commissioner Weimar reported:

- Capeco housing project is having management problems: there are three sets of rentals which are barely covering the program expenses. Can see potential problems for Gilliam County if program implemented.
- Lower John Day ACT: Discussed state transportation and investment program.

Discussion on economic development districts and potentially moving from Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation to Mid-Columbia Economic Development District: noting partnering with MCEDD area counties already and both GEODC/MCEDD have same services. Judge Shaffer will gather information on services available.

IN THE MATTER CORRESPONDENCE

None

IN THE MATTER OF NEXT MEETING

The next Gilliam County Court meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. - January 22, 2014 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 11:54 a.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Steve Shaffer, Judge

By _____

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Marla Davies-Recorder