

5-07-13

Judge Shaffer called the regular Gilliam County Court meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Gilliam County Courthouse Courtroom in Condon, Oregon.

Court members present were: Judge Steve Shaffer, Commissioner Dennis Gronquist and Commissioner Michael Weimar.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Judge Shaffer added to the agenda request for donation to the CHS Graduation Party.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

Executive Session minutes of April 16, 2014 were tabled.

Motion was made by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Commissioner Gronquist, to approve the following:

- April 16, 2014 regular court meeting minutes
 - April claims pending review
 - Authorization to Assessor for 2014-15 Weed Control Special Assessment
 - Chris Fitzsimmons request to apply for Emergency Management Performance Grant
- Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar - Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR CONSULTING SERVICES

Judge Shaffer opened discussion regarding the Court's consideration of contracting for financial consulting noting he spoke with Scott Clements yesterday and explained his goal of determining the basic level of government and they felt the initial phases of the Court's goal is not within the scope of work proposed by Clements. Judge Shaffer suggested the first phase of the process begin by utilizing county staff to establish the basic level of government and later in the process Clements could be utilized. Commissioner Gronquist suggested the Court get through budget first and then schedule another work session to keep working at the long term commitment/plan.

IN THE MATTER OF FOUR RIVERS EARLY LEARNING HUB MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Judge Shaffer distributed and provided explanation on Four Rivers Early Learning HUB Memorandum of Understanding between five counties including Gilliam. He explained the MOU shows Gilliam County will provide resources of staffing equivalent to .2 FTE. Commissioner Gronquist inquired about the formation of HUB and governance board. Judge Shaffer said the HUB governance board is made up of representatives from Early Childhood Services, Business, County Representatives, Education, Health, Human Services and Parents. He noted the HUB will most likely have to apply for funds to hire staff.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to approve the Four Rivers Early Learning Hub Memorandum of Understanding between Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler Counties. Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar - Yes;
Motion Carried.

IN THE MATTER OF COURT REPORTS

Judge Shaffer will attend an AOC meeting next Monday for a discussion on the military training route.

Judge Shaffer reported on North Central Public Health District meeting noting the board has been working on the separation from Wasco County the past 2½ years. He said an 18% increase is proposed for each of the counties next budget year. Gilliam County's share increases from \$85,000 to \$101,000 and he does not see an increase in the services delivered to Gilliam County, explaining the NCPHD employees have not received salary increases in three years. The proposed budget includes a 2% salary increase for employees and the Board came back with a 1.5% salary increase. There have been ongoing discussions regarding Wasco County and what they are willing to fund. He will keep Commissioners informed as discussions progress.

IN THE MATTER OF CONDON SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION OF FACILITIES PROGRESS REPORT

Condon School District representatives, Nichole Schott, Michelle Geer, and Jay Kosik were present. Schott distributed and gave an overview on the consolidation of school facilities. The document included a history on the 2002 Construction Bond, a 2010 Facilities Analysis and 2013 Consolidation Plan. The outline included reasons to consolidate all students to one campus; energy costs, maintenance costs, savings and utilization of staff. The presentation next covered current assumptions noting their current thought process on the most efficient, yet economical approach possible, and issues yet to be addressed with a new building and old buildings. Project timeline was outlined as beginning in the fall of 2014 with bond campaign in winter of 2016 and bond initiative to voters in May of 2016 for either a new building on the high school campus or an expansion of the existing building. Conclusion of the presentation expressed their appreciation for operating funds the County has provided over last several years, expressing their belief that investing in schools in the purest form of investing in the future of Gilliam County. They hope the Court will consider partnering with them including the disposition of the old grade school building and contributing to the cost of construction in order to defray a burden on taxpayers. Superintendent Jay Kosik said they will work hard to be good communicators with the Court and that they consider the Court to be part of the plan, asking what it would take for the Court to support this work. Commissioner Gronquist said moving all students to one building, if it makes sense. Commissioner Weimar said he has no comments at this time. Judge Shaffer noted the Court recently held a work session to discuss economic development strategies and are beginning the process of prioritizing, with the idea of planning so the County can utilize the discretionary funds into the 2030 decade. He noted the Court is in agreement of the importance of education and it is very close to the top of the list, noting the process is ongoing work. Schott asked how the Court would like to be kept informed of their process in order to help with the Court's strategic planning. Judge Shaffer suggested quarterly reports.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING TRADE WITH CITY OF CONDON FOR VACANT LOTS

Judge Shaffer said this is the time for the public hearing to consider trade of two Gilliam County owned vacant lots for a City of Condon vacant lot. Discussion was held on the process of scheduling the public hearing. Judge Shaffer provided background information on the lots and referred to an earlier discussion after the City came to the County looking for easements for their sewer project which led to the County Court looking at county and city owned properties. After looking at the properties he said he understood the Commissioners wanted him to look at comparable properties for consideration of trade. Legal counsel advised Kathryn Greiner the City is required to hold a public hearing and technically the County is not but Carey recommended it. The Court members reviewed the maps showing the lots described in the public hearing notice. Commissioner Gronquist said there is no need to hold on to property the County has no use for but was not aware a hearing had been scheduled. There was no public testimony and the hearing was closed. The Court meeting was briefly recessed at 10:45 am to allow the Commissioners time to look at the properties again which are being considered for trade.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING OREGON SAVINGS GROWTH PLAN

The Court meeting reconvened at 11:00 am and County Clerk Rena Kennedy was present. She asked the Court to consider adopting the Oregon Savings Growth Plan deferred comp plan, noting it's connected to PERS. She said the County has offered up to three plans in the past, but currently only has two. She thinks this is a good option to add as it has a lot of participants, is connected to PERS, fees may be lower, and they offer a Roth.

Motion was made by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Commissioner Gronquist to approve Resolution 2014-09 adopting the Oregon Savings Growth Plan. Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPENSATION BOARD RECOMMENDATION

Walter Powell presented the Gilliam County Compensation Board recommendation noting the Compensation Board met on May 22 and the Treasurer presented them with a proposed salary schedule. The written report states the COLA and step increases are fair and the Compensation Board recommends they be approved by the Court noting the COLA and step increases combined calculate to about 4% average increase.

Powell noted each year they feel they are somewhat lacking in their understanding of why elected officials all have the same base wage and they end up discussing whether or not the jobs all require the same depth of knowledge requirements. He said with all due respect to the past and present Treasurer, given the amount of money in the county budget he hopes the County is budgeting for continuing education for the Treasurer position.

On another subject, Powell mentioned it is important for Dewey Kennedy to stay in communication with the Soil and Water Conservation District regarding the bridge on Cayuse Road.

IN THE MATTER OF RETURNING TO TRADE OF PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar, to approve the trade for real property with the City of Condon; trade is for Gilliam County property described in Gilliam County Assessor's map 4S21E10BD Tax Lot 3500 valued at \$6,370 and Gilliam County property described in Gilliam County Assessor's map 4S21E10BD Tax Lot 2200 valued at \$3,350 to be traded to the City of Condon for property described in Gilliam County Assessor's map 4S21E03DC property Tax Lot 100 valued at \$9,450. Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO GILLIAM COUNTY CULTURAL COALITION BOARD

As recommended by the Gilliam County Cultural Coalition Board, **Motion** was made by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Commissioner Gronquist, to appoint Kathy Street to the Cultural Coalition Board with a term to expire 12/31/15. Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH LANE COUNTY

The Court reviewed Intergovernmental Agreement with Lane County for Tax Map Maintenance and Geographic Information Systems. It was consensus to table the agreement until additional information from Assessor Dave Messenger is available.

IN THE MATTER OF COURT SECURITY PROJECT

The Court revisited the Azimuth Communications Inc. Court Security Project Proposal that was discussed at the last Court meeting. The project includes security video cameras and card locks to front and back exterior doors. It was noted that four county computer stations will have access to the card reader software program. The cost to Gilliam County is \$36,644.04 which will be paid from available Court Security funds, bid qualifies through state bid process.

Motion was made by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Commissioner Gronquist, to approve the Court Security proposal from Azimuth Communications Inc. in the amount of \$36,044.04. Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR DONATION TO CHS GRADUATION PARTY

Motion was made by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to donate \$200 to the Condon High School Class of 2014 Drug & Alcohol Free Graduation Party. Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted a meeting will be held in Bend next week regarding Connect Oregon grant applications. Commissioner Gronquist discuss with Port of Arlington EDO Peter Mitchell.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Judge Shaffer declared the meeting to be in Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (h) legal counsel. No final decisions were made. Separate minutes were taken and will be on file in the County Clerk office.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE

Motion was made by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar, to approve moving forward in contacting DEQ, direct staff to clean and secure the property, track county costs and proceed with Circuit Court complaint. Discussion: if in the process of cleanup it is determined the overhang on front porch is a danger it will be removed. Vote: Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

Legal Counsel Will Carey will prepare a resolution of this Court to file as a lien for the amount the property owner owes for abatement.

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IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Judge Shaffer noted based on legal advice the course of direction is to reiterate the letter that was previously sent to Cargill.

IN THE MATTER OF APOLLO PROPOSAL

Judge Shaffer said IBR/Cargill forwarded an estimate from Apollo for plumbing repairs/replacement on the IBR building. Brief discussion followed regarding the scope of work. It was noted the drain pipes need to be scoped. It was also noted it needs to be determined whether or not a filtering system is needed. It was consensus of the Court to contact Anderson Perry for consultation regarding the water system issues.

IN THE MATTER OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in the Gilliam County Courthouse in Condon, Oregon.

It appearing to the Court there was no further business to be conducted at this time and not additional matters to be considered Judge Shaffer adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____
Steven Shaffer, County Judge

By _____
Dennis Gronquist, County Commissioner

By _____
Michael Weimar, County Commissioner

Recorder: Leanne Durfey