

9-17-2014

Judge Shaffer called the regular Gilliam County Court meeting to order at 10:10 am. The meeting was held at the Arlington City Hall, Arlington, OR.

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

Due to technical difficulties and not to delay the start of the meeting any further the recording of the meeting did not start until approximately 10:20 am

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Consideration of Resolution No. 2014-17

U.S. Representative Greg Walden Town Hall

IN THE MATTER OF ARLINGTON COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL REQUEST FOR BUDGETED FUNDS

Discussion took place on process, it was agreed the Court will take action on individual request for funds to be disbursed this fiscal year.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Judge Shaffer, to approve Arlington Community Preschool request for budgeted funds in the amount of \$34,500.00 for fiscal year 2014-15. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Gronquist – Absent; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF PORT OF ARLINGTON REQUEST FOR BUDGETED FUNDS

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Judge Shaffer, to approve Port of Arlington request for budgeted funds in the amount of \$294,000.00 for fiscal year 2014-15. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Gronquist – Absent; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF PCDC REQUEST FOR BUDGETED FUNDS

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Judge Shaffer, to approve Pioneer Community Development Corporation request for budgeted funds in the amount of \$65,000.00 for fiscal year 2014-15. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Gronquist – Absent; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF GILLIAM COUNTY FIRE SERVICES REQUEST FOR BUDGETED FUNDS

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Judge Shaffer, to approve Gilliam County Fire Services request for budgeted funds in the amount of \$60,000.00 for fiscal year 2014-15. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Gronquist – Absent; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT NO. 07 TO 2013-15 AGREEMENT WITH OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR FINANCING OF COMMUNITY ADDICTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT #141410

Judge Shaffer prefaced by stating Community Counseling Solutions Director Kimberly Lindsay has reviewed and is recommending the Court approve the amendment.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Judge Shaffer, to approve Amendment No. 07 to 2013-15 agreement with Oregon Health Authority for financing of Community Addictions and

Mental Health services agreement #141410. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Gronquist – Absent;
Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD OF PROPERTY TAX APPEALS APPOINTMENTS

It was prefaced Deputy Clerk, Ellen Wagenaar was consulted and the four individuals listed will attend the Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) training the first part of 2015 and if the Board needs to convene only three of the individuals will be selected to serve. Commissioner Weimar commented he is concerned with their only being one substitute.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Judge Shaffer, to appoint Commissioner Weimar and Pat Shaw to the Board of Property Tax Appeals 2014 Chairperson's pool and Leah Watkins and Peter Mitchell to the 2014 Board of Property Tax Appeals non-office holding pool. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Gronquist – Absent; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF GILLIAM COUNTY CULTURAL COALITION BOARD APPOINTMENT

Acknowledged resignation by Sharon Kinnaman from the Gilliam County Cultural Coalition Board.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Judge Shaffer, to appoint Jonna Rattray to the Gilliam County Cultural Coalition Board with term to expire 12/31/2016. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Gronquist – Absent; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICE DRAFT POLICY

It was prefaced the mobile communication device draft policy was made available to employees along with an invite to an informational meeting about cell phone usage. The only feedback received is regarding law enforcement and hands free devices and adding a statement that law enforcement exemptions may apply. Judge Shaffer commented the informational meeting was good. The policy addresses a concern with hourly employees accessing County email via a mobile device outside of working hours and it is stated in the policy that this is not allowed. Commissioner Weimar commented he is in favor of getting the policy in force and moving forward.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Judge Shaffer, to adopt Gilliam County Mobile Communication Device Policy No.2014-01. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Gronquist – Absent; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDER DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2014-17

Discussion took place on draft resolution declaring emergency circumstances requiring prompt execution of a public contract with respect to road department shop. Commissioner Weimar questioned the validity of their being a state of emergency when the fire took place in July and it is now September. Commissioner Weimar expressed having an issue with lack of timely information and questioned whether or not a barricade would be more appropriate. Judge Shaffer stated the resolution was drafted based on Pillar Consulting Group Engineering memorandum dated September 9, 2014; which states this portion of the building appears to be a safety hazard, the building trusses are damaged, the support beam and beam connections are damaged, the tin on the building is loose and in the event of a high wind the engineer suspects the building is likely to partially collapse and believes the building is dangerous and needs to be shored or demolished. Judge Shaffer commented the state of emergency discussion took place between

the City County Insurance Services (CIS) claims manager and Pillar Consulting Group structural engineer the draft resolution is based on their correspondence/recommendation.

Court Administrator Leanne Durfey commented the County has not seen a report from the insurance company yet. It was noted the claims manager is going on the recommendation of engineer, in which CIS required a structural assessment to be conducted as part of their evaluation. Judge Shaffer summarized the process to date involving the insurance claims manager originally assigned the case shortly thereafter left company, a new claims manager was assigned the case, lead paint and asbestos assessment conducted, CIS required structural engineer to assess the building, County received engineers memorandum, CIS did not dispute memorandum, County staff researched state of emergency clause/process to determine if an emergency status could be declared, and staff determined late afternoon September 15th that an emergency could be declared. Durfey added if the Court declares an emergency (adopts the resolution) then the one proposal solicited by Pillar Consulting Group for demolition would need to be considered by the Court. The matter of how dangerous the road shop may be in its current state was debated. A consensus on the state of emergency could not be reached; resolution was not adopted. Durfey stated Pillar Consulting Group will be asked to solicit two additional quotes for demolition under procurement guidelines.

IN THE MATTER OF CITY OF CONDON 2013-14 INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

The Court acknowledged receipt of City of Condon 2013-14 infrastructure grant report. Commissioner Weimar stated he visited with Durfey about the expense report and commented he wished there was more detail and the project is very visible with the tearing up of streets and looks forward to their eventual repair. Judge Shaffer stated the project is money well spent and thankful for the report.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNOUNCEMENT

U.S. Representative Greg Walden has scheduled at town hall meeting for Saturday September 27, 2014 at Condon.

IN THE MATTER OF WASTE MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Present were Jackie Lang Waste Management (WM) Communications Director, Charles 'Alan' Anderson, Senior District Manager and Dean Kampfer, Liaison to Metro. WM distributed report for quarter three of 2014 and highlighted the following. Columbia Ridge volumes are up with one less train per week, Chemical Waste Management volume is down compared to 2013. WM will be concluding its 100 Days of Summer Safety program soon; neither site has had any injuries. Annual company picnic and golf scramble is scheduled for September 20th at Arlington water front park and China Creek golf course. The gas plant expansion started August 8, 2014 with production at approximately 12 MW of power. The Boeing Dredge project will start again on September 24th this is the third and last segment. Reported a number of large projects going on in Alaska and volumes are starting to be received. WM has received approval from Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to begin a metal recycling project in October. The recycle project is focusing on large quantities of metal received from the Umatilla Depot. Employment at Columbia Ridge is steady, looking to hire a supervisor, welder and heavy equipment operators. WM advertised the positions in local newspaper, The Times-Journal stating it is a work in progress with corporate to advertise locally about job openings. In addition WM has reached out to the Columbia Gorge Community College. Judge Shaffer commented work force development is in the process of transition and developing programs to work directly with junior high/ high

school students and creating opportunities for local businesses and work force development has spoken highly of partnership with WM.

Commissioner Weimar inquired if Gilliam County will be able to claim the metal recycling on the annual recycle recovery report; WM will look into it with DEQ. Kampfer commented DEQ has had issues with documenting who claims the recyclables, is it claimed where collected or where processed, he will look into it. The metal is anticipated to be delivered directly to mass burn facility. In response to question about 2015 DEQ material discussions Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) is very involved in following the process.

Kampfer provided an update on Metro's solid waste roadmap program process. Metro held a work session in July at which Commissioner Gronquist was in attendance. Kampfer distributed handout titled 'long term management of garbage' for review. Metro has five road map project areas long-term management, transfer system configuration, Metro South Station, food waste capacity and cost recovery/fee and tax policies. There are six public benefit areas Metro is addressing including people's health, the environment, good value, highest and best use of materials, adaptable and responsive and accessible to all. In referencing Metro's solid waste roadmap program, the long term management plan component is of largest concern to Gilliam County. Metro is very interested in recovery of waste not just disposal of waste and will be weighing their decision on other uses for waste in addition to landfill. According to Metro's schedule for solid waste roadmap the Metro Council is slated to make a decision on the preferred approach to long term management July of 2015. WM representatives encouraged the County Court members to meet with Metro Councilors and staff before end of calendar year and again in the first quarter of 2015. Lang stated the Metro council members have changed the relationship between the Metro Council and Gilliam County Court needs to be reestablished. She suggested each Court member begin developing a relationship with Metro Councilors. The Council needs to be educated on the history of how and why Metro came to utilize the Columbia Ridge Landfill in Gilliam County and what it has meant and will continue to mean to the community/people of Gilliam County (economic benefits or adverse impact if contract is not sustained). It was suggested Gilliam County Court members need to offer the history of the landfill focusing on Gilliam County having the solution for Metro back when and the relationship should continue. It was mentioned Metro was in a crisis 20 years ago and the Metro Council today needs to be reminded that Gilliam County came with a solution and the partnership has been great with lots of community benefits. Lang cautioned the Court to be aware of competition as there is competition today; whereas 20 years ago there was no competition for landfills. Commissioner Weimar commented the Metro Councilors rely heavily on receiving information from Metro staff so both Metro council and staff needs to be told the history. Kampfer stated Metro has a consulting firm working on research and developing a plan. WM stated there are new technologies for waste recovery however most are not economical or able to take on volumes needed to be feasible therefore landfill will be in the mix as part of Metro's long term management decision. Lang stressed Metro's timeline is less than a year away, Gilliam County needs to reach out to Metro Councilors now. Lang stated Metro has been engaging the public in a series of events/discussions to gather input about how the greater Portland region can best manage its garbage in the future and encouraged the County to participate in an upcoming event 'Let's Talk Trash' film contest and distributed a flyer with details. Lang suggested a film depicting the Gilliam County and Metro story a successful urban/rural partnership. WM was thanked for their report.

IN THE MATTER OF COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioner Weimar reported he attended the Ford Family Alumni dinner/gathering held September 11th the discussion was great with lots happening in the County and commented after five years of leadership training it is impressive that The Ford Family still wants to offer more assistance. Attended Mid-Columbia Council of Governments meeting (MCCOG) a lengthy discussion took place on the direction of the AAA program and potential organizational change. Attended Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) district meeting and participated in the transportation segment a huge discussion took place on how to fund infrastructure including increase in gas tax, creating a trust fund similar to the federal highway trust fund but for Oregon, increase in vehicle fees and redistribution of the funding formula.

Judge Shaffer reported he also attended the Ford Family Alumni dinner and there were a variety of opportunities discussed focusing on our schools, youth and tourism. Attended AOC district meeting held at Sage Center on September 11th and met with Cottonwood Canyon State Park experience center fundraising group on the 11th. Judge Shaffer commented he anticipates the fundraising group to formally approach the County for a funding commitment in the near future. Attended Frontier Digital Network and Frontier Tel-net meetings. Reported lunch/meeting with Metro representatives went well. The North Central Public Health meeting did not have a quorum.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Judge Shaffer, to approved court minutes for September 3, 2014 as amended. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Gronquist – Absent; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

Court acknowledged thank you from Cindy Osterlund for the County's contribution towards the 2014 livestock auction pool at the fair.

Court acknowledged invite to Morrow County Courthouse Clock Tower Rededication and groundbreaking for the new administration building on September 29, 2014. RSVP is encouraged the courthouse rededication is at 11:00 am with lunch following on the courthouse lawn and administration building groundbreaking at 1:00 pm

LUNCH The County Court recessed for lunch at 12:15 pm and reconvened at 1:00 pm

IN THE MATTER OF WORK SESSION

Present for the work session were Judge Shaffer, Commissioner Weimar, Treasurer Danelle Wetherell, Port of Arlington Economic Development Officer Peter Mitchell.

Judge Shaffer distributed copies of proposed revenue generation per/wind project/per year for the duration of the project. Wetherell distributed summary of loan schedule with Business Oregon for review. Discussion took place on revenue generated by wind projects and utilization of those funds. Areas discussed included:

- Possibility of paying off County debt early,
- Annual funding request by entities and ability for the County to continue to assist at current levels and for how long,
- SIP and Economic Development Funds are currently being transferred to balance County general fund,

- Creation/continuing to add to a reserve fund,
- Planning for the future (save today to sustain programs beyond SIP) involving County budget and funding outside program reductions,
- How long or can or does the County sustain current funding priorities at the conclusion of wind farm Strategic Investment Program (SIP) funds,
- Distribution of tax funds collected and split between County general fund and road department,
- Identifying economic priorities and dedicating funds to those areas,
- Continuing to financially support special funds within the County budget and at what levels,
- Explore business development within the County, suggested grant/loan program,
- How to grow tax base including purchase/relocate businesses to County, offer incentives, promote retention and expansion of existing businesses,
- Suggested the County budget be re-evaluated to assess and determine essential needs,
- School funding request and school building infrastructure needs and does the County continue to have a role,
- County Court work session minutes from May 2014 were reviewed as funding priorities were discussed.

Judge Shaffer commented it is his hope the next time this topic is discussed that direction can be provided as to how long the County should aim at sustaining funding priorities beyond the conclusion of the SIP fund revenues.

No decisions were made another work session will be scheduled in the future.

IN THE MATTER OF NEXT MEETING

The next Gilliam County Court meeting will be held on October 1, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in the Gilliam County Courthouse 221 S. Oregon St. Condon, OR. 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 3:12 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____
Steve Shaffer, Judge

By Absent
Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____
Michael Weimar, Commissioner

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