

5-6-15

Judge Shaffer called the regular Gilliam County Court meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Gilliam County Courthouse in Condon, OR. Present were Judge Steve Shaffer, Commissioner Mike Weimar and Commissioner Dennis Gronquist. Absent: None.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Statement of work for the CTE consultant

Cancellation: Carol Benkosky, BLM Prineville District Manager: BLM Update

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR DONATION TO 2015 DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE GRADUATION PARTY

Motion by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar the County Court make a donation to the Elks Lodge for a drug and alcohol free high school graduation party; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried**

IN THE MATTER OF ASSESSOR 1) RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LANE COUNTY 2) AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT OF THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT & TAXATION SEARCH WEB APPLICATION

County Assessor Dave Messenger was present to give a report on property assessment and taxation in Gilliam County. Messenger informed that Pat Shaw had surgery and is recuperating at OHSU.

Hardware equipment update: has been purchased and will be stored in the vault. The ESD is going to reconfigure the rack system on Friday so all servers will be included.

In the matter of renewal of the intergovernmental agreement with Lane County for software support. The current agreement is for \$20,000. Lane County's proposal for fiscal year 2015-2016 and fiscal year 2016-2017 is a \$664.00 increase in each of those fiscal years. This will be the first increase in 5 years and allows for increases in personnel and computer hardware updates that may arise. The consortium is made up of Gilliam, Crook, Wasco, Lake, and Wheeler counties.

Motion by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to accept the intergovernmental agreement for software support with Lane County; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

Another project Assessor Messenger has been working on with Lane County is to take taxation and assessment data and make it available online. Currently there are 26 counties in Oregon that have their taxation and assessment information online and 30 counties that accept tax payments online. The document before the Court is for development and support of the property and taxation web search application. The acronym for this program will be PATS, Property Assessment and Tax Search. There will be a \$15,000 annual fee per participating county that will be spread out as an annual payment of \$5000/year for 3 years and then an ongoing monthly fee of \$467.67 after that. Any additional counties that elect to participate in the program will be subject to the same initial \$15,000 fee. Gilliam County can participate for as long or short a time as desired and monthly fees could conceivably go down with additional county participation.

Motion by Commissioner Gronquist to approve, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to accept the intergovernmental agreement for development and support of the Property Assessment & Taxation Search Web Application with Lane County; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF PORT OF ARLINGTON PORT MANAGER QUARTERLY REPORT

The Port prepared its budget pending the County Grant portion. The Port submitted a grant request of \$800,000 for projects in the upcoming fiscal year. This funding will greatly assist the Port (and County) expand capacity in Gilliam County. Funds are used exclusively for projects and not for overhead or staff.

The Marina and fuel dock project has been completed. The project replaced two aging gangways with a new aluminum gangway, upgraded utilities at the Marina, replaced the pump out station and installed a fuel dispenser system. The Port will now carry marine diesel fuel and premium non-ethanol gasoline. The Port also added 18 permanent slips to the Marina by adding fingers to the existing “B” and “C” docks. The project was primarily funded by Federal and State grants with match funds provided by Gilliam County. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Thursday June 4th at 2:00 p.m. Projections for fuel sales will be difficult to determine since there has never been fuel available along the River between The Dalles and Umatilla. Mitchell informed the electric charging station receives quite a lot of use based on the number of electric vehicles on the road and he expects more use going forward.

MCP grain elevator is undergoing substantial renovations and upgrades. A new barge loader is being installed along with new switch gear and electrical system upgrades. This work will be completed prior to harvest.

The Port has received a number of requests for information on the Mesa properties. Another lease request is pending City of Arlington approval. Additionally, the site should become Oregon "certified" soon. Certification is pending a soil report by Arlington's engineer and letter of concurrence from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, (ODFW).

Crossover switch at Shutler Station. Regrettably the Port was not successful in acquiring a Connect Oregon grant for the switch in the last round of funding. The Court was in agreement that the Port should reapply for the grant during the next funding period. Commissioner Gronquist suggested including some promotional photos showing the Station gets significant use.

The Port's Small Business Assistance Program provides business plan development assistance and support for legal and accounting framework. The Port is currently working with 12 local entities seeking to start, grow, or expand their business.

Last year, the Port assisted the County with grant application for an irrigation study to determine farmer interest, current irrigation need and potential future irrigated acres, study possible pathways for water development and provide base line cost estimates. The grant was not funded. However, there is continued interest from farmers to improve and develop irrigation systems.

The Port submitted a permit to the Corps for piling removal at Willow Creek. The Tribes have voiced concerns over the scope of work and future use of the property. These concerns have caused a delay in the permit approval. The Port is seeking to speak to a decision maker within the Corps of Engineers so lingering questions can be answered directly, such as; what is a Port? If the Army Corps is going to allow Tribes to dictate uses of the Ports on the Columbia River, the Port of Arlington sees this as a national issue. As the Court may be aware, the Willow Creek Port site is an active quarry as well as a deeded Port site. The quarry was used for rock to relocate the Union Pacific rail line and I-84. Remnants of the old Route 30 are still visible at the Port site. Any claim of this being a culturally significant site rings hollow in the Port's point of view as the land in and around the Willow Creek Port site was clearly disturbed by the Corps itself. There was a lengthy Court discussion of the issues surrounding the issue of Ports and the Tribal land use. It was noted this issue affects not only the Port of Arlington, but all of the Ports along the Columbia River.

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 192.660 2(e) (h)

IN THE MATTER OF COMPENSATION BOARD APPROVAL

Judge Shaffer informed the Court the Compensation Board's recommendation is this year Gilliam County elected officials receive a CPI increase and step increases based on time served; with two exceptions. Water Powell informed that one change the Compensation Board (CB) made in their evaluation process this year was to invite elected officials to individual discussions rather than meeting with all of them collectively. Based on these discussions, exception number two is the Board recommends moving the new Treasurer to step B, based on his degree in accounting and prior accounting experience. Exception number one involves the County Sheriff. The CB's recommendation for the upcoming fiscal year is to give the Sheriff a normal CPI increase and a normal step pay increase. Then over the next two year the CB recommends bringing the Sheriff to parity with the Gilliam County Judge, from 95% to 100%. There was a brief question and answer session around how the CB arrived at their conclusions.

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFICATION OF THE 4-15-15 DECISION REGARDING FUNDING FOR SOUTH GILLIAM COUNTY RFPD FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING

Judge Shaffer asked for a motion to ratify the April County Court decision to fully fund the RFPD Emergency Services Building. Judge Shaffer informed the funding would come out of the discretionary fund budget.

Motion by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to approve the funding for the South Gilliam County RFPD in the fiscal year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$163,000 utilizing the SIP discretionary funds; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING: TO CONSIDER FY-2014-15 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADDING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTY ROAD SHOP AND COURHOUSE FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM, RESOLUTION NO. 2015-06 ADOPTING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Commissioner Gronquist to approve a supplemental budget making appropriations for the fiscal year 2014-2015 Resolution No. 2015-06 in the amount of \$100,000 for the Road Department shop reconstruction and \$50,000 for the Courthouse fire suppression system; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES FOR SHUTLER STATION DRY BLENDING PLANT

Judge Shaffer asked the Court for authority to get the project going. The cost estimate came in just over the threshold of having to put out an RFP. The approved budget was for \$100,000 and the cost estimate came in at \$107,000. In order to avoid having to go out for an RFP Judge Shaffer has had conversations with both of the plumbing companies in the area, Connley Plumbing and Jamieson and Marshall, to see if they could work together to trim down transportation cost. He hasn't heard back, but expects to by Friday. The Court agreed it is important to get going on the project with Anderson Perry & Associates.

Motion by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to approve Amendment No. 1 with Anderson Perry & Associate for the Shutler Station Dry Blending Plant Water Quality Treatment improvements; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF RATIFICATION WITH MCEDD FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS CONSULTANT REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION AND STORAGE FACILITIES LOCATION IN MID-COLUMBIA REGION OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON

Motion by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to ratify the agreement with MCEDD for communications and government affairs Consultant regarding the development of renewable energy generation and storage facilities location in Mid-Columbia region of Oregon and Washington; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF CTE GRANT AND THE STATEMENT OF WORK FOR THE CONSULTING SERVICE TO GET THE \$420,000 CTE GRANT

Judge Shaffer was approached by the Bureau of Labor and Industries Board (BOLI) informing the Mid-Columbia region has not been receiving BOLI funding and the BLIB looking to develop a program within the area. Judge Shaffer said Career, Technology Education (CTE) training for the renewable energy industry was something BOLI would be interested in funding. There will be \$420,000 available that could be split among the three school districts, Condon, Sherman and Arlington to develop a curriculum and pay for the technology and equipment needed for CTE education. BOLI would charge a fee of \$24,000 to administer the program for 8 months. Judge Shaffer proposed using gain share dollars for contract work with Central Oregon Labor Relations. Gain share dollars are a portion of SIP income tax comes back to the County. After a brief Court discussion and it was agreed this would be a good use of gain share dollars.

Motion by Judge Shaffer, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to approve a contract for administration of the CTE grant, statement of work and consulting services up to \$16,000; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY CLERK LETTER OF RESIGNATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR REPLACEMENT

Judge Shaffer stated he thinks this item should be included in the next County Court meeting agenda on May 20, 2015 to best address issues and procedures. It was agreed to move this matter to the next County Court agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF SIP FUNDS RESOLUTION

Judge Shaffer informed that in the past the Court has passed a resolution that outlines how the County Courts expects to spend SIP dollars in the coming year. He suggested having Leanne Durfey draft a resolution to be presented at the next County Court meeting on May 20th 2015. The members of the Court agreed.

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON FACEBOOK

Judge Shaffer informed the Commissioners that the CASA Department is interested in creating a Facebook page. Commissioner Weimar informed that MCCOG has a policy on the use of Facebook. Their Transportation Department uses Facebook for their ridership program. There was a brief Court discussion and it was decided to move this matter to the May 20, 2015 County Court agenda.

IN THE MATTER OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Gilliam County Court will be held June 3, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Gilliam County Courthouse, Condon, Oregon.

Appearing to the Court that there was no further business to be conducted at this time and no additional matters to be considered Judge Shaffer adjourned the meeting.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____
Steve, Shaffer, Judge

By _____
Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____
Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Rachel Weinstein - Recorder