

6-3-15

Judge Shaffer called the regular Gilliam County Court meeting to order at 10:05 am. The meeting was held at the Gilliam County Courthouse, Courtroom, 221 S. Oregon St. Condon, OR. Court members present were: Judge Steve Shaffer, Commissioner Dennis Gronquist and Commissioner Michael Weimar. Absent: None

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONDON SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECT UPDATE

Nichole Schott gave the Court a Facilities Project update including an update on impending State Senate Bill 447. Facilities Project update: In May the school district selected their architect. Next week the District will be meeting with a construction advisor. June 15th the District will be meeting with the architect and an advisor from OSDA regarding the procedure for going out for a bond. The upcoming meeting with the architect will be a work session to address nuts and bolts of the projects programming. Over the summer the architects will draw up a design development (DD) set that can be used to cost estimate the project. By late summer the District should have the DD set and the initial cost estimate they can review to determine if the scope of work needs to be amended. To help pay for the project, the District will be looking to Senate Bill 447 which will make matching funds available to schools in rural communities for facility projects. Senate Bill 447 would be funded by House Bill 5005, which is the bill that will fund all of the State of Oregon bond capacity funds, for roads, higher education, K-12 education, etc. Schott informed the Court that on May 1st she went to Salem and testified before the Ways and Means Subcommittees on capital construction projects designated for education. She attended a round table discussion on school funding issues and felt there is widespread support for funding K-12 education. It's a question of which of the two competing bills – the one the District is advocating for, Senate Bill 447, or the competing bill in the House being supported by the House Speaker Peter Courtney – will be passed. The difference between the two bills is the House Bill will be for K-12 seismic upgrades. Senate Bill 447 is based on matching grants, where the House bill will be 100% grant funded. So, if the District's project is projected to cost \$4.6 million, they would need to pass a \$2.3 million bond measure and then would ask the State of Oregon for the remaining \$2.3 million. The funds approved for either bill will be divided over 4 election cycles in the next biennium. Both the Senate and House Bill are asking for \$125 million. Nicole informed it would be highly unlikely either bill would receive that amount, and the funding could be as low as \$50 million; or \$12.5 million per election cycle. Grants/matching funds will be capped at \$8 million, so it's possible that only a couple of schools would receive funding per year. Judge Shaffer agreed that the bill they favor would be wonderful for small schools and communities, but either bill that

passes will be intensely competitive. A provision of either bill is going to be that 1.5% of the cost of the project be devoted to alternative energy. Currently their project does not provide for any alternative energy. Judge Shaffer said that it is his understanding there we be offsets available to meet that requirement. Schott said she felt confident Senate bill 447 would pass, but is more concerned with the level funding and the level of competitiveness for those dollars. The District is planning to return to County Court in September or October with a facility project update.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Michelle Colby emailed members of the Court a staff report from her new position as Gilliam County Planner: Judge Shaffer said he was impressed with the level of detail in the report and with the easy-to-read format. There was a brief Court discussion of whether departments should email their reports, or present them in person. The members of the Court agreed that having departments present in person is helpful. Leanne Durfey asked how often the Court would like the Planning Department to present a staff report. Judge Shaffer said Planning should present quarterly.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

CAPECO announced their Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will no longer be offered after June 30, 2015. Commissioner Weimar informed the Court, RSVP is a national non-profit program that screens volunteers who volunteer with the elderly. CAPECO can no longer afford the huge fee they have to pay for the program. Judge Shaffer asked the Commissioners how they would like to proceed moving forward regarding senior volunteers. He informed that there was a person in the community who had been volunteering with seniors who was found to be taking advantage of one of them. In that case the County had used the CAPECO program, but asked if they felt in the future volunteers should go through the Sheriff's office screening. Leanne Durfey noted under the worker's compensation policy renewal volunteers are not covered. Marla Davies, Transportation Coordinator and Jay LaRue, who handles the County's worker's compensation insurance, will address the issue when they present to the Court later in the day.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Transportation Coordinator Marla Davies informed the Court that she received one sealed bid for the County owned 1998 Ford F350 van. The bid was from Kevin Godfrey in the amount of \$1,299.00.

Motion by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to approve the sale of the 1998 Ford F350 van to Kevin Godfrey for \$1,299.00; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

Staff Report: Marla Davies presented a Transportation Department update and distributed a handout to Court members. Her Board is asking for a name change, dropping the S for Special or Senior transportation to alleviate any confusion that the transportation is only for special people or for seniors. Commissioner Weimar suggested that the name be changed to Gilliam County Transit. The Court agreed. Davies said she thought her Board would approve the change.

Davies said her Board was concerned about the termination of CAPECO's RSVP program and the lack of accident insurance coverage for drivers. Marla said she has talked with Chris Fitzsimmons about having the Sheriff's Office conduct volunteer background checks. Judge Shaffer said the Sheriff's Office has conducted background checks for County employees. The Veterans Grant is going well. Since its inception last August, through March 15th, they have served 58 veterans over 143 trips, covered 24,498 miles and provided 1068 hours of transportation. The grant was \$45,000, they have spent \$30,251. The remaining \$14,748 will be spent by the end of the grant cycle. Davies has submitted a letter of intent to renew the grant for the next grant cycle for another \$45,000. Five thousand of the grant goes to Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs for administration. There is a conference July 28th to go over the new guidelines for the grant renewal application.

Davies reported she has 4 new drivers, 3 from Arlington and 1 from Condon. There is an issue around driver training. Mid-Columbia Council of Governments (MCCOG) transportation brokerage has mandatory trainings in Hood River, Ontario, John Day and while there was one in Fossil, it has been difficult to get her drivers to attend because the training is two days long, 8 hours per day. She spoke to Joni Bramlett – ODOT Regional Transit Coordinator – about training alternatives. Bramlett provided training materials so Davies will be able to do the training herself this summer. Her Board is trying to procure a reflex chair since they agreed to have all drivers undergo a reflex test. First Aid/CPR classes will be provided as well. Dave Anderson in Arlington has agreed to teach them when EMT class schedule allows.

OMAP Brokerage: Through MCCOG there is a new Ecolane database. There have been problems with billings, but overall she thinks it's a good program for providing revenue stability. Going forward the program should work but March shows a

discrepancy of \$5000.00 from what MCCOG thinks Gilliam County is due and what Davies thinks the County is owed. Transportation department has received a \$30,000.00 grant from Region 4 Special Funds. She will be using the grant to purchase a new 14 passenger bus. Davies will attend a procurement class in July offered by ODOT to learn details. She will then accompany her Board on a day shopping trip to dealerships to decide on which vehicle to order. Delivery will be December 2015 at the earliest.

The bus barns are getting cleaned out and organized by community service and work experience volunteers. Davies still needs lighting in Arlington. In Condon she needs to get a garage company to come and redo the rubber on the bottom of the garage doors, but is finding it difficult to find a company willing to come to Condon. Davies told the Court that she is still suggesting a car wash at the Industrial Park. Commissioner Gronquist suggested running the buses through a truck washing facility at a truck stop. Commissioner Weimar suggested checking with the Road Department to see what they have available.

Transportation now has a Toyota Rav 4 and two volunteer drivers in Lonerock. Davies is waiting for a lease agreement from the South Gilliam County RFPD for the storage of the vehicle. She had been told her department could lease space from them for the cost of electricity and insurance. She spoke with Shannon Coppock yesterday and was told they now want her department to pay for the attorney to draw up the lease agreement and pay rent in addition to electricity and insurance. Marla is continuing with negotiations.

Title VI Program Policy: The Transportation Department is poised to receive Title VI approval. The department has undergone a mandatory site review and Davies is now working on financial procedures. She has completed the non-discrimination programs and spare vehicle information for the Title VI designation. She is waiting for the Court to update the County's personnel policies. Commissioner Weimar asked for an explanation of Title VI. Title VI is an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) non-discrimination policy. Title VI is used to effectively monitor and ensure Counties are in compliance with federal transportation policy. Having Title VI approval will state Gilliam County will transport any person in need and will not discriminate based on disabilities and insures drivers meet English language proficiency. Driver complaints will be brought to Davies, unless the complaint involves her. In that event the complaint would go to Joni Bramlett, Judge Shaffer or Leanne Durfey.

Commissioner Weimar requested the cover page be amended to state the name of the program.

Motion by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Judge Shaffer to accept the Title VI non-discriminatory program policy; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes;
Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF KLAMATH COUNTY RESOLUTION URGING STEPS TO DELIST GRAY WOLVES UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

The Court agreed to provide a written show of support if needed in the future.

IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE

The County Court acknowledged the following correspondence:

Thank you note from Rena Kennedy for get well tree.

Thank you letter from Ellen Wagenaar for the appointment of Gilliam County Clerk.

Invitation to the Arlington Chamber of Commerce sponsored Fishing Derby and Spring Lollapalooza in Arlington, Saturday June 6th. Judge Shaffer and Commissioner Weimar have conflicts and won't be able to attend. Commissioner Gronquist will attend.

IN THE MATTER OF BUDGET HEARING ON FY 2015-16 BUDGET

This being the time and place advertised Judge Shaffer opened the Budget Hearing. There were no members of the public were in attendance to provide testimony. Judge Shaffer closed the Hearing at 11:04 a.m.

There was general discussion of how to amend the budget process in future fiscal years. Commissioner Gronquist suggested the Court create a fund that will build over time, so the County will have money for economic development projects. He suggested the Court allocate those funds first, and then they will know what amount will be left for awarding grants and funding County programs. Commissioner Weimar suggested calling it a strategic reserve fund. Judge Shaffer was in agreement, the Court should fund debt service first, next decide what reserve funds they want to set aside, then they will know how much will be left when it comes time to funding everything else.

Commissioner Weimar thought it was a good idea to get this into the record so the Court will have something to refer to next year. Both Judge Shaffer and Commissioner Gronquist had high praise for the work of Treasurer Hammer on fiscal budget 2015-16.

Weimar said he thought the new budget format was straight forward and easy to follow. Going forward, the current and proposed changes will be helpful for departments in planning their annual budgets

Judge Shaffer read budget line item amounts into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Commissioner Gronquist to approve Resolution No. 2015-08 adopting budget, making appropriations, imposing and categorizing taxes in the amount of \$39,938,732 at the taxation rate of \$3.8450 per \$1000 of assessed value for the fiscal year 2015-16; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF 2015-16 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANTS, SIP GRANTS, SIP COMMUNITY SERVICE FEES & SIP TRANSFERS

Judge Shaffer stated instead of Resolution 2015-09, he would like the Court to consider approval of a spreadsheet which lists the Budget Committee approved 2015-16 grant awards from the SIP Fund in the amount of \$2,277,273.90, grant awards in the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$450,000 and grant awards in the General Fund in the amount of \$205,861. The spreadsheet also outlines the distribution of the County's share of the SIP Community Service Fees, showing 25% each to the City of Arlington and the City of Condon, with \$300,000 to the Debt Service Fund and the balance to the Pennington Reserve Fund. The spreadsheet also outlines the SIP Fund transfers to the General Fund in the amount of \$812,159, the Library Fund in the amount of \$43,979 and the and Grain Lab in the amount of \$85,140. It was noted the document accounts for the Columbia Hills Manor pledge of \$1,387,018.

Motion by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to approve the document outlining the above listed expenditures for fiscal 2015-16; Commissioner Gronquist had a question regarding the transfer to the Pennington Fund and how that was laid out in the budget document. Durfey replied is was due to some of the dollar amounts were budgeted estimates. Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

(Resolution 2015-09 was listed on the agenda but was not presented or adopted.)

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING GILLIAM COUNTY AN EMERGENCY DROUGHT DISASTER

Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Fitzsimmons, SWCD Director Sandy McKay and OSU Ag Agent Jordan Maley appeared before the Court. Fitzsimmons has drawn up an Emergency Drought Declaration for Gilliam County to be declared a drought county for 2015-16 by the State of Oregon. There is supporting documentation from Sandy McKay and Jordan Maley. There will be a Drought Council meeting on June 11th, which Fitzsimmons and Maley plan to call in. This is a necessary procedural step ahead of being declared a drought county by Governor Brown. June 3, 2013 was the last time Gilliam County has filed a drought declaration request. McKay said the month of June is when the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) adds additional drought funds which is why they are filing now. In order for Gilliam County to be eligible for NRCS funds a county must have a drought designation. The NRCS summer forecast has all streams as running between 10-50% of normal in the John Day Basin. Here at the lower end stream flows are already running 10-25% of normal. There are stretches of 30 Mile Creek that have gone dry and huge stretches above Rock Creek that have gone dry as well. This happens every year, but it's happening extremely early this year. A number of irrigators have seen their pumps turned off already. Steelhead smolt are being stranded in pockets of water and a huge Steelhead die-off is happening in other locations. Commissioner Gronquist asked how affected farmers can get funding to cover their losses. McKay answered there are crop insurance policies farmers can buy and the Farm Service Agency (FSA), NRCS and the State Water Department all offer drought assistance programs. Fitzsimmons informed there are also Small Business Administration (SBA) loans local businesses can apply for since they will be affected as well. Commissioner Gronquist asked if there are still Crop Reduction Programs (CRP) program funds available that could help. Commissioner Weimar thought that would be a symbiotic situation that might help keep hay prices from soaring. McKay said hay farmers will be lucky to get one cutting this year. Maley said the most severely affected counties will get the most support. NRCS has set aside an additional \$2.5 million dollars for drought assistance in Oregon. One of the goals in drought mitigation is to limit the amount of top soil that might blow away and create dust storms. Putting down straw would be a solution relief funds could pay for. Maley informed what is unique about this drought is its length and severity. It's no longer just surface soil moisture that current crops rely on which has been affected, but sub-soil moisture is diminishing rapidly and will affect future crops. Going forward the forecast is for the drought cycle to continue. McKay informed the Court that his office will be responsible for initializing the drought declaration process in the future.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Gronquist to approve Resolution No. 2015-07 Declaring a state of drought emergency in Gilliam County; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW CIS PROPERTY & LIABILITY COVERAGE RENEWAL

John Anderson from Wheatland Insurance Agency appeared before the Court to discuss upcoming CIS property and liability insurance renewal for 2015-16. There was a general Court discussion of rate increases. The County's liability insurance premium increase is 7.6%. Auto liability insurance rates increase is 13.4%. Worker's compensation insurance will go up 3%. Property insurance rates will increase just under 15%, which includes the 5% base rate increase. The County added \$60,000 of coverage for the pump house and contents at Shutler Station Industrial Park. Anderson said the biggest reason for the rate increase is the County's property/loss ratio has reached 83%. The County road shop fire played a role in the increase. Commissioner Weimar said the County's liability cost is huge compared to the coverage he has on his farm, and farms have to carry a lot of liability insurance. Anderson said the County policy is a much broader package than an individual would have on a farm partly due to the increased exposure of potential claimants. Commissioner Weimar thinks the liability premium seems high proportionally. Anderson explained rates are decided by the percentage of the pool and past pay outs to the County. He advised there are other insurance options, but he advised CIS County insurance is a specialty package for Oregon and the best option. Judge Shaffer asked what the County's premium was last year compared to this year's premium. Anderson informed last year's premium was \$44,160 and this year's rate will be \$47,230. Last year in Oregon CIS figures revealed there were 463 claims for a total of \$23 million. Wrongful termination came in just over \$5 million. CIS has programs which enable counties to chip away at insurance rates through best practices, but you have to participate in their programs. Anderson stated rate increases are announced each January so that gives the County time to budget around annual rate increases.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT NO. 147788 FOR THE FINANCING OF COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES

There was a brief Court discussion of Community Counseling Solutions (CCS). This agreement funds CCS directly.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Commissioner Gronquist to accept Intergovernmental Agreement No. 14788 for the financing of Community Mental Health & Addiction services with the Oregon Health Authority; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the May 6 & May 20 County Court regular meeting minutes, May 6 & May 20 executive session minutes and May claims pending review; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW CIS WORKERS COMPENSATION COVERAGE RENEWAL

Jay LaRue, LaRue Insurance Agency, presented the Court with a printed packet and verbal explanation of the CIS worker's compensation insurance renewal premiums for 2015-16. LaRue said premiums are based on a "worse-case scenario" and are usually higher than what is paid out. Worker's compensation rates are estimated based on the insured's payroll and the number of insured's claims and the larger insurance pool. Different job classifications have different rating factors depending on the risk involved with the position. LaRue informed the Court of the generalities around worker's compensation insurance. Judge Shaffer asked if County volunteer workers are covered. County Resolution No. 2014-15 was reviewed. Search and rescue and police reserve volunteers are covered, as are community service volunteers/inmates and the volunteer chaplain for the Sheriff's Office. Salaried elected officials are also covered. Durfey said Marla Davies has expressed concern regarding the loss of accident for volunteer drivers which has been provided through CAPECO. LaRue said while available, CIS doesn't encourage entities to cover volunteer drivers under the worker's compensation coverage. They have concern about the training and fitness of volunteer drivers especially in transporting elderly and handicapped passengers. A claim brought by a volunteer driver could have a large impact on the County's worker's comp rates. Judge Shaffer told LaRue he thought the advice would be for the County to insure volunteer drivers. There was a brief Court discussion of the pros and cons of various insurance options. Durfey said several years ago the County looked into accident insurance for volunteers and the option was the same policy CAPECO offers. LaRue asked for information regarding CAPECO's policy and said he will research available options. Durfey informed the Court the supplemental insurance premiums were small as was the coverage. Judge Shaffer asked LaRue for a recommendation in regards to covering volunteer drivers. It was agreed that Durfey and LaRue would do further research on options and revisit the matter at a later date.

Motion by Commissioner Gronquist, seconded by Commissioner Weimar to approve Gilliam County worker's compensation insurance renewal; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF GILLIAM COUNTY LIBRARY REQUEST TO INCREASE LIBRARIAN HOURS

Gilliam County Library Board Chair Kim Farrar and Librarian Mary Reser were present. The Library Board requested the Librarian hours be increased to full time. As requested, Farrar distributed her proposal to the Court with information on current patron usage, library/staff hours, operational concerns, and fiscal impact. City of Condon Mayor Jim Hassing, Jason Campbell, Kathryn Greiner, Katie Cook and Rob Turrie all provided letters of support. Kathryn Greiner and Library Board Member K'Lynn Lane were in attendance to show support for the Library Board proposal. Greiner noted the City of Condon pays for the Library's utilities. Commissioner Weimar noted there was good show of support from the City of Condon. Judge Shaffer asked Farrar about the lack of evening hours in the Board's proposal. Farrar said the complication with staying open into evening is scheduling the Librarian's lunch break. Asking patrons to leave the Library for an hour so the librarian could take a lunch break would not be user friendly. The Youth Librarian is scheduled to work on Thursday and Friday, and on those days they do have extended hours in the morning. They have chosen morning hours because sometimes they have morning performances. Next week they have a music performance scheduled and will have a Peter Pan Theater Group another morning. Commissioner Gronquist asked what the current Library schedule is. Farrar said the Library is open Monday through Friday from 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. In addition the Library is open on Thursday mornings to accommodate pre-school story time. Grade school, middle school and high school students can use the Library during those hours as well. Farrar noted the Youth Librarian and the Head Librarian only overlap at the Library one hour a week. Commissioner Gronquist asked if a full time Librarian would enable the Library to be open another couple of mornings a week, both Thursday and Friday. Rachel Weinstein asked Farrar about having evening hours. She acknowledged it was great the Library does great things for children but asked if the Library could have extended hours one evening a week so working adults might have a chance to use the Library. Farrar said the Library tried opening one day on weekends, but no one came, so they stopped. She pointed out weeknights are pretty quiet in Condon. Weinstein then asked if the Library could stay open one evening every other week until 6:30. Farrar and Reser said staying open to 6 p.m. is in their model once school starts and yes, if there is public interest they would be happy to stay open until 6:30 one night a week. Commissioner Weimar asked about the possibility of using volunteer workers. Reser said she has volunteers who come in on Wednesday morning to help shelve books. Farrar said the Library has specialty volunteers, but they cannot rely on volunteers for consistent hours. She thinks the Library deserves a full time Librarian. Kathryn Greiner said she thought it would be a good idea for the Court to provide the Library Board with

Union criteria for full time employees to help the Board better plan a potential schedule. And perhaps as the Gilliam County Library they could share some of their programming with the Arlington Public Library to make it a true Gilliam County library program. Farrar said they would be willing to share programming with Arlington.

No decisions were made and the matter was tabled until a later date.

IN THE MATTER OF ROAD DEPARTMENT WAREHOUSE REPLACEMENT BID AWARD

Project Manager Jeff Schott of Pillar Consulting Group informed the Court they received two bids for the Gilliam County Road Shop replacement. One bid was from Griffin Construction LLC, who is doing the Emergency Services Building and did the Library. The other bid was from Donald W. Thompson. Griffin Construction was the low bid, but their bid came in higher than Schott had anticipated. The Road Department has asked for a lean-to on the side of the building which increased project cost \$66,964 bringing the total bid to \$548,327. Schott said he submitted the bid information to the City County Insurance Services and is awaiting their response. He recommended waiting until the County hears back from the CIS before awarding the bid, or making the award contingent on the insurance claim amount. Once the project is awarded there is a 7 day waiting period during which the public can make written claim as to why they think the contract should not have been awarded. The Griffin Construction bid is good for 60 days. It was the consensus of the Court to postpone the decision until the next Court meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF SOUTH GILLIAM COUNTY SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Court reviewed the South Gilliam County special project applications. Commissioner Gronquist said he wasn't opposed to funding Dollars for Scholars (DFS) but asked how much DFS was funded last year. Durfey said if the Court wishes she can contact Michelle Colby for the amounts granted last year. Commissioner Weimar said he thought it would be a good idea to get a little more clarification on DFS's budget numbers. Commissioner Weimar asked if the Gilliam County Historical Society had put in one application or two; one for Condon and a second for Arlington. Rachel Weinstein said the Museum had made one application for the South Gilliam County Historical Museum complex. There was a brief Court discussion of whether or not the Historical Society should apply for half from each end if the County for operation of the Complex since they serve the whole of Gilliam County. Weinstein informed the Court there would

be more competition for funds from the north county at the next County Court meeting. There was a brief Court discussion of DFS grant request. The Court next asked K'Lynn Lane how the Condon Chamber of Commerce planned to spend the \$12,500.00 gift from Waste Management. K'Lynn informed the Court those funds will greatly enhance what the Condon Chamber will be able to offer the community and will be used for special events and business development. The grant from the County will be used for daily operations and website maintenance. Commissioner Gronquist said he though both the Condon Chamber and the Arlington Chamber provide a wonderful service for their rural communities. Judge Shaffer stated he doesn't feel the Chamber should have to use a gift for daily operating expenses. Commissioner Gronquist said the Waste Management funds given to the Chambers are not intended to replace County funding. Commissioner Weimar reminded the Court that members need to be able to defend how they spend the County's funds. All agreed.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Commissioner Gronquist to approve all the South Gilliam County Grant requests in the amount of \$51,685 and to roll over the unused balance of, \$3,385 to the 2016-17 fiscal year grant cycle ; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF THE JULY COURT MEETING DATES

Judge Shaffer asked if Court members would be interested in moving the July 1st County Court meeting July 8th. After a brief Court discussion it was decided to leave the first County Court meeting July 1st. The Court also discussed when Gilliam County might be able to host their Tri-County Court meeting in Condon. The date Judge Shaffer proposed was July 29th. Durfey informed Judge Shaffer he has a schedule conflict on July 29th. July 29th wouldn't work for Commissioner Weimar either. It was decided to schedule the Tri-County Court meeting will be July 15th.

IN THE MATTER OF COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Judge Shaffer reported on NORCOR. NORCOR has selected a new Director. Mike Cantel will be moving from Florida where he has managed a 632 Inmate 7 system. His specialty is Juvenile Justice. As of this morning Judge Shaffer does not know if Cantel had yet accepted the job. Gronquist asked whether or not NORCOR has decided on their new fee schedule. Judge Shaffer said NORCOR has hired former Oregon Solutions employee Greg Wolfe, along with a second budget consultant, to develop a new system structure and funding structure they will present later this summer. Judge

Shaffer said he made it clear to NORCOR Gilliam County will not pay more than the initially agreed upon 5%.

Judge Shaffer reported Four Rivers Early Learning have received their grant award letter informing they have been granted the money they asked for. Judge Shaffer said he believes Four Rivers does a good job spotting at risk youths.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, seconded by Commissioner Gronquist to accept the Gilliam County grant submittal request form from the Juvenile Department to the Oregon Youth Authority Juvenile Crime Prevention Basic Fund for \$3,917.00; Shaffer – Yes; Gronquist – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion carried.** The grant is zero-match grant from the Oregon Youth Authority Basic Fund to help pay for the Juvenile Director's salary.

Commissioner Weimar reported on his latest CAPECO meeting. The latest storms caused their sewer system to back up into the bottom of their building.

Commissioner Weimar reported at the last MCOGG meeting they worked on the job description for a new executive director. The STRUT Director came and made a presentation on MCOGG as a whole. Workforce Investment (WI) is going to have their office moved to the State employment office. Judge Shaffer said he thinks WI may actually move to MCOGG itself out of the State building. Commissioner Weimar said with respect to CAPECO the opposite is happening. Shaffer said in order to continue to receive state and federal money, the federal government has said Unemployment Services and WI need to combine efforts. After discussions with WI, Judge Shaffer reached out to Waste Management (WM) in an effort to get feedback on what job needs they might have going forward and encouraged WM to have their Human Resources Department provide WI feedback. Shaffer said initial feedback from WM Alan Anderson was positive. The Board discussed the value and synergy of housing MCOGG and WI in the same building.

Commissioner Weimar asked the Court if anyone attended Greg Walden's Town Hall meeting in Arlington. Commissioner Gronquist informed he attended the meeting. There were no contentious issues brought up and approximately a dozen people attended.

The Court moved into Executive Session pursuant ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations and (g) Trade Negotiations. Separate minutes were taken and will be file in the office of the County Clerk.

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY SCHEDULES

The Court decided to table the matter until the June 17th County Court session.

IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN GILLIAM COUNTY AND GILLIAM COUNTY LOCAL UNION #3326

The Court decided to table the matter until June 17th County Court session.

IN THE MATTER OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting will be at City Hall in Arlington on June 17, 2016. It was decided July County Court meeting dates will remain as scheduled.

It appeared 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 4:37 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Steve Shaffer, Judge

By _____

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Recorder: Rachel Weinstein