

9-07-2016

Judge Shaffer called the regular Gilliam County Court meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Gilliam County Courthouse in Condon, Oregon. Present were Judge Steve Shaffer and Commissioner Michael Weimar. Commissioner Dennis Gronquist was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF VEHICLE REPLACEMENT AGREEMENT

Transportation coordinator Marla Davies was present to recommend approval of Rail and Public Transit Division Agreement No. 31430 for vehicle replacement. Davies presented an agreement from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) for purchase of a vehicle to replace a 2011 Toyota Sienna with 157,000 miles, which meets state's standards for replacement. Davies confirmed that ODOT has agreed to pay \$3,290, with an equal amount to be matched by the County, thus satisfying a 10.27 percent match required for Federal matching funds. The current vehicle will be sold as surplus.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, second by Judge Shaffer, to approve ODOT agreement No. 31430 with a match of \$3,290 from the County Transportation budget. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-15, INTERFUND LOAN

Dewey Kennedy, Gilliam County Roadmaster, was present to discuss Resolution 2016-15, authorizing a loan of funds from the Wind Energy SIP Fund to the County Road Department. The funds, from the SIP discretionary line, will be used to purchase a D8T Caterpillar bulldozer for the performance of work related to the Department's normal operations. Commissioner Weimar confirmed that the loan is an intragovernmental loan to be paid back – not an expenditure. The Court agreed that loaning the money from the SIP fund is reasonable.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, second by Judge Shaffer, to approve Resolution No. 2016-15 authorizing a loan of funds from the Wind Energy SIP Fund to the Road Department in the amount of \$294,000 to be paid back in five annual payments of \$60,575.70, including 1% interest. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW OF 2016-17 SPECIAL FUND BALANCES

The Court discussed the 2016-17 Special Fund balances, noting an Economic Development Project Development line item remaining balance of \$802,684. The Court discussed the importance of planning in order to remain in a position to take care of opportunities and/or needs that may arise in the future. Currently, the fiber project is high priority.

IN THE MATTER OF RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS, ARLINGTON TV COOP

Alan Cunningham, Arlington TV Cooperative Board President, was present to request release of one-third of grant funds to the Port of Arlington for the Arlington TV Cooperative Fiber Project. Judge Shaffer noted that he received a letter from John Gass of Community Bank, confirming that the bank's legal requirements have been met, with the exception of an appraisal, which has no effect on funding.

Motion by Judge Shaffer, second by Commissioner Weimar, to release one-third of grant funds to Port of Arlington for the Arlington TV Cooperative Fiber Project in the amount of \$145,166. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF PORT OF ARLINGTON FUND REQUEST

Peter Mitchell, Arlington Port Manager/Economic Development Officer, was present to discuss the Port of Arlington's request for disbursement of project funds approved at the beginning of the budget year. Mitchell confirmed that the funds are all specifically for use as capital for several projects.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, second by Judge Shaffer to disburse budgeted funds to Port of Arlington in the amount of \$250,000. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF ARLINGTON HELP CENTER FUND REQUEST

The Court received a request from Arlington Help Center for release of previously approved funds in the amount of \$6,500. Funding is used to supplement the local food pantry budget and Energy Assistance Program.

Motion made by Commissioner Weimar, second by Judge Shaffer, to disburse \$6,500 to Arlington Help Center. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

The Court reviewed Mary H. Dyer/High Desert Writing Services Agreement for recording and preparing meeting minutes. Contract contains two minor changes as recommended by legal counsel. Additionally, Leanne Durfey noted that RFP isn't needed when expenditures are under \$10,000.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, second by Judge Shaffer to accept agreement with Mary H. Dyer/High Desert Writing Services for recording and preparation of meeting minutes, not to exceed \$10,000. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

The Court briefly discussed an amendment to an Intergovernmental Agreement for Financing of Community Developmental Disability Services.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, second by Judge Shaffer to approve Amendment No. 1 for DHS and OHA Intergovernmental Agreement No. 148065 for the Financing of Community Developmental Disability Services. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF SINGLE TRIP AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT, ODOT

Dewey Kennedy, Gilliam County Roadmaster, was present to discuss an agreement with ODOT for Single Trip Permit Authorization. Kennedy explained that the agreement, initially implemented ten years ago, is a way of saving time when major wind farms and certain other entities need to haul oversized loads over certain County roads for the purpose of constructing a wind tower site. Loads over 500,000 lbs. require County approval. The agreement is for a period of ten years.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, second by Judge Shaffer, to approve Agreement No. 31494 with ODOT for Single Trip Permit Authorization. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF LONE ROCK CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT APPROVAL

Dewey Kennedy reported that the Lone Rock Creek/Lone Rock Road Bridge Project has been approved by the Department of Transportation Bridge Selection Committee for Local Bridge Program funding. The County Road Department will provide a required local match of 10.27% in the form of in-kind services including provision of base rock and building and maintenance of a detour route.

Motion by Commissioner Weimar, second by Judge Shaffer, to accept Federal Local Bridge Project for Lone Rock Road in accelerated format, award amount \$1,308,621 (includes local match of 10.27%). Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF THANK YOU LETTER, COLUMBIA BASIC ELECTRIC

The Court received a letter of appreciation from Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., for Gilliam County’s contribution to the Electric Car Charging Station Project located at CBEC’S office in Condon.

IN THE MATTER OF GRANT EXPENDITURES, CITY OF CONDON

Kathryn Greiner, City of Condon Administrator, presented an accounting of the 2015-16 Gilliam County Infrastructure Grant expenditures. Greiner noted that at the end of the 2015-16 fiscal year, the City had expended \$2,231.526 of the \$3 million grant. She stated that the City will need extra time to complete the water projects and requested an additional three years to complete the project and expend the grant funds. The Court agreed with Greiner’s suggestion that an extension should be mapped out. Judge Shaffer commended the city for their work, noting that the infrastructure improvements are highly valuable.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Judge Shaffer, Second by Commissioner Weimar to approve the Consent Agenda, including August 17 Regular Court Meeting Minutes and August Claims, pending review. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF COURT MEMBER REPORTS

Commissioner Weimar reported that he:

- Attended a CAPECO meeting at which Paula Hall, CAPECO’s new Executive Director, outlined plans she intends to put in place during the coming months. Commissioner Weimar also noted that he plans to attend an upcoming retirement party for Donna Kinnaman, CAPECO’s outgoing CEO.
- Attended a meeting of Mid-Columbia Council of Governments. Discussions included strategic planning and make-up of Board.

Judge Shaffer reported that he:

- Met with Phil Chang, representative for Senator Merkley’s office.
- Met with Lynn Morley, newly appointed Wheeler County Judge. Discussion included various Tri-County projects and ongoing juvenile cases.
- Met with Community Development Coordinator Rachel Weinstein and PCDC Director Kim Farrar regarding the County’s current housing situation.

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEXT COURT MEETING

The next Gilliam County Court meeting will be held on September 21, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the City Hall in Arlington.

It 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 at 12:30 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

By _____

Steve Shaffer, Judge

By (absent) _____

Dennis Gronquist, Commissioner

By _____

Michael Weimar, Commissioner

Mary H. Dyer/Recorder