

**6-7-2017**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Cricket Infestation in Arlington  
Motor pool vehicle purchase

**IN THE MATTER OF FAMILY SERVICES COORDINATOR STAFF REPORT**

Family Services Coordinator Teddy Fennern presented a staff report, including an Overview of Governance flow chart for Four Rivers Early Learning Hub. The chart describes how the Regional Leadership Team will coordinate efforts across five counties – Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler, Hood River and Wasco – in order to provide input, make recommendations, respond to emergent situations and needs, and inform decisions from a local perspective.

Fennern also reported that the Gilliam County Community Health Improvement Plan has prioritized four issues through the community health assessment process: mental health, oral health education and promotion, patient-centered primary care and incentive measures.

**IN THE MATTER OF ODOT AGREEMENTS 32002 AND 32188**

Sabrina Wagenaar of Gilliam County Special Transportation presented Agreement No. 32002 and 32118, improving transportation services benefitting seniors and individuals with disabilities, between Gilliam County and the State of Oregon.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to approve Agreement No. 32002 between Gilliam County and the State of Oregon in the amount of \$134,000, and Agreement No. 32118 between Gilliam County and the State of Oregon in the amount of \$99,539 with matching funds of \$11,392 to come from OMAP reimbursements. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

**IN THE MATTER OF CONDON SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE**

Condon Schools Administrator Michelle Geer and School District Board Member Nichole Schott presented an update on facilities consolidation and general progress of programs. Geer reported that current enrollment is 130 students, with 126 students anticipated for the coming school year. Geer also noted that:

- Bleachers have been replaced at Condon High School. Upcoming projects, as finances allow, include boiler and heating system changes, remodeling to enhance security, updates to locker room and science room upgrades.
- State grant requirements have changed, but once the grants are received, the District can apply for state matching funds for the consolidation project. Finding a certified assessor to help in development of a long-range plan has been difficult.
- Condon schools will once again have a math teacher in the grade school, as well as instructional aides for high needs students. Blended classrooms are more difficult to teach, but County funds have made it possible to hire classroom aides.
- Six students have completed First Responder training, and one student is a certified EMT, thanks primarily to Cindy Hinton. Shannon Coppock is teaching fire safety.
- A Farm to School grant has been mostly successful, but will probably not be available next year.
- Jonna McKay is retiring, but the District has funds and intends to come up with a plan for an art teacher for the coming year. Music instructor Seth Brewster has been contracted for another year.
- Seven students have participated in the Early College Program, earning a total of 255 credits in the past two years. Three students have completed 45 credits or more.
- The District is partnering with the Gilliam County Sheriff's Office to improve school safety. The Safe Schools Partnership includes signing all families for the Everbridge System, safety training for staff and students, a four-hour emergency training with public works and other entities, and an active shooter drill with law enforcement, fire and ambulance service.
- Staff changes include retirement of Ron Kopp, Herschel Lantis and Molly Fatland. Heather Bates has been hired as seventh and eighth grade teacher. Austin Cinnamond is leaving the district and hiring of a social science teacher is pending.
- Regarding the 2016 Condon School Consolidation Survey, nearly half of respondents indicated support for consolidation. A concern regarding younger

students mixing with older students isn't a major problem, as the new design would create separation.

- Court members are invited to attend the District School Board meeting, in which teachers relate success stories from the year just ended.

### **IN THE MATTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH LANE COUNTY**

Gilliam County Assessor Chet Wilkins presented two intergovernmental agreement renewals with Lane County for Ascend/Proval Software Support and Development and Support of the Property Assessment and Taxation Search Web Application.

Commissioner Wetherell asked if the Software Support services are utilized, and Wilkins said services are used almost daily.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to approve renewed agreements for Ascend/Proval Software Support in the amount of \$25,000 per year; and Development and Support of the Property Assessment and Taxation Search Web Application in the amount of \$6,000 per year. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

Wilkins also reported that a County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) annual grant application has been approved.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF FY 2017-18 BUDGET**

Judge Shaffer opened the public hearing at 11:00 a.m., noting that the purpose of the hearing was to receive public input on fiscal year 2017-18 budget. Agenda item 1.5.1 is to consider adoption of Resolution No. 2017-08 adopting the budget and making appropriations and imposing taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Public comment was offered by Alan Anderson of Condon. Anderson inquired how many budget meetings were held, and Judge Shaffer responded that the Court held two budget meetings. Anderson expressed doubt that two meetings were sufficient to address a large and complex budget. He also asked about the status of the Grain Lab and Judge Shaffer said that Arlington Port Commission closed the Lab on March 31.

Judge Shaffer noted that the County is leaning towards vacating the agreement with the Economic Development Administration, but is unable to move forward until the value of the building is determined, which has been delayed due to difficulty finding a qualified appraiser. Anderson asked how much is still owed to EDA, and Judge Shaffer said the Court won't know until the appraisal is completed. Once appraised, the County would pay the EDA 60% of the value if the agreement is vacated. Anderson asked how much it has cost to operate the Lab, and Judge Shaffer noted it has cost the County up to \$200,000 per year. He further explained the County received a \$920,000 grant for the lab and agreed to operate the business for twenty years, He said the County has expended approximately \$1,4 million over the 13 years the County operated the lab.

Anderson then suggested if the County could get a clear title to the building and lease the Lab it could be used for a marijuana test lab and potentially generate revenue. Commissioner Weimar noted his understanding is that the County is bound by certain covenants that would probably prevent such a project, even if the agreement with EDA is vacated. Judge Shaffer agreed there would be restrictions for the County. Anderson suggested that the Court should do more research on those requirements. Hearing no more public comment, Judge Shaffer closed the Public Hearing at 11:15 a.m.

Commissioner Weimar asked County Treasurer Nathan Hammer if changes have made since the budget was approved, and Hammer said that the only changes involved corrections; however, changes of up to 10% can be made within each category without going back to the Budget Committee. In response to definition of category, Hammer said the budget categories as published in the newspaper. Judge Shaffer said he found a possible discrepancy in the amount of the 235 SIP Wind Fund, page 43 noting he believes the beginning fund balance is closer to \$8.5 million rather than \$9.5 million. Hammer said the discrepancy involved a timing issue, noting it's good to be aware of the difference and he will keep an eye on it throughout the year. . Commissioner Wetherell asked why in the budget resolution certain funds provide more detail than others. Hammer said it has to do with tracking noting the departments that are split out have their own revenue streams so they need to be accounted for more accurately in the budget and he thinks the same is true for the resolution but offered to check into Commissioner Wetherell's question.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Wetherell, second by Commissioner Weimar, to adopt Resolution No. 2017-08 in the amount of \$51,471,393. Commissioner Weimar thanked all who worked on the budget, and Judge Shaffer commended Nathan Hammer for his work on a very complicated budgeting process. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF JUVENILE DEPARTMENT**

Gilliam County Juvenile Director Vicki Winters reported that Wheeler County has appointed Wheeler County District Attorney Gretchen Ladd as that county's juvenile director, and plans to hire a part-time probation counselor, a position that will require extensive training. Winters proposed that once hired, the person could shadow her at her office, attending various weekly meetings with youth and team meetings while assisting with various duties within the office. Winters noted that this arrangement would be beneficial for both counties because Wheeler County's caseload is currently down while Gilliam County's caseload is up, with several serious delinquency cases. Commissioner Wetherell asked how long the arrangement would last, and Judge Shaffer said the goal is three months, although the training could continue until December 31, 2017, if necessary.

It was the Court's consensus to move forward with the Wheeler County Juvenile Department training as presented by Winters.

Winters also noted she is on the panel to interview the new Probation Counselor.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ARDENT MILLS OPERATIONS UPDATE**

Scott Dillingham, Ardent Mills Regional Manager; and Nan Lorentz, Production Manager, presented an operations update, noting that problems with the building require repair of cracks in the floor, updated sprinkler heads and repair of roof leaks. Lorentz said they have a \$5,208 quote to update the sprinkler heads. Judge Shaffer advised that sprinkler repairs should be done as soon as possible and send the bill to the County. New carpet will be installed June 20.

Dillingham reported that business has dropped by about half during the last three years. Judge Shaffer spoke about the changes that have occurred in the grain industry and acknowledged the ebbs and flows in the industry. Dillingham Judge Shaffer and Dillingham both noted that Ardent Mills operation was initially intended to be part of a grain-related cluster that involved IBR, the Grain Lab and other related projects. Commissioner Weimar said the County needs to work to bring in a business to complement the Ardent Mills business.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR ACTIVITIES IN COUNTY RIGHT OF WAY**

The Court received an application for activities in Gilliam County Right of way submitted by Margie Weimar Farms, LLC, including replacement of water line across the Clem-Mikkalo Road, northwest of the Intersection with Clem Road. Commissioner Weimar abstained from the discussion and vote.

**MOTION** by Judge Shaffer, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to approve the Application submitted by Margie Weimar Farms LLC. Shaffer – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF JUSTICE COURT AGREEMENT**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Wetherell, second by Commissioner Weimar, to approve an Amendment to an Extension of Justice Court Agreement between the City of Arlington and Gilliam County: all city ordinance violations are to be filed and prosecuted by the Justice Court. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY DISPUTE RESOLUTION GRANT**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Judge Shaffer, to approve the selection of Six Rivers Community Mediation Services as Grantee to receive Oregon Office for

Community Dispute Resolution (OOCDR) funding for the 2017-19 biennium to provide dispute resolution services for Gilliam County. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to approve Gilliam County Emergency Management’s submittal of an application to Oregon Emergency Management for a Performance Grant in the amount of \$101,388, with a match of \$50,694. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to reappoint Scott Maley to a four-year term on the Gilliam County Library Board, from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT OF FAIR BOARD MEMBER**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to reappoint Bill Wagenaar to a three-year term on the Gilliam County Fair Board, term ending December 21, 2019. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF EVALUATION TEAM: BATCH PLANT PROPOSALS**

Judge Shaffer requested direction on formation of a team to evaluate concrete batch proposals resulting from the County’s recent RFP. Port of Arlington Economic Development Director Peter Mitchell suggested that County Roadmaster Dewey Kennedy be part of the team. Other possible members include Jeff Schott, Bill Kirwan, Darrell Potter, Rusty Rutherford, and a representative of Bank of Eastern Oregon. Commissioner Wetherell asked if the team will bring a recommendation to the Court and if the Court will still see all the proposals and it was confirmed they would. Commissioner Wetherell said she doesn’t have to be on the team as long as it comes to the Court for the final decision. She stated she is agreeable either way, either a team including one court member and other representatives as suggested or all three court members. The Court agreed to form a five-member committee. Judge Shaffer will ask Dewey Kennedy and Jeff Schott to participate, plus a contractor and a business representative. Judge Shaffer will send out a list of names that agree to serve on the evaluation team.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ARLINGTON TV COOPERATIVE REQUEST**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to release \$258,666.67, the final disbursement of the \$776,000 Arlington TV Cooperative grant, to the Port of Arlington. Judge Shaffer noted that based on advice by legal counsel, it is

cleaner to run the grant through the Port. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF GILLIAM COUNTY SWCD**

SWCD board members Jordan Maley and Rich Harper discussed revised building plans and projected costs for a proposed SWCD building on Condon’s Main Street. Maley said the challenge is reducing costs to an affordable level, but things are moving in the right direction. He said issues with a spring running through the site presents engineering problems, and the building would probably be located on the upper part of the lot, with the spring used as a demo project for conservation practices.

Maley said the project will require at least 1,200 cubic yards of fill material, which could come from the County’s Jaeger gravel pit. Judge Shaffer expressed concern about competing with private business, but Commissioner Weimar said that hauling from WI’s Arlington location doesn’t make economic sense, as the Jaeger pit is much closer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF MORMON CRICKETS**

Jordan Maley also discussed a problem with Mormon crickets in the north end of the county, a problem that has been building for at least four years. He said that the matter has been referred to the Oregon Department of Agriculture, which only monitors the situation but provides no solution. The problem, Maley said, is beyond the stage where monitoring is sufficient, as the crickets are eating wheat as well as plants in private property. He recommended a more concerted effort on the part of landowners and the County beginning this winter, including a possible cost share.

Commissioner Wetherell asked what homeowners can do about the problem and Maley suggested a biological product consisting of a fungus that when eaten, works through the food chain. He noted that Sevin-5 might work around the perimeter of the golf course, but isn’t safe for homes with young kids or pets. Commissioner Wetherell also asked if the County Weed Department can assist, and Judge Shaffer said it depends if application of pesticides is permitted under the license. Rich Harper said he thinks the Weed Department license allows for application of pesticides.

### **IN THE MATTER OF AERIAL FIBER PLAN, CITY OF CONDON, CBEC**

Jan Stinchfield and Kathryn Greiner, City of Condon Fiber Committee Members; and Columbia Basic Electric Cooperative Board Members Lori Anderson and Deacon Heideman discussed joint plans for installation of middle-mile fiber from Alkali Substation near Shutler Station to north Condon City limits. The engineered route will follow CBEC powerlines and will include communication buildings on either end of the route and access points that would allow CBEC to facilitate a build out fiber lines to their

rural customers. Costs are estimated at \$1.25 million, which includes the cost of shelters, fiber and installation. Greiner also asked it to be placed on the record that CBEC and City of Condon are working together, and that the Court is invited to be part of the project and will continue to be welcomed. She also commented that the plan has involved painstaking discussion and debate, but now it's time for action. The group requested that the Court establish a timeline for disbursement of funds in the amount of \$387,562, as previously awarded June 15, 2016, and that the funds be released between July 1 and September 1. Jan Stinchfield commented that CBEC has been very innovative in their efforts to provide power to all residents, and their goal is now to provide fiber in much the same way.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to approve disbursement of \$387,562 to City of Condon for an aerial fiber build, funds to be disbursed August 1. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF FIBER BUILD SCENARIOS**

Judge Shaffer discussed technical aspects of the fiber installation. He also outlined possible involvement and potential plans of various entities, including Frontier Telenet, Windwave, Light Speed Network, ZAYO and Home Telephone.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMISSION: MONTAGUE WIND REQUEST**

Planning Director Michelle Colby discussed Oregon Department of Energy's request for an expedited review of a site certificate amendment for the Montague Wind Power Facility, as previously noted in ODOE emails sent to Court members after the May 2 Court meeting. The amendment request includes lowering of minimum aboveground blade tip clearance from 20 to 14 meters and amending Condition 27 of the site certificate.

Previously the County Court was appointed as Special Advisory Group by the Energy Facility Siting Council for the Montague Project. As such, any comments regarding the proposed amendment were due May 30. Colby stated that since the Court met only once in May, members were unable to comment by the deadline. However, Colby contacted ODOE and was told that if the Court wished to comment, they could do so after the deadline.

Colby said that in the interest of time, she sought an opinion from Brian Skeahan of the Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA). Skeahan responded via email that he had no concerns with the amendment request. There were no concerns voiced by the Court, therefore no need to submit further comment.



### **IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMISSION: DOE CONTRACT EXTENSION**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to approve an amendment to Interagency Agreement No. 15-053 between Gilliam County and the Department of Energy, extending the contract for two years, beginning July 1, 2017 and terminating on June 30, 2019. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE WEB SERVICES AGREEMENT**

The Court reviewed a previously-approved Web Services Sales Agreement between Gilliam County and Revize Software Systems.

### **IN THE MATTER OF STATEWIDE DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Wetherell, second by Commissioner Weimar, to support HB 4625, establishing a statewide drug take-back program for collection of expired drugs. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF SO. GILLIAM SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The Court discussed 2017-18 Special Projects grant requests, specifically applications submitted by entities in South Gilliam County. Applications from entities in North Gilliam County were also discussed, but decisions will be made at the next meeting to be held June 21 in Arlington.

The County distributes 1.75% of host fees for special projects, a total of \$61,500 for each end of the County. This year, grant requests exceed available funds by \$27,015.93 in North Gilliam County and \$9,030 in South Gilliam County, not taking into consideration two grant requests received after the deadline.

Gilliam County Fire Services Coordinator Shannon Coppock asked about North Gilliam County Health District's request for \$5,000 for CPR training, to be divided equally between North and South Gilliam County. Coppock explained that South Gilliam County already has CPR equipment and offers training, and noted a lack of communication and no prior knowledge that North Gilliam County Health was making the request. Because funds are short, the Court decided to omit the \$2,500 funding request for South Gilliam County, still leaving a shortfall of \$6,530.

Committee Chair Tammie Birkeland discussed Condon Young Life's request for \$12,000, and told the Court that the program provides outreach and support to youth. Commissioner Wetherell asked about guidelines regarding funding religious organizations noting when she worked for the City of Arlington the City of Arlington did not award funds to religious organizations. Commissioner Weimar noted that in the

past, funding was provided to improve the Senior Meal Site kitchen at Condon United Church of Christ. Condon Young Life's application was late and wasn't considered.

Condon Chamber of Commerce Executive Director K'Lynn Lane asked the Court to consider continued funding for the Chamber, which has helped the community and the County to grow through ongoing support and a series of events throughout the year. Lane said funding is critical, noting that although the organization has increased the number of events, the level of funds requested remains unchanged. In response to a question posed by Commissioner Weimar, Lane confirmed that the Chamber does receive funding from Waste Management.

Judge Shaffer noted that the County's SIP funds also include a recreational revolving fund that could be used to fund projects submitted by Arlington Golf Course, Arlington Lion's Club, Condon Little League and Condon's Tumbleweed Tournament. The Court agreed to fund those entities as he suggested, trimming an additional \$4,610 from the total amount of grant requests for South Gilliam County, but still leaving a shortfall of \$1,920.

Rachel Weinstein suggested that a \$13,920, 14-month project submitted by Gilliam County Historical Society could be funded for 12 months only, or \$12,000, thus reducing the requests to the level of funding available.

Judge Shaffer noted that a discussion is needed to determine ways to continue funding the recreational revolving fund.

### **IN THE MATTER OF EXPENSES: SOLAR ECLIPSE**

Community Development Director Rachel Weinstein provided information on expenses related to the August 21 solar eclipse. Oregon State Police estimate that between 30,000 and 60,000 people will be traveling through the area. Camping reservations, thus far, are lower than expected, but reservations are still coming in. Weinstein has reserved 40 portable toilets, although the County is only committed to one-third of those if numbers are down. Two garbage drop boxes are also reserved.

The Court agreed to purchase 1,000 solar eclipse glasses, which will be sold to a community organization at cost, thus enabling the organization to make a small profit. The Court agreed that the total, \$530, will come from the Donations and Gifts line item. Weinstein also reported that the Chamber is hosting an "after hours" event on July 20 to provide more information regarding eclipse planning.

### **IN THE MATTER OF JOB DESCRIPTION**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Wetherell, second by Commissioner Weimar, to approve a position description for the Treasurer's Administrative Assistant/IT Coordinator. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF SALARY SCHEDULE**

The Court discussed a 2017-18 Job Salary Classification Schedule. Commissioner Wetherell commented that the salary for new Administrative Assistant/IT Coordinator seems high, and Judge Shaffer explained that the amount is based on union guidelines and comparable existing jobs.

Judge Shaffer pointed out the following:

- The schedule includes the Treasurer's Office new hire which has been approved and is highlighted in purple, and;
- A new position of Human Resources/Risk Management position which has not been approved and is highlighted in green, and;
- Three other positions are highlighted in which salary increases were requested but have not approved or increased in the salary schedule with the request for the salary increase tabled until the completion of the salary study.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to approve the 2017-18 Job Salary Classification Schedule as presented on this date of June 7, 2017. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF VEHICLE REPLACEMENT**

Judge Shaffer noted the transmission recently went out of the slate Impala and had to be replaced. He further explained the plan was to replace a vehicle last year but it didn't get done. He and Motor Pool Coordinator Terri Carnine discussed replacement of a vehicle in this fiscal year but due to unforeseeable events the purchase had not previously been made yet. He had Carnine recently contact Wright Chevrolet for a price on the purchase of a new Malibu and then compared it with other dealers. A decision had to be made by May 31 to get the promotion that was being offered. He noted that Wright Chevrolet submitted the lowest bid for a replacement vehicle.

Discussion followed about the other vehicles in the motor pool with Judge Shaffer noting the 2017-18 budget includes funds to purchase a replacement vehicle. It was agreed the Trail Blazer needs to be sold.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Judge Shaffer, to approve purchase of a 2017 Chevrolet Malibu, VIN#1G1ZESSTXHF217716, in the amount of \$20,926, as presented. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF SB327, RECREATIONAL IMMUNITY**

By consensus, the Court agreed to support SB327, restoring recreational immunity for employees, volunteers and other agents who work on the property so they will have the same protection as the landowners who allow recreation on their property free of charge.

### **IN THE MATTER OF GRONQUIST BUILDING OPEN HOUSE**

Judge Shaffer reported that an open house for the Gronquist Building is scheduled for June 21, 2 p.m.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CONTRACT RENEWAL: MARY H. DYER**

The Court agreed to renew a contract with Mary H. Dyer of High Desert Writing Services for preparation of County Court and Planning Commission minutes.

### **IN THE MATTER OF GRAIN LAB APPRAISAL**

Regarding the Grain Lab appraisal, Judge Shaffer said the Public Contracting Rules allow the County to request at least quotes from appraisers without formal notice.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COURT MEMBER REPORTS**

Commissioner Weimar provided a brief update on the transportation package currently before the legislature, noting that a proposed tax will be levied on sale of all vehicles, not limited to new vehicles. More information will be available at the next AOC meeting. Other Court member reports were postponed due to lack of time.

### **IN THE MATTER OF DEQ LETTER OF APPROVAL**

The Court acknowledged a letter from DEQ approving the Gilliam Wasteshed's 2016 Opportunity to Recycle Report and Recycling Collector Survey.

### **IN THE MATTER OR CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Wetherell, second by Commissioner Weimar, to approve the Consent Agenda, including April 5 Regular Court Meeting Minutes, April 12 Special Session Court Meeting Minutes with correction, April 19 Regular Court Meeting Minutes with correction, April 19 Executive Session Minutes, April 24 Special Court Meeting Minutes, May 3 Regular Court Meeting Minutes, May 3 Executive Session Minutes, and May Claims pending review. Shaffer – Yes; Weimar – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION**

Judge Shaffer adjourned the Regular Court Meeting at 4:00 and announced a 15-minute break before a schedule work session.

**IN THE MATTER OF WORK SESSION**

The Court held a preliminary work session regarding possible updates to the Pennington Fund Resolution No. 90-18 and adjustments to the County’s Economic Enhancement Fund Ordinance No. 2012-05. Discussion points included potentially increasing the Bridge Fund and the balance and purpose of the Debt Service Fund, Treasurer Nathan Hammer reported that the Homestead Tax Rebate Fund is holding steady.

Judge Shaffer said that more work sessions are needed between now and September, with a goal of finalizing any changes by December 1, although the actual deadline is December 31. He suggested that evening meetings might enable more citizens to attend.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NEXT COURT MEETING**

The next regular Gilliam County Court meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Arlington City Hall in Arlington, Oregon.

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 4:45 p.m.

**GILLIAM COUNTY COURT**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Steve Shaffer, Judge

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Weimar, Commissioner

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Leslie Wetherell, Commissioner

Mary H. Dyer/Recorder