

**7-05-2017**

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 CASA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Judge Shaffer administered the CASA pledge to CASA Executive Director Candy Humphreys.

**IN THE MATTER OF SERVICES CONTRACT FOR MEAL SITES**

Judge Shaffer presented a Mid-Columbia Council of Governments/Area Agency on Aging Service Contract for provision of senior meal programs in Condon and Arlington, noting that the amounts have changed this year and there are some language revisions. Arlington and Condon meal sites will receive totals of \$2,872 and \$5,871 respectively, as opposed to \$3,287 and \$4,998 last year. Judge Shaffer explained that amounts are based primarily on participation at each meal site, and that the Condon site's higher participation is due primarily to participation of Fossil residents.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to approve a contract between Mid-Columbia Council of Governments/Area Agency on Aging, and Gilliam County for Senior Meal programs in the amount stated, with changes from last year's contract as presented. Weimar – Yes; Shaffer – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

**IN THE MATTER OF AGREEMENT WITH TENNESON ENGINEERING**

Gilliam County Planner Michelle Colby presented an Agreement for Planning Services with Tenneson Engineering Corporation. Colby explained that the Agreement is for analysis of ODOT aggregate sites in Gilliam County. She noted that the County Planning Department staff lacks sufficient time to complete the lengthy project, which is considered top priority.

The Court also discussed correspondence from Les Ruark of Rock Creek, in which Ruark expressed concern about absence of a bidding process and lack of opportunity for public comment in the matter. Colby clarified that the agreement with Tenneson Engineering pertains specifically to ODOT sites and will not involve general planning services, also noting that Tenneson was specifically chosen by ODOT to provide the service. She explained that there are 20 ODOT sites within the County; 13 are exclusively ODOT and seven are ODOT and BLM sites.

Commissioner Weimar asked how the project, estimated at \$10,000, would be funded, and Colby said it would be funded through the Planning Commission's Consultant line

item. However, the amount hasn't yet been finalized. Commissioner Weimar also said he would like to see a more specific scope of work and Judge Shaffer agreed that expectations should be clearly outlined.

The Court agreed to table the matter until the July 19 meeting. In the meantime, Colby will send a copy of the agreement to Ruark.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ROADMASTER REQUEST TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT**

Roadmaster Dewey Kennedy informed the Court that the Road Department's rock crusher water supply tank is out of commission and no longer repairable. He requested approval to purchase a 1997 Freightliner truck owned by Bruce Mitchell of Lonerock, at a cost of \$12,000. He explained that the truck, which pulls a 3,000-gallon trailer, has been checked by the Road Department mechanic and is in good condition. The vehicle has also been inspected by ODOT. He said a new 4,000 gallon tank would be \$22,000 and it wouldn't include the cost of mobility. He checked into purchasing a new water truck and the least expensive he can find a truck close to the specifications of replacing what they currently have is \$35,000 and up.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Judge Shaffer, to approve purchase of a water truck/trailer combination from Bruce Mitchell of Lonerock in the amount of \$12,000. Weimar – Yes; Shaffer – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY MOTOR POOL**

County Motor Pool Coordinator Terri Carnine presented a report on mileage and general condition of all six motor pool vehicles. The County recently purchased a 2017 Malibu, as approved at the last meeting, and a 2006 Pontiac was subsequently surplused. A 2008 Trailblazer with 133,980 miles may be suitable for trade-in. A 2008 Impala that recently broke down in Salem has been repaired. Carnine also noted that average yearly usage is over 10,000 miles per vehicle.

Judge Shaffer said there is currently \$35,000 in the County's vehicle replacement fund, and directed Carnine to investigate the best prices for new and used replacement vehicles.

### **IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY VEHICLE USE POLICY**

The Court also discussed the County's Motor Pool Vehicle Policy and Procedures, specifically relating to use of private vehicles. Court Administrator Leanne Durfey noted that some employees may prefer to use their own vehicles but aren't given that option under the current policy and that changing the policy could subsequently impact the number of cars needed in the motor pool. Commissioner Weimar said it would be

necessary to compare the cost per mile of County vehicles vs. private vehicles before making a decision. Judge Shaffer stressed the importance of a complete buy-in with all involved and suggested that the matter be discussed with staff and elected officials at the upcoming County-wide staff meeting.

### **IN THE MATTER OF GILLIAM COUNTY AUCTION COMMITTEE REQUEST**

The Court discussed a request for support from the Gilliam County Auction Committee. Leanne Durfey noted that the Court donated \$300 for many years, and increased the donation to \$400 last year. Commissioner Weimar asked about the number of animals, and Fair Board Chair Chris Fitzsimmons indicated that the number of swine and steers is up, while numbers of sheep are down.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Weimar, second by Commissioner Wetherell, to donate \$400 to the Gilliam County Livestock Auction Committee for purchase of animals at the Gilliam County Fair. Weimar – Yes; Shaffer – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF FAIRGROUNDS PROJECTS**

Fair Board Chair Chris Fitzsimmons presented an outline of proposed projects for the Gilliam County Fairgrounds in 2017-2018. Top priority projects include repair of concession stand and shutters (\$1,305), and repair of fairgrounds office steps and railing (\$1,435), both to be completed before this year's Fair. Repair of beef barn grandstand stairs (\$1,180), and main grandstands walkway (\$980), will take place after the Fair.

The Court agreed with the proposal and determined that that the total amount of \$4,900 will be funded by the Courthouse and Grounds Budget, Maintenance and Repair line item. Fitzsimmons was directed to proceed with the projects as presented.

The Court also discussed demolition of the house at the Fairgrounds. Judge Shaffer commented that demolition is the best alternative as the house is in very poor condition and beyond repair. Commissioner Weimar asked about asbestos, and Judge Shaffer agreed that an abatement assessment will be required. The Court agreed to ask Jeff Shaffer of Pillar Consulting to provide a proposal for project management of the demolition.

Commissioner Weimar asked how many volunteer hours are involved during the Fair and other activities, and Fitzsimmons said she would provide that information.

Fitzsimmons also reported that:

- A propane heater and a new sound system have been installed in the Fairgrounds exhibit hall. The fair board is promoting the hall for public use.

- A four-wheeler rodeo held during the Fourth of July weekend was successful.
- Fair board secretary Becky Chase has given notice, effective after the Fair. The board has advertised for a replacement to fill the position. The newly hired person will start August 1 and will work with Chase during the Fair.
- A loader will be needed for a recently purchased (used) tractor.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD**

The Court discussed two documents regarding the Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB): 1) an intergovernmental agreement for tort liability coverage as a provider for PSRB; and 2) an amendment to the Gilliam County Contract for monitoring, security and supervision services for individuals under the jurisdiction of the adult and juvenile panels of the PSRB.

The Court agreed to table the matter. Community Counseling Solutions Director Kimberly Lindsay will be contacted for more information.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The Court discussed several corrections and clarifications to a draft of the June 7 regular Court meeting minutes. A corrected copy will be presented for approval at the July 19 meeting.

**MOTION** by Judge Shaffer, second by Commissioner Weimar, to approve June 21 regular Court meeting minutes and June claims for payment. Weimar – Yes; Shaffer – Yes; Wetherell – Yes; **Motion Carried.**

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

The Court agreed that a work session for review of Economic Enhancement Fund Ordinance and Pennington Reserve Fund will be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 16 following the regular Court meeting.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Judge Shaffer noted the following correspondence:

- An inquiry from North Central Public Health District regarding possible purchase of one of the County's surplus vehicles, if one is available.
- A letter of thanks from Deschutes County and AOC for the County's support of the 2017 National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region conference.
- Notification that American Rock Products, Inc. intends to terminate lease of the concrete batch plant at Shutler Station, effective July 1, 2017.

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

Judge Shaffer reported that:

- Frontier Telenet was recently fined by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission for failure to complete forms required in connection with lobbying activities. Judge Shaffer noted that the matter fell through the cracks during Wheeler County's recent recall of County Judge Chris Perry and subsequent transition, and that several reminders went to a dead email address. The fine, originally set at \$7,800 and later mitigated to \$1,750, will be paid by Frontier Telenet.
- Frontier Regional 911 has accepted the contract with Burns Paiute Tribe to provide dispatch services.
- a recent meeting of the NORCOR Board of Directors included a discussion about issues regarding ICE prisoners. Judge Shaffer said the Board has been assured that ICE prisoners are individuals who have been convicted of crimes, as required by Oregon Law. However, he said that the Board feels that more information is needed from Immigration and Customs Enforcement regarding ICE prisoners at NORCOR. He also noted that much of the revenue from ICE is currently being placed in a reserve fund.

Commissioner Weimar reported that:

- he attended a recent CAPECO meeting, which included passage of a \$6 million budget. The organization is currently looking at job descriptions and salary schedules.
- a budget was also passed at a recent meeting of MCCOG. The organization is currently conducting an assessment of programs in terms of the future. While some programs are doing well, the workforce program and Area Agency on Aging are struggling.

Commissioner Wetherell reported that:

- she attended a recent a session of AOC County College regarding health and human services.
- she is in the process of setting up one-on-one meetings with Portland Metro councilors.

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

The next regular Gilliam County Court meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Gilliam County Courthouse in Condon, 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 12:30 p.m.

GILLIAM COUNTY COURT

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

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

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

Mary H. Dyer/Recorder