



WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
AUGUST 18, 2010

PRESENT: Dan Ericksen, Chair, County Commissioner (Partial Day)  
Sherry Holliday, County Commissioner  
Bill Lennox, County Commissioner  
Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant

At 9:16 a.m. Commissioner Sherry Holliday called the meeting to order.

Chairman Dan Ericksen was not participating in the meeting at this time.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

There was no one from the public wishing to address the board.

**OPEN TO DEPARTMENTS**

There was no Department present wishing to address the Board.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL of the Regular Session Consent Calendar of August 18, 2010, (Attached as Exhibit A).**

**{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to approve the Regular Session Consent Calendar of August 18, 2010 as presented. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}**

Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer, stated that Sue Stephens, Executive Assistant to the Administrative Officer, has been spending the last month becoming familiar with the American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) Grant.

Stone noted that the County has received four applications for Wasco County Treasurer.

Christa Rude, Commission on Children and Families Manager, stopped in to see if the Board has any questions regarding the Agreements for the Commission on the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Holliday had a question as to the dollar amount of the Agreement with Linda Griswold.

Some discussion occurred regarding the Agreement with Linda Griswold and the Commission on Children and Families.

**CONSIDERATION of items listed on the Discussion List of August 18, 2010, (Attached as Exhibit B).**

Item #1 – No one from the Board of Directors will be available to present the State of the County at the Power Breakfast on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce will be notified.

The Board discussed other items at this time. The items discussed pertained to the estimated cost of the County's Explanatory Statements in the Voters Pamphlet, and the proposed Youth Center on the County's Tenth Street Property. The Board requested that Ryan LeBreton come in and make a presentation.

Some discussion occurred between the Board, Stone and Keri Brenner, The Dalles Chronicle Reporter, regarding the Tenth Street Property and The Dalles National Guard Armory being relocated to the College site.

The Board recessed at 9:51 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 9:52 a.m.

Brenner asked the Board and Stone questions regarding what impact the passage of the Local Option Tax would have on the County's budget.

Some discussion occurred between the Board, Pat Chastain and Terry Stark regarding the fires which were started in South Wasco County from lightning strikes.

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING on the formation of the Tygh Valley Rural Fire Protection District.**

Commissioner Holliday called the Second Public Hearing to order on the formation of the Tygh Valley Rural Fire Protection District.

Keith Mobley, Representative of the organizers of the Tygh Valley Rural Fire Protection District, stated that they appreciate the Board agreeing to form the District on their behalf. No person has objected so we have arrived at the point of asking that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Order declaring the formation of Tygh Valley Rural Fire Protection District and setting date for election of first Board of Directors. The election would be set for May, 2011.

Commissioner Holliday noted that no one has provided the Board with any written comments.

Mobley stated that people have invested a lot of time and effort now and in the future for the Fire Protection District.

Commissioner Holliday asked if there was any one present wishing to speak either in favor or against the formation of the District.

There was no one wishing to testify so the hearing was closed to testimony at 9:59 a.m.

**{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to approve Order #10-106 in the matter of an order declaring the formation of Tygh Valley Rural Fire Protection District and setting date for election of first Board of Directors. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}**

The Public Hearing adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Joan Stark informed the Board that the Tygh Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars will no longer be utilizing the County owned property in Tygh Valley.

Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners, stated that the building shares a well with adjoining property owners. The County will need to consider selling the property.

Stone noted that the County Courthouse now has wireless access to the internet through the Circuit Court System.

Brenner asked the Board some additional questions regarding an article that she is writing in regards to all of the upcoming ballot measures.

Mark Bailey, KIHR Radio Reporter, discussed with the Board the decision of Hood River County to place on the ballot the formation of a Library Service District.

**CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING to consider the adoption of an Ordinance designating the Offices of Wasco County Commissioner as Nonpartisan Offices; referred for the November, 2010 General Election.**

Commissioner Holliday called to order the continuation of the Public Hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance designating the Offices of Wasco County Commissioner as Nonpartisan Offices.

Commissioner Dan Ericksen is participating in this Public Hearing by telephone.

There were 4 people in attendance.

Commissioner Holliday noted for the record that the Board will not be amending the proposed Ordinance since the Oregon Revised Statutes addresses the process on how the Board of Commissioners would be elected and appointed.

Commissioner Holliday opened the hearing to anyone wishing to testify either in favor or against the proposed Ordinance.

Jim Burres testified that he supports the proposed Ordinance. He feels we will have better representatives knowing our candidates and where their agendas are, which will not be based on their party status.

There was no one else wishing to testify so the hearing was closed to further testimony at 10:35 a.m.

Commissioner Holliday read the title of the Ordinance for the second time.

**{{{Commissioner Ericksen moved to adopt Ordinance #10-006 in the matter of the adoption of an Ordinance designating the Offices of Wasco County Commissioner as nonpartisan offices; referred for the November, 2010 General Election. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion.**

**Discussion occurred.**

Commissioner Lennox stated that when you are in a small community one of the few areas where citizens can take an active role in participating to support a candidate on a local level is through the election process. By making the Office of County Commissioner nonpartisan the local community could only focus on state and national candidates and much of the grass root support for programs from the local perspective would be lost.

Commissioner Ericksen stated that this would still leave the full opportunity for the local parties to support those candidates. It would open the process to candidates that are unaffiliated. We would be opening it to a wider range of people and new people who do not want a party affiliation. It works both ways.

Commissioner Holliday stated in her personal experience she had to have the Republican Party move her name forward in order to be considered for appointment to the vacancy on the County Court. That process limited candidates. She was not real comfortable with that process.

Commissioner Holliday stated there has been no time when her party affiliation came to play; she represents all citizens in Wasco County.

Commissioner Lennox stated that he does support the concept that this should move forward to the voters for them to decide how they feel about this issue.

The vote was called for. The motion passed by a vote of two to one. Commissioner Holliday and Commissioner Ericksen voted yes, while Commissioner Lennox voted no.}}

{{{Commissioner Ericksen moved to approve Resolution #10-036 in the matter of calling an election on November 2, 2010 to refer an Ordinance designating the Offices of Wasco County Commissioner as nonpartisan offices to the voters of Wasco County, Oregon. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; the motion passed by a vote of two to one. Commissioner Ericksen and Commissioner Holliday voted yes, while Commissioner Lennox voted no.}}}

The Public Hearing adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

**{{{Commissioner Lennox moved to approve Amended Resolution #10-037 in the matter of calling an Election on November 2, 2010 to refer a Three (3) Year Local Option Tax to the voters of Wasco County, Oregon. Commissioner Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}**

Commissioner Ericksen was no longer participating in the remainder of the Board meeting.

Stone requested that the Board approve the Contract between Hale Construction and Wasco County for the Demolition and Remodel of the Emergency Services Division Project. Stone noted that the ADA lift has been removed from the scope of work which has lowered the cost of the project.

The County is trying to provide front door ADA access. There will be a change order which will address the access to the front of the building. Stone did not feel that the total proposal amount would have to be modified since the project will still include the cost of the ADA access.

**{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to approve the Contract for Purchase of Services between Wasco County and Hale Construction NW, Inc. for the Demolition and Remodel of the Emergency Services Division Project. Commissioner Lennox seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}**

The Board signed:


- Contract for Publication of Legal Notices for Wasco County between The Dalles Chronicle and Wasco County.
- Amended Personal Service Contract between Wasco County, Oregon and Wamic Rural Fire Protection District.
- Agreement between Wasco County and Linda Griswold.
- Agreement between Becca Sanders, Ph.D. and Wasco County Commission on Children and Families/YouthThink.
- Amendment #4 Oregon Commission on Children and Families 2009-2011 County Intergovernmental Agreement WAS0911 between the Oregon Commission on Children and Families and Wasco County.
- Modification of Grant or Agreement #06-CS-11060601-765 between Wasco County Weed and Pest and Mt. Hood National Forest.
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- Special Session Minutes of June 24, 2010.

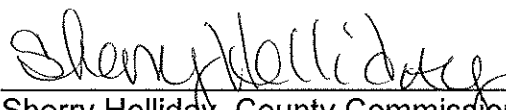
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At 10:54 a.m. the Board adjourned.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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**DISCUSSION LIST**

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion on presentation of the "State of the County" Report at the Chamber's Power Breakfast on Friday, September 3, 2010.