



WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
JUNE 1, 2011

PRESENT: Sherry Holliday, Chair of County Commission
Scott C. Hege, County Commissioner
Rod L. Runyon, County Commissioner
Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer
Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant

At 9 a.m. Chair Sherry Holliday called to order the Regular Session of the Board of Commissioners.

Chair Holliday asked if there were any changes to today's Agenda. There were none.

**CONSIDERATION of items listed on the Discussion List of June 1, 2011,
(Attached as Exhibit A).**

Item #1

The Board discussed the proposed Resolution accepting and appropriating Suicide Prevention Grant Funding for the Commission on Children and Families and the services that will be provided with the funding.

{{{Commissioner Hege moved to approve Resolution #11-010 in the matter of accepting and appropriating unanticipated Suicide Prevention Grant Funds in the amount of \$14,500 during Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Commissioner Runyon seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Item #2

The Board discussed with John Roberts, Wasco County Planning & Development Director, the Fee Waiver Request received from Floyd Jones, (Attached as Exhibit B).

Roberts noted that Jones is applying for a temporary use permit to bring him into compliance. Jones and his wife have an RV on property located on Carroll Road. They are requesting the fee waiver because Jones and his wife both have a medical hardship. The medical provider is staying on the property in the RV. Robert is recommending that only \$250 be waived of the \$500 Temporary Use Permit Fee. He does not want to set a precedent.

{{{Commissioner Runyon moved to accept the recommendation of John Roberts that \$250 of the Temporary Use Permit Fee be waived for Floyd Jones. Commissioner Hege seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL of the Regular Session Consent Agenda of June 1, 2011, (Attached as Exhibit C).

The Board discussed the Interlocal Funding Assistance Agreement with Klickitat County.

Commissioner Holliday expressed the concern with the language that allows either party to get out of the Agreement with only 10 days notice. She suggested that it be amended to read 30 days. Chair Holliday wondered what happens to the veterans from Washington State if the Agreement is terminated.

Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer, stated that services would continue to be provided to the veterans.

The Lease and Management Agreements with Home At Last were discussed. The Board suggested that the term of the Management Agreement be changed from two years to three years to match the term of the Lease Agreement.

Some further discussion occurred in regards to the proposed Lease Agreement. Items discussed included: the requirement that the Animal Shelter be opened four days per week; that Home At Last be required to accept cats if space is available; the required monthly reporting; and the amount that Home At Last will be paid under the Management Agreement.

Some brief discussion occurred regarding the Work and Financial Plan Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services.

The Board directed Staff to amend the Management Agreement with Home At Last as to the term of the Agreement and that cats will be accepted as space allows.

The Board also directed Staff to contact Wildlife Services to discuss the Work and Financial Plan as to the services that will be provided to the County for the approved increase in costs from \$5,380 to \$10,000. The Budget Committee wanted to know what additional services would be received by the County from the Federal Trapper when the dollar amount was increased during the recent Budget Session.

Commissioner Runyon had a correction to the May 26, 2011 Special Session Minutes, on Page 8, sixth paragraph; he requested that the word "candidates" be changed to "process".

Some discussion occurred regarding the proposed change.

{{{Commissioner Runyon moved to approve the Special Session Minutes of May 25, 2011 and May 26, 2011 as amended. Commissioner Hege seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

{{{Commissioner Hege moved to approve the Interlocal Funding Assistance Agreement between Klickitat County and Wasco County. Commissioner Runyon seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

PUBLIC HEARING on the adoption of the Wasco County Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Chair Holliday called to order the Public Hearing.

Monica Morris, Finance Manager, stated that the Wasco County Budget Committee has approved the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. There was only one change to the Budget from the initial proposed Budget and that was the addition of \$4,620 for Wildlife Services. The Unforeseen Contingency Account was reduced leaving a balance of \$386,965. The total Budget for next Fiscal Year is \$34,433,650.

Some brief discussion occurred regarding this year's budget process, comments received, the creation of the Operations Reserve Fund, and the budget monitoring process that will begin next year.

Commissioner Hege noted that during the budget process it was discussed that we need to begin looking down the road for at least three years to project out our revenues and costs. He would like to begin that process within the next few months.

Morris stated that the process will take some time to work out. She stated that we need to put some financial policies into place. Morris will be working with Stone to develop some proposed policies for the Board's consideration. She will be meeting with the Board before the end of the month to discuss GASB 54. The County is required to

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acknowledge what revenues get expended first. The Commissioners will need to adopt a Resolution on how we spend out our funding.

Chip Wood, Wasco County Budget Committee Member, stated that this year's budget process went very well.

Further discussion occurred regarding monitoring the County's revenues and expenditures.

The Board expressed the desire to receive a monthly financial report which could be made available to the public.

Chair Holliday opened the Public Hearing to anyone wishing to testify in regards to the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Sheriff Rick Eiesland stated that the Sheriff's Office may not be turning back as much money as was initially anticipated.

There was no one wishing to testify so the Public Hearing was closed to testimony.

Commissioner Runyon stated that he does not feel comfortable with the County Commissioners receiving a 1.5% cost of living increase (COLA). He would like to separate the Commissioners from the Department Heads. He suggested that the funding for the Commissioners COLA be placed in the Operations Reserve Fund.

{{{Commissioner Runyon moved that the County Commissioners salaries be reduced by 1.5% and that said funding be directed to the Operations Reserve Fund. Commissioner Hege seconded the motion.

Discussion occurred.

Commissioner Hege stated that the Commissioners each have the option to decline the increase in salary. However he is not sure how that works.

Morris stated that any Commissioner could decline the cost of living increase. If the Board is recommending that the Budget be amended, then she would come back with the change at the time the Board considers the approval of the Resolution adopting the Budget.

Commissioner Hege stated that he just got hired; he does not need a raise. However, Chair Holliday has been here for eight years. It makes sense for Chair Holliday to get an increase since she has not had a raise for two years.

Commissioner Runyon pointed out that the vehicle allocation was placed back in the budget for the Commissioners.

Chair Holliday stated that there is an added responsibility for the Chair of the Board of Commissioners. She likes the idea that we have budgeted for an increase in salary. The Chair carries more of a burden than the other two Commissioners.

Commissioner Runyon stated that he does not feel it looks good for the Commissioners to get a pay increase.

Sheriff Rick Eiesland stated that he does not care that the new Commissioners have only been here a few months. The Commissioners are working more than half time and the 1.5% increase in salary will not kill our budget.

Further discussion occurred.

Stone stated that it sounds like we can approve the Budget as is and the Commissioners on an individual basis can decide if they want to accept the increase in salary.

A vote was called for. The motion failed by a vote of one to two. Commissioner Runyon voted yes, while Commissioner Hege and Chair Holliday voted no.}}

{{{Commissioner Hege moved to adopt the Wasco County Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in the amount of \$34,433,650. Chair Holliday seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of two to one. Chair Holliday and Commissioner Hege voted yes, while Commissioner Runyon voted no.}}}

The Public Hearing adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

The Board recessed.

The Board reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Due to time constraints the Board will consider the selection of Six Rivers Community Mediation Services at a later time.

KATE CONLEY, WASCO COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. Update on Watershed Council activities.

Kate Conley, Watershed Council Coordinator, presented to the Board a summary of the various activities of the Watershed Councils in Wasco County, (Attached as Exhibit D).

Conley introduced Phil Brady who is Co-Chair of The Dalles Watershed Council.

Conley went over the handout which lists a brief overview of the activities of the following Watershed Councils: Mosier, The Dalles, Fifteenmile, White River and Bakeoven/Buck Hollow.

Some discussion occurred during the presentation.

Conley noted that Ron Graves, Wasco County Soil & Water Conservation District Director, requested that she provide the Board with an update on the feral pig project that the District has undertaken to reduce their numbers. The District along with their partners conducted a joint operation on May 14th and 16th. They employed a helicopter which killed 24 feral pigs over the two day period. The project took place in the area of Antelope.

Brady stated that they appreciate the work that Kate Conley does for the Watershed Councils.

WILLIAM PATTISON AND MARC BERRY, HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS. Discussion on activities and projects of the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee

Bill Pattison, Chairman of the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee, presented a quick update on how the Advisory Committee was formed by the Oregon Legislature back in 1987 and that their purpose is to restore sections of the old Highway 30.

Some handout material was presented to members of the Board of Commissioners in regards to the Historic Columbia River Highway and State Trail.

Pattison noted that the Advisory Committee is made up of six individuals, three being appointed by the Oregon State Governor and three from the Counties of Multnomah, Hood River and Wasco. There are two representatives from each of the three Counties.

Pattison stated that he was appointed by Hood River County. He is a historical preservationist, while Marc Berry represents bicyclists.

Pattison stated that there are three main sections that the Advisory Committee is hoping to complete by 2016. Recently they received funding for one of those sections, Warrendale to Moffett Creek. He mentioned briefly the other two projects.

Pattison stated that the Advisory Committee is asking that the County support these programs in developing these trails between Portland and The Dalles. The Oregon Historic Highway would tie in with The Dalles Historical District.

Some discussion occurred as to the funding source for these projects.

A nine minute video was shown at this time on the Oregon Historic Columbia River Highway and State Trail.

Marc Berry stated that he was appointed by the Oregon Governor to represent Wasco County. He noted some of the projects undertaken by the Advisory Committee such as, restoration of the Rowena Pit, closure of the shooting range in The Dalles, and restoration of a sign going west to Mosier and to the Discovery Center. They just submitted a grant to restore the Chenowith Creek Bridge, and they are working on developing a park on a piece of property in Mosier just north of the Thirsty Woman Restaurant.

In closing, Berry congratulated Wasco County and the City of The Dalles for their work in developing The Dalles Riverfront Trail.

Commissioner Runyon informed members of the Advisory Committee of the phone calls he received in regards to bicyclists on the old highway leading to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Rowena. He asked if there were any plans to put a bike path in for the bicyclists.

Kristen Stallman, Oregon Department of Transportation Representative, stated that there are no plans, just education for bicyclists to share the road.

Some discussion occurred in regards to the concern expressed by Commissioner Runyon and the appointment of an individual by Wasco County to the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee to replace Jerry Igo.

SELECTION of Six Rivers Community Mediation Services to receive Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution Funding to provide Community Dispute Resolution Services in Wasco County during the 2011-2013 Biennium.

Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant, informed the Board of this year's application process for the Multi-County Region consisting of the Counties of Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler. Six Rivers Community Mediation Services is the only applicant that applied for Community Dispute Resolution Funding for the 2011-2013 Biennium.

Some discussion occurred.

{{{Commissioner Hege moved that Wasco County select Six Rivers Community Mediation Services to be our grantee for the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution Funding for the 2011-2013 Biennium. Commissioner Runyon seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL of the Resolution in the matter of the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Elections for National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments.

McBride provided the Board of Commissioners with a brief background on the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 and as amended and reauthorized in 2008.

Art Smith, Public Works Project Manager, was also present.

Smith, a member of the Mt Hood/Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), stated that the County received \$1,123,809 in November of last year. There is only one payment remaining under the reauthorization of the Act. Smith informed the Board how the funding has been reduced over the last five years.

Smith presented a brief summary of the projects being proposed for funding from Title II dollars. All of the projects are under the Barlow Ranger District and will be spent within Wasco County. He noted if the Board approves the Resolution as written all of the projects mentioned could be funded with those Title II dollars.

{{{Commissioner Runyon moved to approve Resolution #11-009 in the matter of the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Elections for National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments. Commissioner Hege seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Commissioner Runyon thanked Smith for talking to some people in Dufur regarding the recent Oregon Trail Road Rally held in portions of rural Wasco County. He appreciated the feedback received.

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:52 a.m.

At 1:04 p.m. the Board reconvened.

**ROBERT MARTIN, WASCO COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
MANAGER. Consideration of the adoption of the Misdemeanor
Supervision Policy.**

Robert Martin, Community Corrections Manager, met with the Board to discuss the proposed Misdemeanor Supervision Policy for Wasco County Community Corrections. Also present was Ashley Handley and Chris Kipper, Parole and Probation Officers.

Martin noted that he prepared the Policy at the request of the Board of Commissioners. He noted with the resources that are available to the Department we need to manage the misdemeanor population adequately. The Policy will be used as a platform to make future management decisions.

Martin went over the proposed Policy at this time and explained the reasons why certain misdemeanor crimes will be supervised by the Community Corrections Office, and why some will not.

Some discussion occurred during the presentation by Martin. It was noted that: very few Counties will accept a transfer of a misdemeanor case and that the cost for one month's treatment is \$1,200.

Commissioner Runyon asked if the Policy has been reviewed by the District Attorney. He wanted to insure that County Counsel has reviewed the Policy before the Board would take action on it.

Commissioner Holliday asked if Martin has thought about taking the proposed Policy to the Wasco County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) for their review and comments.

Martin stated that he could do that; he thinks the LPSCC is scheduled to meet on June 27th.

Martin noted that there is no mandate in the Oregon Revised Statutes that we supervise misdemeanors. The County's Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon forbids us to spend money on misdemeanors. Most Counties across the state have misdemeanor cases that they supervise. If it does not get out of hand the state is not going after anyone for spending some funding on misdemeanors.

Commissioner Hege asked if this Policy addresses what was discussed downstairs with the Judges and the District Attorney.

Martin stated yes. The Policy addresses what we discussed and what was agreed upon in the meeting. Section #4 outlines exceptional cases.

Commissioner Hege wondered if it would be better to sit down again and make sure that the group has the buy in with the proposed Policy before it is adopted.

Martin stated as he looks towards the future this may be beyond what we are able to do. The state's worst case scenario for funding Community Corrections is a 15% reduction in funding, \$250,000. That reduction makes this way beyond what level of services they could provide. Measure 417 is looking at revamping the sentencing guidelines; felony cases that will not be felonies; misdemeanors that will become violations. The state is also looking at adding a local control population sentence to a year or less and extending it out to 24 months or less.

Sheriff Rick Eiesland arrived as this time.

Discussion continued.

Commissioner Hege suggested that language should be added noting that the Policy may be amended depending upon funding and available resources.

Sheriff Eiesland stated that he has been given the Supervisory Authority to oversee Community Corrections by the County Court/Board of Commissioners. If the County wants the Department to supervise misdemeanors then the funding needs to come out of the General Fund. The Circuit Court Judges and District Attorney are aware of this Policy. They were told that this is what we will try to supervise. If there is a special case we will look at that.

Some discussion occurred regarding the Judges referring individuals to the Community Corrections Office for urinalysis (UA) testing. Martin suggested that the County adopt a policy that would address UAs. He noted that some of the UAs can cost up to \$60, that cost does not include staff time. Community Corrections does not have the time, money or staff to be doing these UAs. Drug Court has paid for the test and the supplies, but not staff time. Martin pointed out that since the meeting Community Corrections has not been doing the UAs for Circuit Court, Drug Court or Dependency Court. Mid-Columbia Center for Living is doing them for Drug Court for a fee.

{{{Commissioner Runyon moved that the Board of Commissioners accept the draft as written of the Misdemeanor Supervision Policy for Community Corrections. Commissioner Hege seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Chair Holliday requested that Martin develop a Policy on Urinalysis for the Board's consideration.

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Sheriff Eiesland informed the Board of the note he received from Jeanne Pesicka, Wasco County Communications Agency Director, in regards to the Oregon State Legislature looking at taking some of the 911 Funds held at the state level. He is requesting that the Board contact our Legislative Representative in regards to this matter.

Some discussion occurred.

Other Business:

{{{Chair Holliday moved to approve the Search and Rescue reimbursement request from the Wasco County Sheriff's Office for Title III Funding for the "Lost Mushroom Pickers in National Forest Project" in the amount of \$322.05. Commissioner Runyon seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Commissioner Hege updated the Board on the meeting he attended last Friday on the Cascade Crossing Project.

Commissioner Hege also pointed out that the Oregon Department of Energy has changed the way they do reimbursements. The County is now required to bill monthly for our time spent on eligible energy projects.

Staff was requested to provide to the Board and Stone a copy of the current Agreement with the Oregon Department of Energy.

Chair Holliday noted that she drove to the Pine Hollow Reservoir to look at the toilets along the lake. They are clean and well stocked.

Commissioner Runyon stated that he and Commissioner Hege attended the meeting that U.S. Representative Greg Walden held over Memorial Day weekend here in The Dalles.

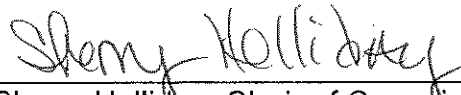
The Board signed:

- Interlocal Funding Assistance Agreement between Klickitat County and Wasco County, Oregon for Veterans Services.
- Special Session Minutes of May 25, 2011.
- Special Session Minutes of May 26, 2011.

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The Board adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

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Sherry Holliday, Chair of Commission



Scott C. Hege, County Commissioner



Rod L. Runyon, County Commissioner

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DISCUSSION LIST

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Consideration and approval of Resolution #11-010 in the matter of accepting and appropriating unanticipated Suicide Prevention Grant Funds in the amount of \$14,500.00 during Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
2. Consideration on the Fee Waiver Request from Floyd Jones.

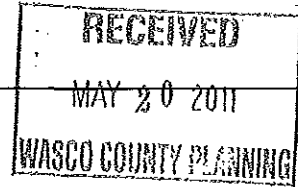
ON HOLD ITEMS:

1. Discussion on the email received from Dan Hendrix in regards to County owned property located in Shaniko, Oregon. (On hold)

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REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER

Date Submitted:

Applicant/Owner Information:

Applicant(s) FLOYD E JONES Property Owner(s) FLOYD E. JONES

Mailing Address 2370 CARROLL RD Mailing Address PO BOX 293

Phone (H) 541-478-3019 (W) Phone (H) 541-478-3019 (W)

Email _____ Email _____

Explanation For Fee Waiver Request (Please give complete detailed explanation):

We are 76-77 yrs old. Have bad knees - My wife has 2 artificial knees and I have one artificial knee. I also have heart conditions. We live on a 50% income. Monthly S.I.C. also we have trouble paying our property taxes. So generally get a 2% increase from Moser Div.

(To be completed by Planning and Development Office)

Fee Structure:

APPLICATION TYPE	WAIVABLE PLANNING FEES			TOTAL FEE
	PLANNING FEE	PENALTY FEE	OTHER FEES	
TEMPORARY USE PERMIT	500		71	\$ 571

Other Information: *Applicant will not be attending the meeting. Planning Director recommendation contained in attached memo.*

Fees Verified by: Dawn Baird
Planners Signature

(To be completed by Executive Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners)

TOTAL WAIVED FEES: _____
TOTAL FEES NOT WAIVED: _____

Board of County Commissioners Authority signature _____

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CONSENT AGENDA

1. Interlocal Funding Assistance Agreement between Klickitat County and Wasco County, Oregon for Veterans Services.
2. Lease Agreement between Wasco County and Home At Last Humane Society.
3. Management Agreement between Wasco County and Home At Last Humane Society.
4. Work and Financial Plan between Wasco County and United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS).
5. Special Session Minutes of May 25, 2011.
6. Special Session Minutes of May 26, 2011.

Watershed Council Update for Wasco County Board of Commissioners

June 1, 2011

Introduction to Watershed Councils in Wasco County

- Map of Watershed Council service areas
- Local groups that work cooperatively to conserve natural resources within their watershed
- Members: volunteers who live/work in the watershed & represent a variety of interests
- Partnerships with other agencies: SWCD, NRCS, USFS, ODFW, OWRD, etc.
 - Funding from OWEB includes mandate to update local government

Mosier Watershed Council

Focus on groundwater:

- USGS study completed after 5 years:
 - What is the major cause of aquifer declines? Commingling wells.
- OWRD grant of \$143,378 to study feasibility of aquifer recharge (replacing lost groundwater with surface water from Mosier Creek) and other strategies that might recover Mosier's aquifers
 - Commingling wells decrease the potential effectiveness of aquifer recharge
 - Repair/replacement of commingling wells would provide the greatest benefit to aquifers
 - Need to study individual wells to determine which ones to repair/replace first
 - Difficult to find funding for further study & repair/replacement
- Prevention of more commingling wells
 - New well drilling standards, or new ways to enforce current standards?

Side project:

- Working with City of Mosier to plan restoration on lower Rock Creek, esp. near quarry

The Dalles Watershed Council

Focus on lower Mill Creek and community involvement.

- Detailed stream survey on urban stretch of Mill Creek in 2008
- Educational events with St. Mary's and summer ecology camp students
- Volunteer events (SOLV cleanup 2009, Earth Day 2011) to remove invasive plants, plant native species, clean up trash, etc.
- Community meetings to inform residents who live near Mill Creek
- Workshop for streamside homeowners planned for June 11
- Title II grant through USFS: planning restoration on first 2 miles of Mill Creek, including floodplain restoration where the County has an easement across from Ericksen's Addition

Fifteenmile Watershed Council

Focus on water conservation.

- Concerned because low flow and high stream temperature led to a fish kill in 2009.
- Flow monitoring program in partnership with OWEB, OWRD Watermaster, The Freshwater Trust
- Save Water Save Energy program: cost-share and grants for irrigation efficiency
 - USDA NRCS, OWEB, BPA/local utilities, federal stimulus funds through ODA
- Growing concern about groundwater in Fifteenmile watershed

The Dalles and Fifteenmile Watershed Councils: Pesticide Stewardship Partnership

Sampling Fifteenmile Cr., Threemile Cr., and Mill Cr. to measure pesticide levels.

Partnership with DEQ, OSU Extension, and the local orchard community.

Goal: help growers understand effectiveness of current pesticide management practices; help agencies target education and assistance programs.

Wasco County Watershed Councils

