



WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

PRESENT: Sherry Holliday, Chair of Commission  
Scott C. Hege, County Commissioner  
Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer  
Sue Stephens, Executive Assistant

ABSENT: Rod L. Runyon, County Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Sherry Holliday.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Corliss Marsh, Wasco County Cultural Trust Chair and Fiscal Agent for the Coalition of Four Rivers Community Corporation, opened by discussing the proclaimed "Oregon Days of Culture" which will be the first week of October (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>). The Oregon based non-profit, non-member charitable organization was formed when Governor John Kitzhaber was elected to office and exists within the Oregon Cultural Trust. The Oregon Legislature sets aside money for the arts and culture.

Marsh continued to explain the distribution process for the grant program. The Oregon Cultural Trust distribution is based on a Trust Fund. The Trust Fund anticipates reaching a 20 million dollar state endowment goal and working off the interest accumulated. This year, the overall distribution of 1.5 million dollars will be distributed to Cultural Participation Grants, which is distributed to the Coalitions in the various Counties. Out of the 1.5 million dollars, \$500,000 will be distributed to Cultural Participation Organizations (all the Counties & the Tribes). There are 45 entities that receive funds, and for the 2012 cycle, the amount distributed from the Oregon Cultural Trust will be \$7,719.00 in grant funds. This amount derives from the fund that they are trying to build, which consists of funds from selling license plates and mainly generous donations. Last year, \$6,850.00 was awarded to After School Productions such as "Sweeny Todd", The Dalles County Library Foundation, "3 Story Tellers", and Columbia Gorge Community College, "Spring Humanities Series". Money was also awarded to

Gorge Artists Fruit Ladders installment and photographer Chuck Williams, who is currently digitizing 1,000 Wasco County historical pictures. In South County, three entities received funding: Tygh Valley Head Start, The Art of Reading Series; Maupin Grade School, a Concert in the Park; and Tygh Valley Community Center Library. The Tygh Valley Community Center Library was awarded \$350.00 to restore and display vintage photos at the Wasco County Fair. After awards were distributed among the recipients, there was \$200.00 left in the fund last year. Marsh explained that the money is distributed among different organizations and they discourage the same organizations from applying year after year. Some of the requirements under the post-award reporting are for grant recipients to make media announcements and to submit a final report.

Commissioner Hege asked Marsh to explain the process of donating to a non-profit organization.

Marsh stated that Wasco Cultural Trust and Four Rivers Community Corporation is not a 501(c)(3) and does not ask for donations; they cannot collect money and rely on a fiscal agent. In the past, the Columbia Gorge Artist Guild, which is also a non-profit organization in Hood River, would collect and also take a percentage. Now, Mid-Columbia Council of Governments is their fiscal agent; they collect the donations without taking a percentage of the donations received.

Marsh emphasized the importance of donations and provided to the Board an explanation on how to donate to a non-profit. If you donate to a non-profit art and cultural organization in the state, and you make a matching donation to the Cultural Trust, the matching donation is a tax credit. The donation that you make to the non-profit allows an Oregon and Federal deduction; the matching donation to the Trust is a credit off your Oregon State taxes.

The Wasco County Cultural Trust has reached out to the Kiwanis and Rotary. In their Annual Report of June 30, 2011 they list all of their donors.

Some discussion occurred which revolved around publicity and their request for the Board of Commissioners to approve the Proclamation proclaiming "Oregon Days of Culture".

Marsh encouraged the Board of County Commissioners to help them find new members and to publicize the Oregon Days of Culture.

Some discussion occurred.

{{{Chair Holliday moved to pull from the Regular Session Consent Agenda of September 14, 2011 the Proclamation proclaiming "Oregon Days of Culture" and that said Proclamation be approved. Commissioner Hege seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

**CONSIDERATION of items listed on the Discussion List of September 14, 2011, (Attached as Exhibit A).**

Item #1

The Board of County Commissioners discussed the options for the Pine Hollow North Shore boat ramp. More options will be discussed after identifying the property. Some suggestions were to possibly unload the responsibility of it entirely.

Commissioner Hege asked several questions regarding the Badger Creek Improvement District's ownership rights to the parcel and the boundary location.

Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer, stated that we have the right of way. Dan Boldt, Wasco County Surveyor, will provide a map to the Wasco County Board of Commissioners. The Oregon Marine Board may be able to provide more information regarding the boat ramp and a dollar figure regarding the costs to improve the boat ramp.

Some discussion occurred in regards to removing the ramp.

Commissioner Hege requested information pertaining to any agreement surrounding the boat ramp. There are funds to maintain the vault toilet but not the boat ramp.

Chair Holliday suggested that the County consider selling the property and delegating the funding.

The issue of the Pine Hollow North Shore boat ramp will be discussed further when Commissioner Runyon is present.

On Hold Item #2

The Board briefly discussed that some of the GIS mapping lines are not accurate; therefore there is an accuracy issue. The Board suggested having Tycho Granville, GIS Coordinator, explain how and why we should fix it.

On Hold Item #3

The National Guard Armory Project is moving forward. Stone stated that he would be meeting with a National Guard Representative in mid-October.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL of the Regular Session Consent Agenda of September 14, 2011, (Attached as Exhibit B).**

{{{Commissioner Hege moved to approve the Regular Session Consent Calendar of September 14, 2011 with the exception of Item #3. Chair Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

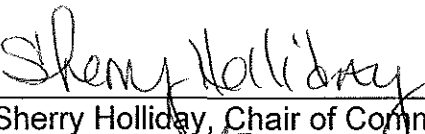
{{{Commissioner Hege moved to approve Order #11-106 in the matter of canceling delinquent Personal Property Taxes and Order #11-107 in the matter of canceling delinquent Real Property Taxes. Chair Holliday seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

The Board signed:

- Proclamation proclaiming "Oregon Days of Culture".
- Order #11-104 in the matter of the reappointment of Chip Wood to the QualityLife (QLife) Budget Committee.
- Order #11-105 in the matter of reappointment of Dan Spatz to the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Board of Directors.
- Order #11-106 in the matter of canceling delinquent Personal Property Taxes.
- Order #11-107 in the matter of canceling delinquent Real Property Taxes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

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DISCUSSION LIST

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Discussion on Pine Hollow North Shore Boat Ramp.

ON HOLD:

1. Discussion on Scope of Work and Proposed Budget for Updates and Maintenance to Wasco County Website. (Waiting for AOC)
2. Discussion on the GIS System.
3. Discussion on the National Guard Armory Property.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Order #11-104 in the matter of the reappointment of Chip Wood to the QualityLife (QLife) Budget Committee.
2. Order #11-105 in the matter of the reappointment of Dan Spatz to the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Board of Directors.
3. Proclamation proclaiming "Oregon Days of Culture".