

WASCO COUNTY COURT

REGULAR SESSION

SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

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**LOCATION: "WASCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BACK BASEMENT MEETING ROOM"
511 Washington Street, The Dalles, Oregon**

9:00 a.m. Open to the Public.

9:30 a.m. Open to County Departments.

10:00 a.m. Tycho Granville, GIS Coordinator, regarding Website Status.

NOTE: THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO LAST MINUTE CHANGES.

The facility is handicapped accessible. Please contact (541) 296-2207, if you need special accommodations to attend the meeting.

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PRESENT: John Mabrey, County Judge
Scott McKay, County Commissioner
Dan Ericksen, County Commissioner
Kathy McBride, Administrative Assistant

At 9:05 a.m. the meeting was opened to the public.

Rod Runyon stated that he is glad to see that the County is having a discussion on a County website.

At this time the County Court acknowledged Carl Kaser for the years of dedicated service that he has provided to the County while serving on the Wasco County Weed Council. A certification of appreciation was presented to Mr. Kaser.

Bobbie Miller informed the Court that the United Nations has placed the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area on their protected listing. She left the Court a copy of the article from the Klickitat County Monitor, which is a weekly newspaper published in Klickitat County. Mrs. Miller stated that she feels this is something that the Court should discuss with our legislators and Representative Greg Walden.

[[[A copy of the newspaper article from the Klickitat County Monitor is hereto attached and made a part of this record.]]]

The Court stated that they would look into this.

Mrs. Miller asked if the County could provide her with assistance in determining how much property located in the National Scenic Area has been taken off of the tax roll in Wasco County.

Some discussion occurred. Judge Mabrey will find out if the County can provide Mrs. Miller with this information.

Sylvia Loewen, Deputy Tax Collector, stopped in to explain why specific taxes have been deemed uncollectible by the Wasco County Tax Collector.

{{{Commissioner Ericksen moved to approve the Order in the matter of certain uncollectible personal property taxes. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

At 9:31 a.m. Todd Cornett, Planning & Development Director, discussed with the Court the scenic plan review. The main topic at yesterday's Subcommittee meeting was the key viewing areas. The Committee had no recommendation on the following areas: Dell Road and Seven Mile Hill Road. The Subcommittee did vote three to one in favor of adding US Highway 197 as a key viewing area. The Dalles Bridge received a vote of two to two. The Subcommittee voted three to one in favor of adding The Dalles Mountain Road. Courtney Road will be discussed at the Gorge Commission level.

Discussion occurred. Mr. Cornett stated that the only roads proposed to be added are located in Wasco and Klickitat Counties. Commissioner Ericksen pointed out that they have no criteria for picking roads for key viewing areas or for evaluating impacts.

Mr. Cornett will draft a letter for the Court's review, which will provide the Gorge Commission with the County's comments on designating County roads as key viewing areas.

At 9:56 a.m. Molly Rogers, Youth Services Director, informed the Court on five legislative actions that could impact the Commission on Children and Families and the Wasco County Court. One of those actions is the suggestion to combine the Commission's Comprehensive Plan, which includes the Juvenile Crime Prevention Plan, with the plans from Mental Health and Public Health. The other piece is positive youth development, which could create new agencies, which would require a new plan. This would have a fiscal impact on Wasco County. The last issue is that the local Commission on Children and Families has a budget, which is approved by the County Court. The proposal would not allow the Court to alter the plan.

Discussion occurred regarding potential state funding cuts, which could effect hard beds for juvenile offenders, Oregon Youth Authority and NORCOR.

Robb Van Cleave, Employee & Administrative Services Director, stated that carpet is being installed next week at the Youth Services Office Building.

At 10:09 a.m. Tycho Granville, GIS Coordinator, made a presentation regarding Wasco County's home page. The current home page was reviewed at this time.

At 10:43 a.m. Robb Van Cleave requested that the Court reject the bids received for the Wasco County Courthouse Terra Cotta Maintenance Repairs Project and that the County go out for new bids. Some changes have been made to the bid document, which should lower the cost of the project.

{{{Commissioner McKay moved to reject the bids received for the Wasco County Courthouse Terra Cotta Maintenance Repairs Project and that the County prepare the necessary documents to rebid the project. Commissioner Ericksen seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Mr. Van Cleave presented a portion of the proposed Workplace Violence Policy for the Court's review. Said portion is in regards to "All Weapons Banned". Mr. Van Cleave will work with Commissioner Ericksen to further refine the proposed language.

{{{Commissioner McKay moved to approve the September 18, 2002 Consent Calendar with the exception of Item #2. Commissioner Ericksen seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

[[[A copy of the September 18, 2002 Consent Calendar is hereto attached and made a part of this record.]]]

{{{Commissioner Ericksen moved to approve the Contract to Prepare a Bioterrorism Emergency Operations Plan between Wasco County and George H. Houston. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}

Miscellaneous discussion occurred.

The Court discussed the request from yearbook students at The Dalles High School. Commissioner McKay stated that he would like to support purchasing an ad for the cost of \$125. He would like to work with the Commission on Children and Families to come up with a positive message for our youth.

Discussion occurred.

{{{Commissioner McKay moved to purchase a half page ad in The Dalles High School Yearbook at the cost of \$125. Judge Mabrey seconded the motion; it then passed by a vote of two to one in favor. Commissioner McKay and Judge Mabrey voted yes, while Commissioner Ericksen voted no.}}}

Commissioner McKay was designated to write the message to be included in the yearbook.

The Court discussed the request from the Tygh Valley Veterans Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary Post to extend the term of their Lease. Judge Mabrey stated that he has no problem with extending the lease or with the Post working with surrounding property owners to increase the amount collected for water use to offset the increase in electrical costs.

*****It was the consensus of the Court to support extending the lease between Wasco County and the Tygh Valley Veterans Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary Post for an additional 25 years***.**

Commissioner McKay stated that Quest is working on an employee orientation for all current employees. At their meeting they tried to identify objectives, "where we are", "customer service" and "where Wasco County wants to go". Commissioner McKay stated as a County we need to focus on the direction where we want to go.

Commissioner McKay presented a handout to members of the Court. It was reviewed at this time.

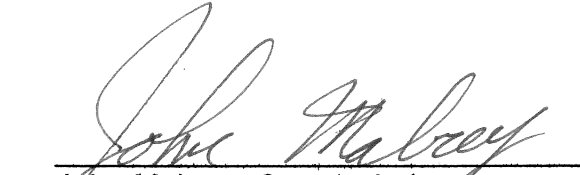
[[[A copy of the handout from Commissioner McKay is hereto attached and made a part of this record.]]]

Commissioner McKay stated that he would like to see this discussed at the leadership team level. This will also be discussed at an upcoming Quest meeting.

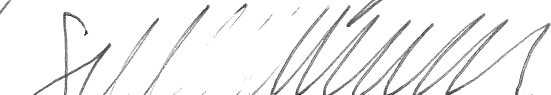
The Court signed:

- Order in the matter of granting the Wasco County Public Works Director authority to place regulatory signs in Wasco County, Oregon.
- - Order in the matter of the cancellation of certain uncollectible personal property taxes.
- Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Work Plan and Proposed Budget between USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services and Wasco County, Oregon.
- Oregon Commission on Children and Families Amendment No. 2 to Grant Agreement between Oregon Commission on Children and Families and Wasco County Commission on Children and Families.
- Contract to Prepare a Bioterrorism Emergency Operations Plan between Wasco County and George H. Houston.

The Court adjourned at 12 p.m.



John Mabrey, County Judge



Scott McKay, County Commissioner



Dan Ericksen, County Commissioner

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE PLACED ON UNITED NATIONS PROTECTED AREAS LIST

Rec'd
9/18/02
from Bobbie
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By Lori Zoller

Noted as a special interest area with outstanding beauty which requires special management to preserve its qualities the Columbia River Gorge now appears on the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) list of protected areas. As so, the Columbia River Gorge will be of topic and scrutiny to world partners for its preservation and management.

Oversight, reporting and decisions for every country in the world is now provided under the UNEP of which the United States is a partner to. Each country has defined areas that are managed for conservation, endangered species, plant and other natural or cultural features.

The UNEP has also established a broad information-gathering source known as the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (WCMC). The WCMC gathers, correlates, stores and shares information on the defined areas from around the world. The information is used for policy and action decisions for the conservation of the protected areas. The WCMC programs focus on species, forests,

protected areas, marine, mountains and freshwaters, WCMC also gathers and stores data on habitats for areas like the polar regions as they are affected by climate change. Biodiversity assessments and reactions between trade and the environment are also of interest to the WCMC.

Within Washington State the Columbia River Gorge is not alone on the list. Divided into categories the list contains 101 sites of which, several are local sites: Estuarine Sanctuary, Marine Sanctuary, National Forest (Gifford Pinchot), National Historic Park, National Monument (Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument), National Natural Landmark, National Park (Mount Rainier, North Cascades, Lake Chelan), National Scenic Area (Columbia River Gorge), National Wildlife Refuge (Conboy Lake), Special Management Area, State Marine Park, State Park (Beacon Rock), Wilderness BLM, Wilderness USFWS, Wilderness USFS (Goat Rocks, Indian Heaven, Mount Adams), Wilderness National Park

Service (Mount Rainer).

Reports from the UNEP state that our protected areas within the United States are large and complex systems. They note that policy and legislation in regards to their conservation is from both State and Federal agencies. Enacted by Congress, organic acts or laws gave specific agencies jurisdiction over the listed protected areas. The areas themselves were grouped under seven systems:

The National Parks System, National Wilderness Preservation System, National Forest System, National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, national Marine Sanctuary Code/National Estuarine Research Reserves System and the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Agencies responsible for administration and management are noted as the National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency. The overall expenditures of the fed-

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The Klickitat County Fair

from the view of student reporter/photographer Amanda Robinson
(see page 8 and 9 for details)



Columbia River Gorge placed on United Nations protected list

By Lori Zoller (continued from page 1)

eral agencies on protected areas for 1991 alone were \$1,962,704,000.00. Agencies are responsible for reporting on the environmental status of the protected areas and as well submitting possible areas for inclusion to the UNEP.

State lands on the list are governed under individual State policy and legislation.

UNEP reports also state that several non-governmental organizations are responsible for the acquisition and management of protected areas. Each are quoted as being extremely powerful economically, and having influential roles politically. Top two organizations listed were the Nature Conservancy and the Trust for Public Lands. Each sited for their ability to purchase land that is later sold to federal or state protected area authorities, which are frequently unable to buy land at short notice. Also listed were the National Audubon Society, Society of American Foresters, Conservation Fund, Land Trust Alliance, Ducks Unlimited and Trout Unlimited.

International agreements of which the United States is party to under the UNEP for the protected

areas are: CBD (Biodiversity), CITES (Endangered Species), CMS (Migratory Species) and the World Heritage Information Network (A clearing house for information about the natural and cultural sites identified as being of "outstanding universal value" and placed on the World Heritage List by the inter-governmental World Heritage Committee.

From a worldview, boundaries between countries vanish. Within the report there is also a description of transboundary protected areas. Glacier National Park in Montana and Waterton National Park in Alberta, Canada were combined in 1932 to form the first international peace park in the world. Since that time four others have followed between the US and Canada. Currently a management agreement is being discussed concerning the establishment of a cross border park between the USA and Mexico along the Rio Grande, which would incorporate Big Bend National Park.

To learn more about the United Nations Environmental Programme on your computer just enter the address <http://www.unep-wcmc.org> or from your favorite search engine enter United Nations Parks.

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Rec'd 9/11/02
From Scott
McKay

“To be the best performing rural county government in Oregon”

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

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WASCO COUNTY GOVERNMENT'S VISION AND MISSION

STRATEGIC GOALS

Healthy People
Healthy Economy
Healthy Environment
Caring Communities
High Performing Organization

OBJECTIVES

Reduce Teen ATOD use
Improve relationships
Maximize the effective use of county resources
Increase technological capacity
Improve county processes
Implement a feedback communication system

IMPLEMENTATION TEAMS

QUEST TEAM

Employee and Community Health Team

Customer Service Team

Employee Orientation Team

Facilities Team

Technology Team

Process Improvement Team

Vehicle Team

It is the appropriate role of the Leadership Team to determine “WHAT “ we want to achieve as a county government. This is a broad outline of the “WHAT”. It will be up to the county departments including the employees and the public to decide on “HOW” to achieve the results.

Wasco County Mission Statement

To ensure the provision of essential public services that will allow the people of Wasco County to enhance the quality of their lives. All County services will be delivered in an efficient, effective and respectful manner.

"The legitimate objective of government is to do for a community of people, whatever they need to have done, but cannot do at all, or cannot do so well for themselves, in their separate and individual capacities." Abraham Lincoln

**THE
WASCO COUNTY VISION
"THE BEST PERFORMING RURAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN OREGON"**

"A Good Neighbor"

We take the time to build excellent relationships with our customers and community partners through service that is friendly, fair, and empathetic, so that their interaction with county government is a pleasant and helpful experience.

"One Team – One Direction"

We all work well together within and between departments to meet the needs of our customers and fellow employees. We understand and work to achieve the county's mission, vision and goals.

"Discovering New Answers"

We are acknowledged for the excellent work we do while we are continually improving how we meet the public's complex needs through appropriate learning opportunities. (We take responsibility for situations we encounter and work to find solutions.)

"A Healthy Work Environment that is Respectful of the Customer."

We have the necessary tools and appropriate technology to serve the public in a clean, efficient and healthy work space that is ^{simple, warm} open and inviting to the public.

"A Healthy Workforce."

Through various ways, we support each other in all five components of our health: biological, social, intellectual, environmental and spiritual. We are fun loving, flexible, knowledgeable, and proud of the work we do.

"Data Driven Decision Making."

Our decisions are based on accurate data and broad based input which is shared within and between departments and with the public in a timely manner.

"No Secrets."

There is open and honest communications within county government and with the public enhanced through technology and office location. We, the employees, and the public understand and appreciate what all the county departments do and the benefits they provide. This increases the effectiveness of our services and more importantly maintains a high level of trust with each other and the public.

"Setting the Direction."

When in a leadership role we help create and support the positive direction for county government that will fulfill our mission. We are caring, approachable, understanding and committed to doing what is best for the people of Wasco County.

5/17/2002

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CONSENT CALENDAR

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DISCUSSION LIST

1. Employee orientation.
2. Request from Tygh Valley Veterans Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary Post to extend term of Lease.
3. Request from Tygh Valley Veterans Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary Post to increase water usage fee.
4. Request from The Dalles High School Yearbook Students.