



WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR SESSION  
NOVEMBER 2, 2011

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

At 9:03 a.m. Chair Holliday called the meeting to order.

Chair Holliday asked if there were any corrections or additions to today's Agenda. There were none.

**OPEN TO DEPARTMENTS**

Teri Thalhofer, North Central Public Health District Director, passed out a news release from Oregon Emergency Management in regards to the November 9<sup>th</sup> emergency broadcast which will test the emergency alert system. She asked that the Board of Commissioners share this information with as many people as possible since the broadcast will appear that there is actually an emergency. Television stations are being encouraged to run a scroll at the bottom of the screen to note that it is a test and not an actual emergency. A copy of the news release will be distributed to all County Departments.

Thalhofer reported that Oregon has had two hospitalizations in the valley for flu. She encourages everyone to get their flu shot; the Health Department is almost out of their flu vaccination.

Christa Rude, Commission on Children and Families Administrator, passed out several handouts. The first handout pertained to a document that the Commission on Children and Families put together listing resource information on how people can support foster care. The second handout is in regards to a training to be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> on Understanding Domestic Violence.

John Roberts, Planning & Development Director, was present to discuss the Public Hearing dates for the Energy Updates to the County's Comprehensive Plan and Land Use and Development Ordinance. The Board will consider the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan on December 7th and on January 18th will consider the amendments to the Land Use and Development Ordinance. Roberts is expecting a large turnout for the Public Hearing. He does not feel it will be significant if the State's Health Assessment Report is not out by January 18th.

Some discussion occurred. The Board will discuss the hearing location and time later in the day.

Lane Magill, Chief Deputy Sheriff, met with the Board in regards to his request for the Board to declare as surplus the 2003 and 2005 Dodge Durango's, (Attached as Exhibit A).

Some discussion occurred. Magill noted that the 2007 Crown Victoria Vehicle, which the Board declared as surplus on October 12, 2011, has been sold to the Oak Ridge Police Department for \$2,000.

**{{{Commissioner Hege moved to declare the Wasco County Sheriff's Office 2003 and the 2005 Dodge Durango as surplus as requested by Chief Deputy Sheriff Lane Magill and that the Sheriff's Office is authorized to offer the vehicles for sale as allowed under the County's Contract Review Board Rules, Section 21 (2). Commissioner Runyon seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}**

Magill reported that the Mobile Data Terminal site on Tygh Ridge is not up and running yet. Once the project is completed it will give the Sheriff's Office 60% coverage in South County. The project will be completed with grant funding. The Sheriff's Office is waiting for FCC approval for the additional frequency.

Some discussion occurred.

Chair Holliday called on Administrative Officer Tyler Stone.

Stone indicated that he has nothing to report at today's meeting.

**BID OPENING for furnishing Legal Advertisement to Wasco County, Oregon.**

Chair Holliday opened the bid received for furnishing legal advertisement to Wasco County, Oregon.

The bid received was from The Dalles Chronicle for the cost of \$5.50 for On-Line Email and \$5.80 for Non On-Line Email.

**{{{Commissioner Holliday moved to award the Legal Advertisement Bid to The Dalles Chronicle for the following costs: \$5.50 for On-Line Email and \$5.80 for Non On-Line Email. Commissioner Hege seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}**

Commissioner Runyon inquired as to why the contract does not run from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, which will allow us to budget for the anticipated expense.

Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant, informed the Board that the Contract has been running from September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year since she has been employed with the County, with the exception of this year due to an oversight. The cost of the advertisement can vary greatly from one year to another.

**CONSIDERATION of items listed on the Discussion List of November 2, 2011, (Attached as Exhibit B).**

Item #3

**{{{Commissioner Runyon moved to accept the resignation of Dean Crofton from the Wasco/Hood River County Veterans Services Advisory Committee. Commissioner Hege seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}**

Item #4

The Board discussed the letters of interest received from Mark Fortin and Jerry Vawter for the opening on the Wasco/Hood River County Veterans Services Advisory Committee.

**{{{Commissioner Runyon moved to appoint Mark Fortin to the Wasco/Hood River County Veterans Services Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy left open by the resignation of Dean Crofton. Commissioner Hege seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}**

Item #5

The Board discussed setting the time for the Public Hearing on January 18, 2012 in regards to the proposed Energy Updates. The Board suggested that their meeting begin at 1 p.m. in the Deschutes Meeting Room and that the Public Hearing be held at

5 p.m. at either the Circuit Courtroom #301 or the Northern Wasco County People's Utility District Conference Room.

Item #6

Stone stated that the proposed Wasco County Veterans' Service Office Expansion and Enhancement Funds Plan for Expending Funds comes from the Wasco/Hood River County Veterans Services Advisory Committee. The Committee was charged with making a recommendation to the Board on how the County would expend the expansion and enhancement funds provided to the County by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Stone briefly went over the expenditures proposed to be expended during Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

Commissioner Hege asked if the County might have some computers that are being rotated out that might be able to be utilized by the Veterans Service Office?

Stone responded by stating that the computers are being rolled out for a reason. The ones that are rolled out go to CAP for de-servicing. The computers being proposed to be purchased would have a longer rotation life.

Some discussion occurred regarding the proposed expenditures. Stone noted that the Plan is written for Fiscal Year 2011-2012; a new Plan is required to be filed each Fiscal Year.

Staff was directed to correct the typos within the proposed Plan.

**{{{Commissioner Hege moved to adopt the Wasco County Veterans' Service Office Expansion and Enhancement Funds Plan for Expending Funds as corrected. Commissioner Runyon seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}**

The Board recessed at 9:58 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING to obtain citizens views about the Wasco County Home Repair Grant Project funded by the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department and to take comments about the local government's performance.**

Chair Holliday called the Public Hearing to order.

David Peters, Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation, reported that we are nearing the end of the Wasco County Home Repair Loan Grant Project. One loan is left. Peters noted that bids are in; they will be sent to the Loan Committee for their consideration and approval.

Peters stated of the \$320,000 available in loan dollars, \$294,601 has been loaned out. Of the loans \$20,000 and change has not been drawn down. They have \$25,000 available for the last loan. They are suppose to have the funds leant out by the end of December 31, 2011. Peters is hoping to have the final draw sent in by December 31, 2011. Peters stated that the Project is on track. He is hoping to close the loan next week.

Peters stated that the purpose of this Public Hearing is for the Board of Commissioners to obtain citizens views about the Project and to take comments about the local government's performance.

Peters noted that he will be coming back soon regarding the next Community Development Block Grant that they would like the County to apply for. Three years ago we discussed a regional program.

Peters stated that he did a survey of the people served. All of the homeowners were in favor of the loan program.

Some discussion occurred regarding the number of home owners served.

Peters noted that we have served 14 homeowners. In the County's application it was estimated that we would serve 24. Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation was not hesitant to loan people money when there was a need. We could have kept the loan amount at \$30,000. This might be worth looking at in the future. Loans for more than \$30,000 needed to be approved by the Loan Committee. The loan amount for the next round could be lowered, which would result in more draws and more work for the County.

Peters stated that at one time there were 182 people on the waiting list. He has gone through quite a few. He does not have a huge amount of people on the waiting list right now.

Chair Holliday asked if there was anyone present wishing to provide comments to the Board.

Marilyn Clifford asked what the interest rate is on the loans.

Peters responded by stating these are no interest loans.

Kathy McBride, Executive Assistant, stated that the County has received no written or verbal comments.

The Public Hearing was closed to testimony at 10:09 a.m.

McBride reported that if the funds cannot be committed by December 31, 2011 then the County will need to make a request for an extension to the Grant Agreement.

Chair Holliday requested that David Peters provide to the Board a listing of the types of repairs made under this Grant Program.

Peters listed some of the work that has been completed under the various loans which were awarded under the Program. He will provide the Board with a listing of the projects.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

The Board briefly discussed the Association of Oregon Counties Product Tasting Event to be held at this year's Annual Conference in Eugene. The County will be serving pears and wine. Chair Holliday will purchase the paper products and Commissioner Runyon will provide the cups for the wine. Chair Holliday and Linda Brown, County Clerk, will handle the serving at this event. Commissioner Hege and Chair Holliday will check with the local Chamber of Commerce's to see if they have any literature that can be distributed at the event.

**CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL of the Regular Session Consent  
Agenda of November 2, 2011, (Attached as Exhibit C).**

The Board considered the approval of the Regular Session Consent Agenda of November 2, 2011.

Commissioner Hege questioned whether the acreage listed on the first page of the October 19, 2011 Regular Session Minutes was accurate. He is wondering if the acreage should have been listed as 37 acres instead of 3,700.

Commissioner Hege asked Stone for the status on where the County is at in complying with the required reporting under House Bill 3188.

Stone reported that the report is due into the state by November 10th. He has met with Chair Holliday, Former County Judge/Board Chair Dan Ericksen and Monica Morris, Finance Manager, to discuss the use of these lottery funds. The lottery dollars has been funding a planner. The new reporting requirements require the County to be more

specific as to the use of the funding. Ericksen has suggested that the lottery funds could be utilized for the Community Outreach Team expenses.

Some discussion occurred.

Commissioner Hege suggested that the Board bring in our economic development partners, such as the Economic Development Commission, Port of The Dalles and The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce, to ask for input on how the County utilizes these funds and what the role of the County should be in regards to economic development.

Commissioner Hege felt that the third paragraph on Page 4 of the October 19, 2011 Regular Session Minutes was a little confusing. He wanted to make it clear that the funding he was speaking about related to the payment that is paid to the Columbia Gorge Community College by the County.

It was the feeling of the Board to remove from the Consent Agenda the Regular Session Minutes of October 19, 2011 so that changes could be made to the minutes prior to the Board's approval.

**{{{Commissioner Hege moved to approve the Regular Session Consent Agenda of November 2, 2011 with the exception of Item #7. Commissioner Runyon seconded the motion; it was then passed unanimously.}}}**

**BOBBIE MILLER. Discussion on 25 years of Gorge Legislation.**

Bobbie Miller presented to the Board some literature that she has been working on pertaining to the property owners' perspective on the 25 year celebration of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area Act. Miller stated that she has been involved in this since day one. A committee was formed last spring to see what they could do to tell the other side of the story.

Miller noted that they were allowed to have a tent out at the Discovery Center during one of the 25 year celebration activities. Miller rounded up as much information as she could to tell the other side of the story. Afterwards she took the information and began compiling the book. She wanted to let us know what happened and what the County's part in this was.

Miller noted that Columbia Gorge United was started by two people who are no longer with us. She wanted to honor them and others who were victims of the scenic act.

Miller went on to state that the County Commissioners in Wasco County have never appointed a property rights person as the County's Representative on the Columbia River Gorge Commission. She wanted to point out how important our Representative is on the Commission.

Commissioner Hege asked Miller what she thinks about Rodger Nichols, Wasco County's Representative on the Gorge Commission.

Miller responded by stating that she thinks Nichols will be great. He has attended many meetings and he has been a property rights person. She feels if Jill Arens, Columbia River Gorge Commission Executive Director, was there from the start we would not have gone through most of this.

Miller noted the process that she went through to compile the information. They asked if they could put these 25 years of history in the time capsule. They were allowed to do that. Miller feels we need to honor the people and be watchful.

As to the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center; Miller found out that the taxpayers of Wasco County pay \$58,000 a year for the outstanding bonds. She feels the Discovery Center needs to be used by more people. She wondered why Wasco County citizens cannot get a reduced admission fee since they are paying the debt payment. Miller presented to the Board a listing of citizens who are supportive of Miller's comments regarding the Discovery Center.

Miller noted in closing that a copy of this information has been provided to Senator Ted Ferrioli, Rodger Nichols who presented it to the Columbia River Gorge Commission Staff and a copy for the time capsule. Oregonians in Action wants a copy, along with Rita Swyers. Miller stated that this information does not cover the whole story.

Some discussion occurred.

Marilyn Clifford stated that she has heard some talk about defunding the Gorge Commission. She wondered if it would help or hurt property rights.

Miller stated that she has spoken to several people about the issue of getting rid of the federal act. Senator Ferrioli feels that the States have rights; he is going to find out what can be done.

#### **COMMISSION CALL / REPORTS**

Commissioner Hege stated that the Community Outreach Team is meeting the week of the Association of Oregon Counties Conference. Since Commissioner Hege will be unable to attend the meeting he is meeting later today with Dan Spatz to talk about what

are the County's current issues. Commissioner Hege asked if the Board has any comments or issues that they would like him to discuss with Spatz.

Commissioner Hege feels that the biggest issues to the County are the safety net payments and the National Guard Armory.

Chair Holliday feels the funding for the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center is very important.

Commissioner Runyon feels it is a good idea for the Community Outreach Team to talk to the State's Legislature and not just our Congressional delegation. One item that continues to get defunded is the Columbia River Gorge Commission.

Commissioner Runyon does not feel giving a discount to Wasco County taxpayers will affect the bottom line. It would be good publicity to them.

Miller feels that the admissions and rental rates need to be looked at.

Chair Holliday noted that the NORCOR Board at their last meeting made a decision to market the property that they developed.

Some discussion occurred in regards to the developed property.

The Board signed:

- Order in the matter of the reappointment of Chip Wood to the Wasco County Budget Committee.
- Order in the matter of the reappointment of Dennis Radford to the Wasco County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
- Order in the matter of the reappointment of Fred Schubert to the North Central Public Health District Board of Health.
- Order in the matter of the reappointment of Brian Ahier to the Mid-Columbia Council of Governments Board of Directors.
- Amendment #1 to ODOT Grant Agreement No. 27616 between the Oregon Department of Transportation and Wasco County.
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The Board adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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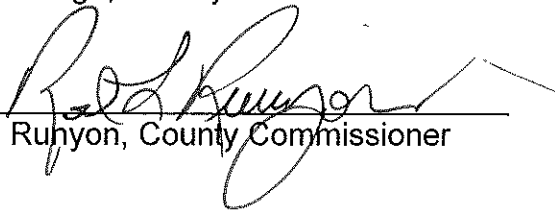


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Sherry Holliday, Chair of Commission

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Scott C. Hege, County Commissioner



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Rod L. Ruhyon, County Commissioner



Kathy McBride <kathymc@co.wasco.or.us>

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## Surplus Vehicles

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Lane Magill <lanem@co.wasco.or.us>  
To: Kathy McBride <kathymc@co.wasco.or.us>

Fri, Oct 21, 2011 at 12:32 PM

Kathy,

I'm in the process of trying to surplus two wrecked vehicles for the county. The first is a 2005 Dodge Durango, VIN# 1D4HB48D36F551428, and the second is a 2003 Dodge Durango, VIN# 1D8HS48N63F568938.

I'm not sure if it matters now but the 2003 Dodge has a buyer for \$250.00 and I believe this falls under paragraph 2, Section 21, (Use or Disposal of Personal Property). I also may have a buyer for the 2005 vehicle but I won't know right away and they will purchase it for under the \$500 requirement.

Let me know if this works and I'll start to move forward on the paperwork on my end.

Thanks have a great weekend.

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Lane Magill  
Chief Deputy  
Wasco County Sheriff's Office  
The Dalles Oregon  
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DISCUSSION LIST

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Request from Chief Deputy Magill to declare as surplus two vehicles from the Wasco County Sheriff's Office.
2. Consideration of the request to authorize the Sheriff's Office to dispose of the 2007 Crown Victoria Vehicle declared as surplus on October 12, 2011.
3. Acceptance of resignation of Dean Crofton from the Wasco/Hood River County Veterans Services Advisory Committee.
4. Consideration of the letters of interest from two individuals interested in being considered for appointment to the Wasco/Hood River County Veterans Services Advisory Committee.
5. Discussion on setting the time for the Public Hearing on January 18, 2012 on the proposed Energy Updates.
6. Consideration and adoption of the Wasco County Veterans' Service Office Expansion and Enhancement Funds Plan for Expending Funds (2011-2012).

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.
4. Request from Mid-Columbia Council of Governments for funding assistance on Renewable Energy Pilot Project.
5. Request from Dave Anderson, City of The Dalles Public Works Director, regarding the Kuck Well Water Right at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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