

COURT

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While it may seem that court improvements are up to the state, Oregon Revised Statute 1.185 directs counties to: "Provide suitable and sufficient courtrooms, offices and jury rooms for the court, the judges, other officers and employees of the court and juries in attendance upon the court." The county also is obligated to provide utilities and maintenance for the courtroom. Therefore, the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners will make the final determination of how the grant is used.

Wallowa County Circuit Court Judge Russell West, who trades court duties with presiding judge Brian Dretke, said the new courthouse is just one option being examined.

"Our position as judges is that something needs to be done," West said. "Accessibility to the second floor is a big concern."

West said the grant must be earmarked for a project by June 2017 or the funds will go back to the state.

Wallowa County Commissioner Susan Roberts said the county is having its own issues trying to keep up maintenance on the courthouse. In particular, replacing the roof. With the exception of the membrane that was replaced several years ago, the roof is original to the building, which was constructed in 1909-1910.

Roberts said the roof problem is key to any renovation, courtroom or not.

"If we don't have that, we needn't bother with anything else," Roberts said. That is because the roof is in such a state of disrepair that the county's insurance company

is threatening to stop covering the building entirely. This, in turn, would negatively affect the circuit court. Roberts added that the courthouse is not in any danger of being condemned.

Another problem with the circuit court renovation, particularly that of the elevator, is that it would force many of the county offices in the building to be relocated during that time — and the county would have to foot the bill.

As it stands, the county will more than likely fund the roof repair through a long-term loan rather than lose the ODJ grant.

It's also possible the grant money could be used to fund a new circuit court building elsewhere in the county. Union County recently made a similar move. Most members of the courthouse committee are in favor of this option.

"When you sit down and start penciling it out, it seems it would be less expensive to do that," Dretke said. He added that he didn't think the current court space would go to waste, it would just be used for a different purpose.

Roberts said the problem with that is that the grant won't cover buying the property and the construction costs. Dretke agreed, but said that the grant would cover nearly all the costs.



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Rain damage from the roof is causing plaster to scale away from the lath.

"We have a much larger facility (in La Grande) with two courtrooms, and we had a \$2.8 million budget and we came in under budget," Dretke said. "We're thinking this

would come in at \$1.6 or \$1.7 million.

"What we're waiting on now is the county deciding how it wishes to proceed, because they're the ones who

were provided with the \$1.25 million, and they need to decide whether to build a stand alone facility or sink it in to doing something with the old courthouse."

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ARREST

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of methamphetamine charges.

The couple was wanted on burglary charges out of Flathead County in Western Montana. Authorities were acting on a tip received from

the Flathead County Sheriff's Office.

Wallowa County Sheriff Steve Rogers said Deputy Paul Pagano and OSP officer Justin Goldsmith made the collar on Baltimore Carper at 74602 Promise Rd. outside of Wallowa. The two officers saw Carper pulled over by the side of the road with a trailer that had been reported as stolen hitched to his van.

"We already had information that he was in possession of mountains of stolen property," Rogers said. "It was a matter of timing when we

thought he had the (stolen) property on him."

While Carper initially was arrested for the stolen trailer, authorities later performed a consent search on the couple's Wallowa County property and discovered numerous allegedly stolen items.

In all, Baltimore Carper was found in possession of nine stolen firearms, a stolen trailer, two sawed-off firearms, machine guns and a host of other allegedly stolen items as well as methamphetamine.

Police arrested Carper and

charged him with 10 counts of theft in the first degree as well as unlawful possession of numerous weapons and possession of methamphetamine. All the charges are felonies and are local charges in addition to the charges out of Montana.

According to an OSP press release, the Montana warrant indicated that Baltimore Carper had stolen approximately \$40,000 worth of goods that included 21 firearms. The Carpers will be extradited to Montana on a warrant from that state.

Rogers said he had stopped Renee Carper at one point and told her to go to the house of her girlfriend to take care of her (Carper's) children. The sheriff said he was unaware of any warrants on Renee Carper at the time.

Both OSP and WCSO said the investigation is ongoing. Rogers said some of the allegedly stolen property is already circulating through Wallowa County.

"I just had a stolen firearm brought to me this morning that he (Carper) had sold," Rogers said.

The person turned it in once he had heard of Carper's warrants.

"It's just getting bigger and bigger by the minute," Rogers added.

Both suspects currently are being held at the Umatilla County Jail while awaiting extradition. Rogers said it is unclear whether the Carpers will first be prosecuted in Montana or Wallowa County.

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Listening sessions across Oregon created the outline for the original Agricultural Reclamation Act in 2010, and subsequent listening sessions helped with an update of the act in 2014. Results from the most recent sessions will help shape future revisions to the act.

Policy proposals identified in the act were debated by legislators in both 2011 and 2013 and led to the passage of the Farm Direct Bill in 2011; passage of the 1,000-bird poultry exemption of 2011 and 2013; the creation of Oregon's Beginning and Expanding Farmer loan program (AKA Aggie Bonds) in 2013; funding and expansion for a Farm to School program in 2011 and 2013; use of federal Specialty Crop Block Grant money to support local food systems, including development of farmers markets; development of a web-based resource for beginning farmers (iFarm); and the addition of representatives of small farms to the Oregon Board of Agriculture.

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