

County renews dispatch contract with John Day

State 9-1-1 Manager: no intent or authority to mandate dispatch consolidation

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Grant County renewed its contract for dispatch services from the city of John Day, despite increased costs and a recommendation to change providers from the sheriff.

The Grant County Court voted to renew the one-year contract June 22.

Although the county anticipated a 10-percent increase from the \$68,869 paid in the 2015-16 fiscal year, the new contract from the city this year called for a 15-percent increase to \$79,198.

At the April 13 Grant County Court meeting, John Day City Manager Peggy Gray said the 15-percent increase was one of several



In this April 13 photo, Sheriff Glenn Palmer, standing, explains why he proposed the county pursue a different dispatch provider than the current contract with the city of John Day while, from left, John Day Emergency Communications Center Manager Valerie Luttrell and City Manager Peggy Gray listen.

steps necessary for the city to come closer to balancing the dispatch budget. She said the city reduced expenses and also asked fire departments to start

paying, as well as Community Counseling Solutions, which use dispatch services.

Gray said the state 911 tax, which is distributed to dispatch centers, has remained at \$0.75 per phone per month since 1995, but costs have increased.

Sheriff Glenn Palmer proposed attaining dispatch services from Frontier Regional 911 Dispatch in Condon in March and later served notice of his intent to sue the city and dispatch employees for breaching the contract "to provide appropriate information" to the sheriff Jan. 26 and other complaints.

At the April 13 meeting, Palmer said he had been told the state would be implementing regional dispatch

centers, and he would rather choose the dispatch center than be assigned one.

County Judge Scott Myers said Palmer provided a one-page map after the meeting that showed current dispatch centers and potential regions into which they could be organized.

Myers said he also obtained a 2012 study, "Consolidation Analysis and Next Generation 9-1-1 Implementation Study," commissioned by the state Office of Emergency Management.

However, in an email to the Eagle, State 9-1-1 Program Manager Mark Tennyson said, "The state has no intent or authority to mandate PSAP (9-1-1 center) consolidation."

Myers said no one from the sheriff's office attended the June 22 meeting.

Roadwork begins July 11 on Highway 26 east of Austin Junction

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Beginning July 11, the Oregon Department of Transportation will be chip sealing two sections of Highway 26 in Grant, Malheur Baker counties, between mile post 260.8 near Jamieson and mile post 190.93 near Austin Junction. The work is expected to take about three weeks to complete.

July 11-22: Chip seal between mile post 260.8 (near Jamieson) and mile post 220 (about 8 miles east of Unity). This section will take about two weeks.

July 25-27: Chip seal between mile post 190.93 (near Austin Junction) and mile post 199.5 (near Grant/Baker County line). This section is expected to take about 3 days.

Expect up to 20-minute delays, reduced speeds, loose rock on the roadway, flaggers and pilot cars directing single lane traffic through the work zones. Minor delays may occur during nighttime/early morning hours for road sweeping. Please slow down and watch for construction activities in the area and plan extra travel time during this highway preservation project.

Fire regulations in effect

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The Grant County Fire Defense District and city and rural fire departments in Grant County will be going into regulated closure Thursday, June 30, according to Bill Cearns from the fire defense district. Check local jurisdictions for specific regulations.

Lands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry's Central Oregon District were also placed under a Regulated Use Closure July 1, according to an ODF press release. The full Regulated Use Closure Proclamation can be found on the Central Oregon District website: ODFcentraloregon.com.

For information on restrictions on public lands contact your local U.S. Forest Service ranger district office or Bureau of Land Management district office.

County pays John Day for training officer who became deputy

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Grant County will pay the city of John Day for training a police officer who changed jobs to work for the sheriff's office within a year of being trained.

County Judge Scott Myers said Oregon law requires an agency, such as the county, to reimburse the agency that paid to train an officer who leaves within three years of being trained.

The county sheriff's office hired Tyler Smith May 9, he said, within his first year on the job with John Day, which requires 100-percent reimbursement. After the first year, the reimbursement is prorated, he said.

Myers said the total cost for training, and for covering for Smith while he was at the academy, was \$14,965.90, which the county must pay to the city. The funds will come from the sheriff's office 2015-16 materials and services budget, he said.

COPS & COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

Circuit Court

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Circuit Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Justin Alan Scheidegger pleaded guilty June 30 to unlawful possession of a methamphetamine on Oct. 31, 2015. He was placed on supervised probation for 18 months with a conditional discharge and 80 hours community service. He was fined \$900.
- William Allen Goodwin, 28, of John Day, June 30, received a one-year diversion for driving under the influence of intoxicants on or about May 21. He was fined \$200.

Grant County Sheriff

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of June 24-30:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
- Average inmates: 13
- Bookings: 8
- Releases: 12
- Arrests: 1
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 2
- Civil papers: 13
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 4
- Search and Rescue: 1

Cited Rosalinda Gonzalez, 28, John Day, June 27 for violation of the basic rule, 50 mph in a 30 mph zone.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 214 calls during the week of June 26 through July 3. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- John Day Police:** June 26: Report of possible shots fired at the Elkhorn in John Day; 61-year-old female arrested for DUII.
- June 28: Recovered a stolen vehicle, out of Huntington, in Prairie City.

June 29: Arrested a 21-year-old male on a felony warrant; arrested a 36-year-old female for hindering prosecution.

July 1: Theft of service reported in Prairie City.

July 2: Responded to a report of a fight in John Day.

July 3: Arrested a 32-year-old male for possession of methamphetamine; arrested a 21-year-old male on first-degree assault.

Grant County Sheriff: June 26: Report of suspicious subject at Prairie Wood Products in Prairie City.

June 26: Responded for overdue teenagers who were camping. The teens were found.

June 27: Responded to a report of shots fired on Highway 402.

July 2: Responded to a report of a fight in John Day.

Goodwin requests bail reduction

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In two motions June 28 in Grant County Circuit Court, William Allen Goodwin III waived his right to trial within 60 days and requested a reduction in bail security from \$100,000 to \$25,000.

Goodwin was indicted May 23 on one count of Unlawful Penetration in the First Degree, a class A felony, and one count of

Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a class B felony, to an alleged victim younger than 12 between March 1, 2015, and Oct. 1, 2015.

Goodwin is scheduled for a pretrial release hearing at 2 p.m. July 14 to discuss bail reduction. He is also scheduled for a pretrial release hearing at 11 a.m. July 27 to discuss bail reduction and as a possible date to enter a plea.

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