

Senators confirmed to serve on high-paid power council

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The Oregon Senate has confirmed Sens. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, and Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, as the newest members of the Northwest Electric Power Planning & Conservation Council.

The federally funded council is charged with leading the development of long-term strategies to balance power generation with wildlife conservation in a region that includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Gov. Kate Brown nominated the two senators for the appointments.

Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, presented the



Courtesy photo/Ted Ferrioli

Sen. Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, was confirmed by the Oregon Senate Nov. 15 to serve on the Northwest Power Planning & Conservation Council. He must resign his Senate seat by Jan. 16.

appointments on the Senate floor.

"I still wish an aye vote



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Sens. Jackie Winters, R-Salem, and Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, both have changes ahead. Winters was elected as the new Senate Minority Leader. Devlin is leaving the Senate to serve on the Northwest Power Planning & Conservation Council.

but it is bittersweet," she said.

"I don't know if there's

anything sweet about it," Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem,

quipped in retort. "I'm unhappy with both of you (for leaving)."

Council members take a salary of \$120,000, making the post one of the highest paid political appointments.

Both senators will have to resign their elected positions in the Legislature before their first council meeting Jan. 16.

Their departure leaves a void in the Senate.

A renowned budget writer, Devlin co-headed the powerful Joint Ways and Means Committee, which must approve all spending measures.

Ferrioli, along with Burdick, is the longest serving senator in the Legislature and led the Senate Republi-

cans for several years with eloquent oratory often in opposition to policy proposals by the Democrats, who have a comfortable majority in both chambers.

Senate Republicans on Wednesday, Nov. 15, elected Sen. Jackie Winters, R-Salem, to succeed Ferrioli as Senate Minority Leader.

Ferrioli was elected in 1996 and has held several leadership positions. Devlin joined the Oregon House in 1996 before winning election to the Senate in 2002. He served as majority leader from 2007 and 2010.

Both Senate seats will be filled through appointments by county commissioners in those respective districts.

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.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Nov. 9-15:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 3
- Average inmates: 16
- Bookings: 15
- Releases: 10
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 1
- Civil papers: 8
- Warrants processed: 4
- Asst./welfare check: 5
- Search and Rescue: 0

Andria Kelley, 23, Canyon City, was cited Nov. 15 for operating a motor vehicle without proper lighting.

Justice Court

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following fines and judgments:

Carrying a loaded firearm or bow on an ATV: Walter Eaton, 48, Burns, Sept. 17, fined \$260.

Unlawful operation of a motor vehicle in a wildlife area: Haskell J. Matheson Jr., 45, Redmond, Sept. 15, fined \$435.

Operating an ATV without a permit: Haskell J. Matheson Jr., 45, Redmond, Sept. 15, fined \$160.

Violating the basic rule: Keith E. Sweeney, 63, Bend, Oct. 29, 71/55 zone, fined \$160; Jake H. Weitzner, 25, Weston, Florida, Oct. 23, 82/55 zone, fined \$260; Rich-

ard E. Gerber, 73, Eugene, Oct. 29, 71/55 zone, fined \$160; Michael J. Heald, 30, Grants Pass, Aug. 21, 49/35 zone, fined \$160; Kaylene A. Chamberlain, 30, Redmond, Sept. 23, 73/55 zone, fined \$160; Michael J. Miller, 47, Springfield, Sept. 4, 74/65 zone, fined \$110.

Violation of speed limit: Logan S. Keck, 28, Overland Park, Kansas, Aug. 23, 81/65 zone, fined \$160; Kevin L. Hamilton, 54, San Francisco, California, Aug. 21, 50/35 zone, fined \$160; Errol M. Lang, 25, Lawrence, Kansas, Aug. 21, 40/25 zone, fined \$160; Alexander B. Richmond, 29, Los Angeles, California, Aug. 21, 53/35 zone, fined \$160.

Exceeding speed limit: Tracy J. Mund, 33, Prairie City, Oct. 23, 74/65 zone, fined \$160.

Driving uninsured: Damon M. Dougan, 19, Pendleton, Aug. 16, fined \$260; Poppy R. Grover, 38, Canyon City, Aug. 20, fined \$260; Benjamin L. Keith, 37, Canyon City, Sept. 23, fined \$260; Kaylene A. Chamberlain, 30, Redmond, Sept. 23, fined \$260.

Driving while suspended: Benjamin L. Keith, 37, Canyon City, fined \$435; Kaylene A. Chamberlain, 30, Redmond, Sept. 23, fined \$435.

Register sticker expired: Poppy R. Grover, 38, Canyon City, fined \$260; Damon M. Dougan, 19, Pendleton, fined \$110.

Ashley R. Wanker, 30, Culver, was convicted of disorderly conduct and ordered to pay a \$435 fine.

Oregon State Police

COPS AND COURTS

Nov. 15: Responded to a dispute in progress at the John Day Police Department parking lot. Stephen R. Johnson, 28, Prineville, was arrested and charged with reckless endangering a person. Thomas B. Forsythe, 77, Prineville, was arrested and charged on a warrant in Crook County.

Nov. 16: Advised of a cow on Highway 26 near Pine Creek.

Nov. 16: Advised of cows on Highway 19 near Cant Ranch Park.

Nov. 17: Stopped a vehicle going 56/35 zone on Highway 26. The passenger, Adrian L. Couey, 32, John Day, was arrested and charged with contempt of court for violating a protection order.

Nov. 17: Responded to South Canyon Boulevard in John Day. Joshua M. Semler, 40, John Day, was arrested and charged on a warrant from Grant County Justice Court.

Nov. 18: Stopped a vehicle on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit. Justin L. Shaw, 24, Eagle Point, was arrested and charged with DUII, open container, driving uninsured and speeding.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 144 calls during the week of Nov. 13-19. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

• John Day Police Department

Nov. 13: Responded to Meadowbrook apartments in John Day for a suspicious person.

Nov. 13: Dispatched a deer hit by a motor vehicle on Highway 26 near the Meadowbrook apartments.

Nov. 13: Responded to Northwest Second Street in John Day for a domestic dispute.

Nov. 13: Dispatched to South Canyon Boulevard in John Day for a juvenile problem.

Nov. 14: Responded to Northwest McHaley Street in Prairie City for a report of a prowler.

Nov. 14: Dispatched to Highway 26 east of John Day for an injured buck that needed to be put down.

Nov. 15: Responded to Main Street in John Day for a report of a suicidal subject.

Nov. 16: Dispatched to a report of a cow on Highway 26 west of John Day.

Nov. 16: Responded to an antique store in Canyon City for a report of criminal mischief.

Nov. 16: Dispatched to Main Street in John Day for a report of a trespasser.

Nov. 16: Responded to Northwest McHaley Street in Prairie City for a report of a prowler.

Nov. 18: Advised of a hit-and-run on Main Street in John Day.

Nov. 18: Responded to a grocery store in John Day for a report of disorderly conduct.

• Grant County Sheriff's Office

Nov. 13: Responded to Humbolt Street in Canyon City for a report of fraud.

Nov. 13: Responded to Highway 26 east of John Day for a report of fraud.

Nov. 13: Dispatched to

Rebel Hill in Canyon City for a report of shots fired.

Nov. 14: Responded to a report of child abuse in Dayville.

Nov. 15: Dispatched to Main Street in John Day for a report of a dispute with an intoxicated subject.

Nov. 18: Responded to Dayville for a report of shots fired.

Nov. 19: Received a report of a stolen horse in the Ritter area.

• John Day ambulance

Nov. 13: Responded to Elm Street in John Day for a 58-year-old man.

Nov. 14: Dispatched to Izee Lane for a 75-year-old man.

Nov. 14: Responded to Canyon City for a woman who had fallen.

Nov. 14: Dispatched to East Franklin in Dayville for a man suffering from medication withdrawals.

Nov. 17: Responded to Seneca for an 88-year-old man.

Nov. 17: Dispatched to Main Street in John Day for an 84-year-old woman with flu-like symptoms.

Nov. 17: Responded to Seventh Avenue in John Day for an 84-year-old woman with post-surgical pain.

Nov. 18: Dispatched to Strawberry Village in Prairie City for a 17-year-old boy with a knee problem.

Nov. 18: Responded to a senior center for a 92-year-old man.

Nov. 18: Dispatched to Mt. Vernon for a 67-year-old man.

• Dayville fire

Nov. 17: Advised of a brush fire along Highway 26.

Feds threaten to end state's criminal justice funds

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The U.S. Department of Justice has threatened to end millions of dollars in criminal justice grant funding to Oregon over the state's sanctuary policies that prohibit the use of state and local resources to enforce federal immigration law.

In a letter Wednesday, Acting Assistant Attorney General Alan Hanson asked the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to address whether Oregon's policies violate federal statute.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grants are a primary source of federal funding for state and local law enforcement jurisdictions, including police and sheriff's departments. Oregon receives about \$4 million of the grant money every two years, said Bryan Hockaday, a press secretary in Oregon Gov. Kate Brown's office.

"Without this funding, public safety coordination and the success of specialty courts will be significantly impacted," Hockaday said.



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New requirements of the grants bar local governments from enacting laws that restrict communication with federal authorities about individuals' citizenship status.

Hanson flagged specific laws he said may put Oregon in noncompliance with requirements of the grant:

- House Bill 3464, which took effect Aug. 15, prohibits state and local authorities from disclosing information about a person's citizenship or immigration status;
- Oregon Revised Statute

181A.820 – on the books for the past three decades – bans law enforcement officers in the

state of using agency money or other resources to detect individuals who are suspected of nothing but violating federal immigration laws.

"The department has not made a final determination regarding Oregon's compliance with Section 1373," Hanson wrote. "This letter does not constitute final agency action and nothing in this letter creates any right or benefit enforceable at law against the United States."

Gov. Brown on Wednesday defended the state's sanctuary policies.

"Oregon's laws are in place to uphold the civil rights of all

Oregonians, and the federal government cannot, under the U.S. Constitution, force state law enforcement officers to implement the policies of this administration," Brown said in a statement. "These threats by the White House administration to revoke funding to states and to local law enforcement agencies have already been ruled unconstitutional in two federal courts."

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