

Dispatch move could be completed by January

IGC agrees to John Day's terms for fire hall

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The Intergovernmental Council that will take over operation of Grant County's 911 dispatch service from the city of John Day expects to be running a dispatch center in the John Day Fire Hall by January 2019.

That was the news coming out of the IGC's May 21 meeting. Canyon City Mayor Steve Fisher, an IGC board member, said seven of the board's 12 members were present and voted 6-0 in favor of John Day's offer to lease space in the fire hall to the IGC.

Fisher said he abstained from voting because of concerns about insufficient information, in particular how much of the \$420,000 appropriation provided by the



The Eagle/Richard Hanners
A fire truck passes by the John Day Fire Hall on South Canyon Boulevard in John Day on May 23.

Oregon Legislature to John Day to operate the 911 dispatch center for the biennium would remain after the IGC took over management of the center.

"There were so many unanswered questions," he told the Eagle.

In the city's May 21 draft offer to the IGC, the city offered to pay up to \$90,000 for building improvements to the fire hall to accommodate the dispatch center and \$28,000 for office furniture and equip-

ment replacement.

"Building improvements are property of the city and are non-transferable," the draft offer states. "Office and communications equipment will be property of IGC."

The city council on April 10 approved up to \$300,000 in financing from Washington Federal to complete construction of the fire hall. That work will begin in July and be finished by the end of the year, including any improvements for the relocated 911 dispatch

center.

John Day City Manager Nick Green told the Eagle that funding for the \$118,000 in building improvements, furniture and equipment cited in the draft offer to the IGC would come from both the legislative appropriation and the Washington Federal loan.

"The building improvements that were already planned will be funded through the Washington Federal loan," he said in an email. "Any costs specific to the 911 relocation will be funded through our 911 fund (which includes revenue from the state grant) and also from the Office of Emergency Management, which pays for the relocation of all of the equipment related to the 911 calls but not the radio dispatch after the calls are received. We are in the process of developing cost estimates for the 911 relocation now so I can't tell you at this point how much will accrue to the city or to OEM, but we will know prior to making the move."

Green provided additional information in his May 24 council memo.

"We will have to pass an amended budget appropriation at our Jan. 8, 2019, city council meeting to transfer the balance of the FY19 operations budget (Personnel Services and Materials and Services in Dispatch Dept. 040) to the IGC," he wrote.

"We will retain the 911 Administration Department funds (Dept. 010) to cover any residual expenses associated with our audit, legal costs for the transition, etc. This fund will then be zeroed out in FY20 and any remaining funds will be paid forward as a portion of our required contribution under the new cost-sharing agreement."

The city's tentative terms for a 15-year lease at the fire hall are \$750 per month for the first 10 years and \$1,000 per month for the next five years. Green told the council income from the lease will help the fire department.

Fisher told the Eagle he

would have preferred moving the 911 dispatch center from the John Day city hall building to the county's former road shop south of the county courthouse. He said the site had good line-of-sight communication with Eagle Peak, as does the fire hall.

Ideally, Fisher said, the IGC should consider moving the 911 dispatch center up on the hill near the Grant County Regional Airport. Green, however, has expressed reluctance to selling a lot at the city's industrial park to the IGC because the dispatch center would not create new jobs or pay taxes.

Grant County Judge Scott Myers, who also sits on the IGC board, suggested at the county court's May 23 meeting that an increase in revenue from the state's 911 tax on telephone bills and current work on a 20-year comprehensive plan for the airport might enable the IGC to relocate the 911 center in the future to the airport. That's the best site, Myers said.

COPS AND 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.

Grant County Circuit Court

Laura B. Wallenstein, 33, Prairie City, pleaded guilty May 25 to driving under the influence of intoxicants and third-degree assault DUII committed on Jan 21. She was sentenced to 45 days in jail, eight years probation and \$2,200 in fines and fees. Her driver's license was suspended for 6 years. Charges of second-degree assault, reckless driving and second-degree criminal mischief were dismissed. In a separate case, a charge of failing to drive within the lane committed on Jan. 21 was dismissed.

Tyler D. Dehiya, 24, Mt. Vernon, pleaded guilty May 24 to felony conspiracy to commit a Class A felony and misdemeanor possession of methamphetamine committed on March 1. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and 24 months probation. His driver's license was suspended for six months, and he was ordered to enroll in the Pacific Northwest Adult and Teen Challenge Program. Seven methamphetamine-related charges were dismissed, and one count of criminal forfeiture was allowed.

Bradley R. Bolin, 31, Mt. Vernon, was convicted on a no contest plea May 22 of misdemeanor possession of methamphetamine committed on March 16. He was sentenced to 48 hours in jail, 18 months probation and 40 hours of community service. His driver's license was suspended for six months. A charge of methamphetamine delivery was dismissed.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following

for the week of May 23:

Concealed handgun licenses: 3
Average inmates: 25
Bookings: 12
Releases: 13
Arrests: 4
Citations: 0
Fingerprints: 5
Civil papers: 11
Warrants processed: 4
Asst./welfare check: 0
Search and rescue: 0

Justice Court

• Failure to change name and address: Tanner F. George, 18, John Day, March 1, fined \$115; Brittany C. Zirkel, 31, John Day, March 20, fined \$115; Scott L. Drinnon, 51, John Day, April 11, fined \$115.

• Careless driving accident: Brandi L. Bernard Anderson, 45, Prairie City, March 26, fined \$115.

• Exceeding speed limit: Caitlin E. Brooks, 33, John Day, April 29, 80/65 zone, fined \$200; Tammy J. Allen, 47, Bend, April 22, 42/25 zone, fined \$140; Jerry M. Lambeth, 67, Mt. Vernon, April 21, 38/25 zone, fined \$165; Gabe R. Steller, 21, Bigfork, Montana, April 23, 75/65 zone, fined \$140; Michael D. Markel, 47, Caldwell, Idaho, March 28, 46/35 zone, fined \$165; Duane E. Andrew, 57, John Day, April 20, 36/25 zone, fined \$165.

• Violation of basic rule: Storm W. McKague, 41, Twin Falls, Idaho, April 25, 72/55 zone, fined \$165.

• Failure to register vehicle: Alan P. Williams, 47, Redmond, April 19, 71/55 zone, fined \$140.

• Failure to properly use seat belt: Brady K. Burch, 20, Prineville, April 24, fined \$115; William G. McManama, 55, Mt. Vernon, April 20, fined \$115.

• Operate without required light: Devan J. Haynes, 25, John Day, March 30, fined \$165.

• Refusal to take breath test: Devan J. Haynes, 25, John Day, March 30, fined \$650.

• Ricky L. Potter, 26, La-

Grande, pleaded guilty to harassment. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail.

• Casey D. Branham, Jacksonville, pleaded guilty to driving while suspended or revoked and violating the basic rule 71/55 zone. He was ordered to pay \$555 in fines and fees. A charge of passing in a no passing zone was dismissed.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 176 calls during the week of May 21-27, including:

• **John Day Police Department**

May 21: Dispatched to Bridge Street and Second Avenue in John Day for a report of a suspicious person wearing a mask.

May 23: Received a report of a civil problem on East Main Street in John Day.

May 24: Dispatched to a suicidal person report on West Main Street in John Day.

May 24: Responded to Prairie City for an assault report.

May 24: Following a traffic stop, Robert H. Bryant, 36, Paisley, was cited for driving while suspended.

May 25: Responded to an apartment complex in east John Day for a domestic report.

May 25: Received a report of criminal mischief at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

May 25: Dispatched with Grant County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police to North Canyon Boulevard in John Day for an unwanted person.

May 26: Responded to a tobacco shop in John Day to a report of a person with mental problems.

May 26: Dispatched to North Canyon Boulevard in John Day for an assault involving a 29-year-old man and a woman.

May 27: Dispatched to Northwest Valley View Drive in John Day for a report of large cat tracks.

May 27: Responded to Blue Mountain Hospital. Christo-

pher C. Boyer, 29, John Day, was arrested and charged with assault, menacing, interfering with making a report and criminal mischief.

• **Oregon State Police**

May 21: Advised of a cow on Highway 26 near Pine Creek Road.

May 23: Advised of large rocks on Highway 26 near the Highway 19 junction.

May 23: Received a report of a suspicious person at a restaurant on South Canyon Boulevard in John Day.

• **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

May 21: Dispatched to East Main Street in John Day for a trespassing report.

May 21: Responded to Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon for a suspicious person.

May 21: Dispatched to East Riverside Street in Mt. Vernon for a theft report.

May 21: Responded to Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon for a harassment report in which a person threatened to shoot and run over a boyfriend.

May 21: Dispatched to a mobile home park on East Main Street in John Day for a domestic report.

May 22: Received an identity theft report from Cayuse Lane in John Day.

May 22: Responded to Screech Alley in John Day for a report of a possible theft.

May 22: Dispatched to Highway 26 near Wagon Ranch for an unwanted person.

May 25: Received a flood report from Cayuse Lane in John Day.

May 25: Responded to a non-injury accident on High-

way 26 near Clyde Holliday State Park.

May 25: Checked on residents on Laycock Creek Road affected by flooding.

May 25: Responded with Oregon Trail Electrical Cooperative to a report of a downed tree on a power line on South Fork Road.

May 26: Responded to a theft report at a drug store in John Day.

May 27: Dispatched to Boyce Place in John Day for a criminal mischief report.

May 27: Responded to a theft report at a barbershop on North Canyon Boulevard in John Day.

May 27: Received a report of suspicious circumstances on Franks Creek Road in Dayville.

• **John Day ambulance**

May 24: Dispatched with Monument ambulance and Grant County Sheriff's Office to Highway 19 near Kimberly for an overdose.

May 26: Responded to an apartment on South Main Street in Prairie City for a 69-year-old woman.

May 27: Dispatched to West Riverside Street in Mt. Vernon for an 82-year-old woman.

May 27: Responded to Northwest Third Street in John Day for a 68-year-old woman.

• **Grant County road department**

May 25: Reported a washout on a road in the Izee-Paulina area.

• **Canyon City fire**

May 25: Received a report of a grass fire on Meadowlark Lane in Canyon City.

• **Oregon Department of Transportation**

May 25: Received a report of a flood hazard at the intersection of highways 26 and 395 in Mt. Vernon.

May 25: Responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office to Highway 395 near the Magone Lake Road junction for a report of flooding and rocks on the highway.

May 25: Dispatched with Oregon State Police to Highway 395 near Canyon Creek Road for a report of rocks and debris on the highway.

May 25: Responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office to Highway 402 near West Cottonwood Creek Road for a report of flooding and rock slides on the highway.

May 25: Received a report of flooding on Highway 402 near Hamilton Summit.

• **U.S. Forest Service**

May 25: Dispatched to the Highway 26 and Childress Loop junction for flooding reports.

ELTRUM THEATRE

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MOVIE SCHEDULE JUNE 1-7

SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY (PG-13)
Han Solo meets his future copilot Chewbacca and encounters Lando Calrissian years before joining the Rebellion.
FRIDAY 6:45 9:35
SATURDAY (3:45) 6:45 9:35
SUNDAY (3:45) 6:45
MON-THURS 6:45

THE RIDER (R) After suffering a near fatal head injury, a young cowboy undertakes a search for new identity and what it means to be a man in the heartland of America.
FRIDAY 7:10 9:45
SATURDAY (4:10) 7:10 9:45
SUNDAY (4:10) 7:10
MON-THURS 7:10

DEADPOOL 2 (R) Deadpool brings together a team of fellow mutant rogues to protect a young boy of supernatural abilities from the brutal, time-traveling mutant, Cable.
FRIDAY 7:00 9:40
SATURDAY (4:00) 7:00 9:40
SUNDAY (4:00) 7:00
MON-THURS 7:00

\$9 Adult, \$7 Senior (60+), Youth

Grant County Awarded Federal Funds under Phase 35 of the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

Grant County has been selected to receive an award of \$2,800.00 for the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is charged by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of Churches of Christ USA, and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

The Local Board will determine how Grant County's award is to be distributed among emergency food and / or shelter programs run by local service agencies. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive federal funds made available through Phase 35.

Under the terms of the National Board award, local organizations chosen to receive funds must be a private voluntary non-profit or unit of government eligible to receive federal funds, with an accounting system and federal employer identification number. Organizations must demonstrate the capability to deliver qualified emergency food and / or shelter programs. Private voluntary organizations must have a voluntary board and practice non-discrimination. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Grant County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previously to the Grant County Food Bank and the Prairie City Baptist Church Food Bank. These agencies were responsible for providing food to qualifying local citizens. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds under Phase 35 may request an application by contacting 541-575-0059, Grant County Court Office, 201 S. Humbolt Street, No. 280, Canyon City, OR 97820. Completed applications are due before 5:00 pm Friday, June 15, 2018.

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FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event



Saturday, June 9
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Grant County Road Department
27941 Lower Yard Road,
John Day, OR

CONTACT
Matt Slafkosky,
541-298-7255 ext. 236
slafkosky.matt@deq.state.or.us

Drop off your household hazardous waste (at no cost to you) so we can dispose of it in a manner that is safer for the environment.

What to bring

- Pesticides and Poisons
- Thermometers*
- Thermostats
- Mercury and Mercury-containing items
- Fluorescent Lights/Ballasts
- Polishes
- Household Cleaners
- Pool Chemicals
- Rust Remover
- Solvents
- Degreasers
- Motor Oil
- Antifreeze
- Engine and Brake Cleaner
- Transmission and Brake Fluid
- Paint and Paint Thinners
- Automotive/Marine Paint
- Wood Preservatives
- Kerosene/Gas
- Aerosols
- Batteries
- Arts and Crafts Supplies
- Adhesives
- Photographic Chemicals

* Receive a free medical digital thermometer in exchange for a mercury medical thermometer

What not to bring

- Radioactive Waste
- Explosives
- Ammunition
- Sharps

Safety Tips

- Keep products in original containers if possible
- Do not mix any products
- Keep waste away from passengers



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