

County court approves CASA funding

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The Grant County Court unanimously approved a \$6,750 request by CASA of Grant County at their Dec. 19 meeting, pending a final decision on where the funding will come from in the county budget.

CASA Executive Director Hannah Hinman made the request one week earlier after explaining the organization's fundraising challenges and the need to increase the amount of local support.

Commissioner Rob Raschio, attending his last meeting as an appointee before Commissioner-elect Sam Palmer takes his seat, said he had spoken to local staff at the Department of Human Services about the difficulties CASA faces.

Raschio said DHS figures on the number of foster children in Grant and Harney counties are not the same as those presented by Hinman, and DHS did not implement the differential response policy here that has been blamed for increasing the number of foster children elsewhere in the state.



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Commissioner Rob Raschio speaks at his last Grant County Court meeting Dec. 19. He was appointed to fill in for Boyd Britton and will be replaced by Sam Palmer, who defeated Gordon Larson in the November election.

He said he invited a DHS official to speak to the court. In other county court news:

- Judge Scott Myers said he had been waiting for county counsel advice on

the structure and makeup of a proposed Water Resource Committee, which would advise the court on water issues.

Shaun Robertson, representing the task force that

proposed the committee to the court, said the committee would fall under the umbrella of a proposed Natural Resource Committee.

Robertson noted that water conflicts tend to be

in-basin versus out-of-basin and consumption versus nonconsumption. He also said he intentionally did not invite state and federal agencies to the task force meetings.

Commissioner Jim Hamsher motioned that the committee be made from the existing task force members. Myers asked Robertson to send the names to the court so they could be reviewed. Raschio said he wanted to be sure Grant County cities were represented.

- A court discussion on changes to the county's policy for reimbursing travel expenses drew a number of elected officials and other department heads.

Raschio's proposal for flat fees and a check-off form to simplify the process encountered pushback from Myers, who cited past abuses by county employees, and County Clerk Brenda Percy, whose department handles expense reports.

The court agreed to bring the matter back when the county budget is being drafted.

- Grant County Economic Development Coordinator

Sally Bartlett reported that Title III funds from the May authorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act totaled \$81,486.

Search and rescue and emergency services account for \$75,000 of the funding, with the rest going to the Firewise Communities Program and the Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

- The court approved the future appointment of Sam Palmer as the county's public health administrator, a new position mandated by the state. Palmer, who has worked many years as a nurse, will be appointed after he takes office in January.

The court approved an ordinance establishing a planning department fee for naming roads. When added to the existing cost of street signs installed by the county, the cost is estimated to be \$500.

- The court approved Roadmaster Alan Hickerson's request for \$5,344 to provide backup heat for the department's offices.

- The court's next meeting will be on Jan. 9.

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

Charges against Donald C. Stout, 62, Ontario, of fourth-degree assault constituting domestic violence and harassment, allegedly committed on Oct. 22, were dismissed Dec. 17 following a motion from the district attorney stating that the victim had moved away and was no longer cooperating with the state to bring the case to trial.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Dec. 19:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 4
- Average inmates: 14
- Bookings: 5
- Releases: 8
- Arrests: 0
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 3
- Civil papers: 13
- Warrants processed: 5
- Asst./welfare check: 0
- Search and rescue: 1
- Dec. 19: Kevin Kimberling, 46, Prairie City, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

Justice Court

- Violation of basic rule: Trace E. Tiller, 20, Hines, Dec. 16, 77/55 zone, fined \$165; Matthew W. Mayfield, 37, Boise, Idaho, Dec. 2, 65/55 zone, fined \$110; Hayden J. Young, 21, Canyon City, Nov. 8, 91/55 zone,

- fined \$375; Jason A. Jones, 37, La Pine, Nov. 9, 74/55 zone, fined \$165; Donna D. Teriong, 62, Portland, Nov. 17, 77/55 zone, fined \$265; Benjamin S. Dotters-Katz, 26, Eugene, Nov. 29, 75/55 zone, fined \$140; Daniel W. Wagner, 26, Hines, Oct. 17, 79/55 zone, fined \$265.

- Exceeding speed limit: Korina J. Jones, 56, Mt. Vernon, Dec. 3, 47/35 zone, fined \$165; Michael T. Smith, 54, John Day, Dec. 3, 45/35 zone, fined \$115.
- Violation speed limit: Bonnie D. Cearns, 59, Mt. Vernon, Nov. 26, 82/65 zone, fined \$265; Bryon O. Clark, 46, Spray, Nov. 26, 46/35 zone, fined \$165; Sara A. Christiansen, 50, New Ulm, Minnesota, Nov. 11, 55/35 zone, fined \$165.

- Driving uninsured: Rick G. Bowden, 56, Ontario, Sept. 11, fined \$265; Steven M. Warrington, 29, John Day, Nov. 30, fined \$400; Katie Watt, 32, John Day, Nov. 6, fined \$265.
- Driving while suspended: Steven M. Warrington, 29, John Day, Nov. 30, fined \$600.

- Failure to register vehicle: Dustin L. Boggs, 20, Kimberly, Nov. 2, fined \$95.
- No operator's license: Liborio Lopez, 39, Kimberly, Nov. 26, fined \$265.
- Failure to drive within lane: Munye A. Jeylani, 42, Apple Valley, Minnesota, Oct. 8, fined \$265; James A. Wood, 59, Post, Nov. 20, fined \$265.

- Careless driving causing an accident: Hayden J. Young, 21, Canyon City, Nov. 8, fined \$225; Liborio Lopez, 39, Kimberly, Nov. 26, fined \$440.

- Use of cellphone while driving: Storm C. Carpenter, 32, Canyon City, Dec. 2, fined \$265.

- Truck/bus exceeding speed limit: Richard D. Randall, 50, Mt. Vernon, Dec. 3, fined \$165.

- Registration sticker expired: Steven M. Warrington, 29, John Day, Nov. 30, fined \$200; Gregg E. Devore, 29, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Oct. 27, fined \$115.
- Driving outside restrictions: Gregg E. Devore, 29, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Oct. 27, fined \$265.

Oregon State Police

Dec. 20: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 east of Moon Creek Road, Colton J. David, 23, Dayville, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and no insurance, failing to register and operating with nonstandard lighting.

Dec. 22: Investigated a noninjury crash on Highway 26 east of Dayville that occurred when the driver of a westbound SUV lost control for mechanical reasons. The vehicle locked up, slid 180 feet, went airborne off the road, cleared a fence and rolled 2 1/2 times. The driver and his dog walked away from the crash.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 182 calls during the week of Dec. 17-26, including:

- John Day Police Department
- Dec. 17: Following a traffic stop on Highway 26 east of John Day, Michelle Stansbury was cited for speeding, 54/35 zone.

Dec. 18: Received a report of elder abuse on Northeast Seventh Street in John Day.

Dec. 19: Responded to Charolais Heights in John Day for possible trespassing.

Dec. 20: Made contact with a suspicious vehicle on Northwest Third Avenue in John Day.

Dec. 21: Responded with sheriff's office and Forest Service to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a domestic report.

Dec. 22: Dispatched with sheriff's office and state police to a restaurant on Main Street in John Day for a disturbance.

Dec. 23: Responded to the hospital in John Day for an unwanted person.

Dec. 23: Received a report of multiple shots fired on Southwest First Avenue in John Day.

Dec. 24: Following a traffic stop near Southeast Hillcrest Road, Tanner J. Prock, 22, John Day, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

Dec. 24: Responded to a motel in John Day for a suicidal caller. Christopher M. Nolan, 40, Prairie City, was arrested on a state parole board warrant.

Dec. 24: Dispatched to Northwest First Street in John Day for a suspicious circumstances report.

Dec. 26: Advised of suspicious circumstances on La Costa Road in John Day.

Dec. 26: Received a report of a suspicious person on Northwest Fourth Avenue in John Day.

Dec. 26: Took a theft report from an apartment on East Main Street in John Day.

Dec. 26: Responded with Community Counseling Solutions to West Main Street in John Day for a suicidal person.

• Oregon State Police

Dec. 18: Advised of a slide-off noninjury crash on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.

Dec. 20: Received a report of hazardous road conditions and a semi truck blocking the southbound lane of Highway 395 near Beech Creek State Park.

Dec. 26: Advised with sheriff's office of a slide-off

crash on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.

- Grant County Sheriff's Office

Dec. 17: Advised of a suspicious person at Highway 26 and La Costa Road in John Day.

Dec. 17: Received a report of a theft on Miller Mountain Road in Canyon City.

Dec. 18: Advised of harassment in Prairie City.

Dec. 19: Received a report of an unwanted person on South Ingle Street in Mt. Vernon.

Dec. 19: Advised of a sexual abuse report from Washington Street in Canyon City.

Dec. 20: Received a theft report from Izee-Paulina Lane in Canyon City.

Dec. 21: Advised of theft in the Ritter area.

Dec. 21: Received a fraud report from Mt. Vernon.

Dec. 23: Responded with John Day and Seneca ambulances and state police to Highway 395 near Starr Ridge for a crash.

Dec. 26: Advised of trespassing in Prairie City.

• John Day ambulance

Dec. 17: Responded to Thomason Lane for an 81-year-old woman who had fallen and injured her hip.

Dec. 18: Dispatched to North Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a 59-year-old woman.

Dec. 18: Responded to Northeast Seventh Avenue for an 85-year-old woman.

Dec. 18: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

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Dec. 19: Responded to a senior home in John Day.

Dec. 19: Dispatched with Prairie City ambulance to East Fifth Street in Prairie City for a man with shortness of breath.

Dec. 19: Responded to Canyon Mountain Trail Road in Canyon City for an unconscious 93-year-old woman.

Dec. 20: Dispatched to North Johnson Avenue in Prairie City for a woman.

Dec. 22: Responded to Southwest First Avenue in John Day for a 40-year-old woman with flu symptoms and trouble breathing.

Dec. 24: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

Dec. 24: Responded with John Day police to Southeast Dayton Street for a man with a leg injury.

Dec. 25: Dispatched to Northeast Dayton Street in John Day for a 78-year-old man.

Dec. 25: Responded to a senior home in John Day for a 74-year-old man.

Dec. 26: Dispatched to Northeast Seventh Avenue in John Day for an 86-year-old woman who had fallen.


Dec. 26: Responded to Northwest Seventh Street in John Day for a woman with severe back pain.

• Bureau of Land Management

Dec. 22: Advised of a single-vehicle rollover noninjury crash on Highway 26 near Fields Creek Road.

- Department of Transportation

Dec. 25: Advised of a cow on Highway 26 near Fields Creek Road.



Restoration Fuels, LLC Open House

On Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, representatives from Restoration Fuels and Oregon Torrefaction invites the community to an informal open house.

The opportunity will be held at the Canyon City Community Hall at 104 S. Humbolt St, Canyon City, OR 97820. The meeting will have information stations on Restoration Fuels installation of a 12 ton/hour torrefaction facility at the Malheur Lumber Company mill in John Day.

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