



Attorney Dennis Doherty, (from right) Columbia Basin Board Secretary Harold Rietmann, and Co-op manager Fred Toombs reviewed bids for rebuilding the main power transmission line at a meeting in the co-op board room last Friday.

Power transmission line bids opened

Bart Associates, Inc. of Fairview, Oregon, was apparent low bidder on the construction contract for replacement of the power transmission line from the Bonneville point of delivery to Heppner at a bid opening held on March 5, according to Fred Toombs, Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. manager.

"We are anxiously awaiting completion of the Project," Toombs explained, "because of the rash of outages in recent years, including a 3 1/2 hour outage the same evening of

the bid opening." The line was designed by Rex Brown Engineers of Vancouver, Washington, and Mark Lovgren, System Engineer for CBEC, along with the aid of Bill Gentry, Line Superintendent, whose years of experience were invaluable in location, design and the acquiring of Rights of Way, Toombs said.

The project is to begin officially June 1 with the project to be completed by November 1, Toombs continued, it is probable that the con-

tractor will begin work before this time.

The project will be funded by a loan from the Rural Electrification Administration and the National Rural Cooperative Finance Corporation. Apparent low bid on the project was \$1,213,337.51. Final costs including labor and material supplied by CBEC will be approximately \$1.5 million.

Toombs took this opportunity to thank all of those, including the Board of Directors, as well as the property owners along the right of way for their cooperation in putting this critical project together and also reminded all consumers in the lone, Lexington and Heppner areas that there will be some lengthy outages this summer in order to accommodate the construction process.

County leases tractor, a change from traditional purchase of equipment

Morrow County Court last Wednesday accepted a bid from Western States for lease of a D6H tractor at \$19,098 per year for five years. The tractor will replace a county-owned D7 tractor used at the gravel quarry before it broke down.

The lease-option is a departure from traditional purchase of equipment for the road department, county road advisory committee chairman Bob Jepsen said. The lease will save the large amount of money needed for capital investment for purchase of equipment, he continued. During the five-year term of the lease, the tractor will be under warranty for repair of its motor, transmission, and drive train. Should anything happen to the tracks or under carriage, the county would be responsible for repairs, but we don't look for it to wear out in five years. At the end of that time, we will look to another contract, the committee chairman said.

Both John Deere and Caterpillar have special equipment lease rates for government agencies, lower rates than for non-government contractors, Jepsen said. Western States was the only company to submit a bid for to the county at this time.

The county will be allowed \$8,500 for trade in of the 1965 48AD7.

In the past, Jepsen said, the road committee has looked over the road department budget and approved it during the budget process. The Road Master and County Court would then oversee the purchase of equipment. "With the new administration (County Judge Louis Carlson), the committee was told that we would be asked for more input about the road department, and told that we would be listened to," he continued. "Our

goal this year is to continue doing the same amount of work in the road department with less money in the budget which means we will have to be much more efficient," he said. Jepsen, Bob Stevens of Boardman and Joe Tatone of Boardman represented the road committee in talking to the County Court about the lease agreement.

Heppner City Attorney Bill Kuhn told the county that the Department of Environmental Quality is putting pressure on the city to re-design the landfill. There are only five years of use left in the current landfill. Kuhn said that he thought the county should still take an interest in the landfill since they operated it before the city took over.

The Port of Morrow has offered the services of their engineer to the city. Commissioner Jerry Peck as a member of the statewide advisory committee for solid waste landfills will sit on the city's committee for a study.

In other business the court heard that four light fixtures instead of two had been ordered for the front of the Courthouse. Expenses of sending two of the fixtures back is prohibitive, the court said. They will place two in front of the Courthouse and if the other two are not needed there, will consider putting them in back of the Courthouse.

discussed new computer programs available to counties through the Oregon Counties Computer consortium.

signed an agreement with the Oregon Counties Computer consortium.

approved a request from County Accountant Cindee Henderson for a revision in the accounting program.

heard an explanation of the fund cash balance sheet by Treasurer and Tax Collector Margo Sherer.

heard from County Planner Deane Seeger regarding a proposed plan to deactivate nerve gas stored at the Umatilla Depot.

discussed access to property on Quaid St. in Heppner.

decided to give a sheriff's department car with a blown motor to the city of Boardman.

accepted deeds for right of way along Wilson Road in Boardman.

approved claims.

discussed by-laws for the soon to be appointed county health board.

appointed Eric Anderson and Stan Kemp as inspectors of the Lexington Blow Control.

approved transfer of operating contingency funds for the purpose of additional office space.

appointed Ernest Jorgenson and Sharon Biddle Justice of the Peace pro-tem.

appointed Charlotte Gray juvenile judge pro-tem for March 9 - 11.

directed Val Doherty to draw up the Skoubo contracts for concrete irrigation structures.

directed Doherty to draw up a new contract for crushing rock with Mabbott with provisions for quality control of the crushed rock.

20-year reunion planned

The David Douglas High School class of 1967 is planning a 20 year class reunion for August of 1987. Any graduates desiring information should contact: D. D.H.S. 1967 Reunion, 1311 S.E. Eastwood Ct., Milwaukie, Oregon, 97267, or call 238-0059

County Court, Port of Morrow clear the air

The County Court and the Port of Morrow now know they mean the same thing when they talk about a lead agency. Representatives of the two agencies met last Friday to clear up some misunderstandings which had developed concerning negotiations with Boeing Corp.

Confusion became obvious to the court when a gate was built across a road on Boeing's property near Boardman and the County was not notified.

"It was my understanding," Morrow County Commissioner Jerry Peck said, "that if the county need-

ed to talk with someone at Boeing, they had to go through the Port of Morrow because the Port is the lead agency in dealing with Boeing."

Port Manager Bob Miller pointed out that the port deals with Boeing as it does with other potential clients, that's why we've been "successful

in locating businesses in the Boardman area," he said. "Because we can get support from the Chamber, the development office and city managers, in most every case, we can get a potential business to where they are willing to locate here," Miller said.

The Port is looking to be a facilitator because we recognize the potential Boeing has for the long term interests of the county, and because communication between the court and Boeing was not very good for awhile, Miller continued.

"I have no problem with the Port acting as a lead agency for everyone as far as economic development is concerned," Commissioner Peck agreed. The state has designated that as the Port's function. "I think Boeing feels that because the Port is the contact agency that relieves them (Boeing) of the responsibility for contacting anyone else," he said.

"We were not notified that the gate had been built nor were we involved in the process," Miller said. "The local Boeing representative told me he didn't know about the gate before it was built."

"Oregon building laws are confusing for out of state agencies, Miller said. Morrow County makes it easier than most places in Oregon for development, but planning is a county responsibility," Miller said.

"What happens if Boeing has a problem which the port doesn't recognize and later the county decides the problem exists? I'm not sure the port wants that degree of responsibility," Peck said.

Because of the Port's frequent contact with the Boeing Corp., if they choose to act as a conduit for information, we can continue working as we are as long as all concerned are informed, Commissioner Peck said.

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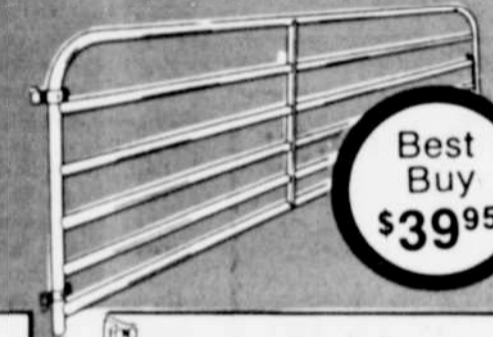
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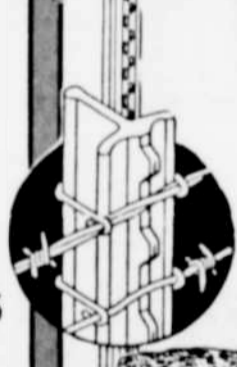
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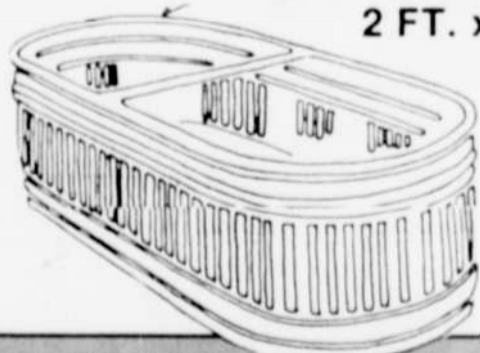
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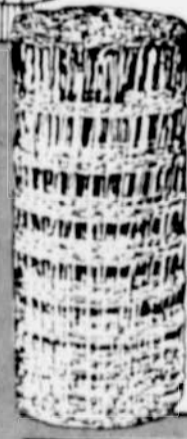
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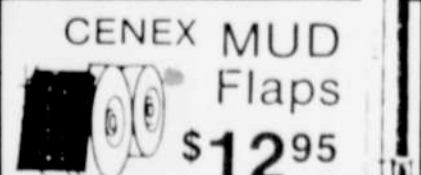
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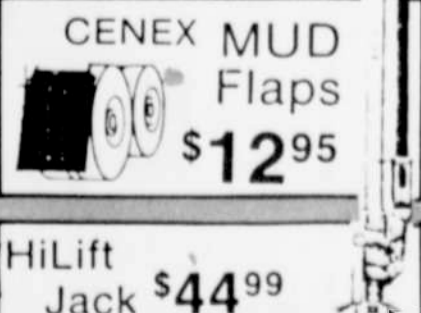
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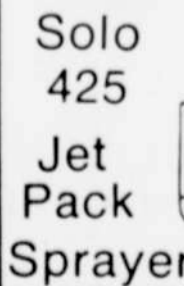
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