

## Planning commission plans meeting County Court hears road report

The City of Heppner Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Monday, December 6, at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The agenda includes: a public hearing with a request for relief

from setbacks for a 20x24 carport at 280 s. Main.; old business which includes proposed ordinance revisions including the zoning ordinance; and planning commission issues.

By Doris Brosnan

The Morrow County Court, at their Nov. 24 meeting, heard a report from assistant roadmaster Burke O'Brien who reported on miscellaneous issues: two permits for installation of telephone cable; accessibility of the Fasciona Sub-division; sand storage; work on the crusher; bridge guardrails; brush, shoulders and crack sealing; completion of blading on 70 percent of the roads; some resealing because of loose rock on Rhea Creek; and the Clarks Canyon quarry.

The court approved Judge Terry Tallman as Justice of the Peace pro-tem; approved the contract with GEODC; and agreed, upon approval of county counsel, to purchase from ODOT a new bus.

Three watermasters discussed with the court the new watermaster districts of the North Central Region. Included was talk of a watershed council, the 303D list, water flow calculations, the county's water right and the special-use permit with the U.S. Forest Service on Ditch Creek, and the budget of the watermaster district.

Lexington Mayor John Renfro informed the court of the status of that town's issues. He thanked the county for cooperation and assistance with some projects and reported progress with a comprehensive plan and an updated city charter. He indicated that major needs now lie with the fire department in equipment and training. Renfro also reported that steps are being taken to correct some revenue issues.

The court continued the public

hearing on the annexation to the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District. As some electors had not yet been in communication, the hearing was continued to Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 1 p.m.

Upon referral from the Emergency Management director, Judge Tallman signed for the transferring of the decontamination unit from emergency management to the Boardman Fire Department.

The court approved Elaine Miller to the Commission on Children and Families. It approved an agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Commerce for NOAA weather radio broadcasting services. The commissioners also signed a certificate of appreciation for retiring Morrow County Fair Board Chair Sam Bellamy.

CAPECO executive director Denny Newell discussed with the court appointments to the regional Workforce Investment Board, established by the State Workforce Investment Act. The court approved alternates for member of that board and advised Newell to inform the governor that Morrow County would like the board to be considered an alternate structure under SB 917.

The court discussed holiday decorating of the courthouse, which will be a private undertaking of interested employees, not the county.

District Attorney David C. Allen discussed and the court approved a resolution for the administration of the federal domestic violence grant. The court opened the public hearing on a supplemental budget for the Domestic Violence Fund (revenues from the

grant), Behavioral Health Fund (revenues from Grant County) and Fair Fund (revenues from Wilkinson Arena rents). The court approved those supplements.

Treasurer Lisanne Currin reported on tax revenue collections, FARM museum expenses and the pension plan.

Sheriff Verlin Denton presented, and the court approved, an agreement with Sherman County increasing that county's payment and two new dispatch positions. Denton also explained the need for replacement of outdated pagers for the Irrigon Fire Department. The court approved.

The court discussed the enter-

prise zone and the Tillamook Cheese Company. Judge Tallman reported that the BPA is installing fiber line from Boise to Umatilla and inviting counties to get "plugged into" that line, for a price. Connection would be through the electric and telephone lines.

The commissioners did not meet Nov. 17 as they attended the annual meeting of the Association of Oregon Counties.

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## Annie Hisler completes 'VB season at Mt. Hood



Annie Hisler

Annie Hisler recently completed her volleyball season as a sophomore at Mt. Hood Community College. As a freshman, Hisler came to the program with a great deal of potential said a Mt. Hood Community College news release. She quickly became a starter as a defensive specialist and helped the Mt. Hood Saints to the NWAACC tournament.

Her sophomore year (1999 season), Hisler returned much improved and earned her role as the starting defensive specialist on a very talented team said the news release. She finished the season with 178 digs, 42 of which she earned in the NWAACC tournament alone. Hisler helped lead the Saints to the NWAACC finals serving 93 percent with four aces and only four errors in 56 attempts. Saints coach Michael Seemann added, "Annie has come a long way in the game of volleyball and has become one of the best defensive specialists at this level."

The Saints were second in the Southern Region at the end of the season, with only two losses, both to champion Chemeketa.

During the NWAACC tournament championship held Nov. 18-20, Mt. Hood beat Edmonds, Spokane and Chemeketa, but lost to Columbia Basin in the semi-finals which dropped them into the losers' bracket. Facing double elimination, they beat Spokane again which allowed them to play Columbia Basin for the championship title. Mt. Hood beat Columbia Basin in the championship match in five games, but both were tied in wins for the title. They had a single game tie tie-breaker that Columbia Basin won, 15-12.

The final NWAACC tournament standings were Columbia Basin, first; Mt. Hood, second; Spokane, third; Chemeketa, fourth. The Saints' Michael Seemann was chosen NWAACC tournament coach at the conclusion of the tournament.

Hisler now participates in basketball for the Saints.

## Walden endorses Greg Smith for state rep.



Greg Smith (left) and Greg Walden

United States Congressman Greg Walden (R-Hood River) has officially announced his endorsement of Greg Smith (R-Heppner) for Oregon State Representative of District 59. On Nov. 22, the two met in Condon to show their mutual support and meet with citizens of the district.

"Greg Smith is an impressive new leader who will fight for lower taxes, smaller government and better schools. Greg is the right person to stand up for eastern and central Oregon," said Congressman Walden.

Smith currently serves as chairman of the Morrow County Republican Central Committee and is the alternate chair of the Oregon Republican Party, 2nd Congressional District. He served as an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention

in 1996 and is on U.S. Senator Gordon Smith's Community Advisory Committee.

Smith, a first-time candidate, is seeking to fill Representative Lynn Lundquist's (R-Powell Butte) seat. Lundquist, who has reached his term limit, is seeking the Republican nomination for Secretary of State, and is also endorsing Smith.

"Greg realizes the issues we face in rural Oregon," said Representative Lundquist. "I am proud to say that he will be representing my personal interests in Salem."

Smith has kicked off his campaign by showing strong support for education, senior citizens services and natural resource issues, including agriculture and timber. Smith said he plans to hit the campaign trail hard after the first of the year.

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