

County Court news

The following is provided by Commissioner Leann Rea.

The Morrow County Court met on November 9 in Irrigon with Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes of Nov. 2. The court also reviewed and approved account payables in the net amount of \$1,266,857.65. The large amount of payables was the result of the expenditure of grant funds received from the Federal Aviation and Connect Oregon Three funds Phase One and Phase Two grants. These grants funded 100% of the \$1,078,169.71 for the upgrades at the Lexington Airport.

Permits: Reviewed and, on the recommendation of the Road Master Burke O'Brien, approved Permit #172 for twelve approaches onto Ely Canyon Road and Permit #173 for one approach at Fourmile Road and Palmateer Road for Blattner Energy Inc.

Public Hearing: Opened and continued the hearing on the Transportation System Plan Update to November 23, at 9:30 a.m. at the courthouse in Heppner.

CAPECO report on OYCC: Director Deborah

Hayward discussed the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) program, providing information on some of the recent jobs that have been done by the group. Hayward said the project is funded by the State of Oregon in the amount of \$11,111 per year. The program is designed to target at-risk and disadvantaged youth. Hayward reported that she would like to see the work sites rotated between north and south county, adding that for the past several years the Public Works Dept. has supervised the work crews for projects in south county. Hayward stated that she would like to begin a three-year rotation in 2012, where the crew would work in the north end for three years and then return to the south end for three years. The court thought this was a workable plan and supported the proposal.

Commission on Children and Families: The court reviewed and signed two amendments to Agreement #135573 between the county and the State of Oregon acting by and through its Oregon Health Authority for the distribution of funds for public health programs.

Parole and Probation: The caseload as of November 1 is a total of

102 with 16 high-risk, 38 medium-risk, 21 low-risk individuals and the balance falling lower.

Planning: Planning Director Carla McLane provided the court with an update on planning activities as follows: The Carty Lateral project is beginning to move through the federal citing process and resource reports should be out in February. They will be looking at a cumulative effect on "land use" in this report; currently, there are two wind projects being proposed. One is a 20 megawatt (Mason/Orem) and one is a 104 megawatt (Ella Butte). Both of these will be cited through the local Planning Commission; The Umatilla Electric Co-op is continuing work on their proposed 230 KV transmission line; The Carty Generation project is being held up because of an issue with the reservoir; McLane introduced Garrett Jensen, a RARE student that is assisting with work on the Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan getting support thru Oregon State University. McLane will be forwarding proposed committee members for court approval; The proposed fee for aggregate sold to out-of-county individuals will go through a public hearing process with January 4, 2012 being suggested

as a possible date.

City of Irrigon Comments: Irrigon City Manager Gerald Breazeale provided the following information to the court: Breazeale stated that he is applying for a grant of \$50,000 for work on the Heritage Trail between 1st and 6th streets in Irrigon. This grant would require a 20% match from local individuals, which could be local labor or materials. The court agreed to provide a letter of support for this grant. Breazeale stated that the five county communities are working together to develop a promotional plan, with the cost to be \$15,000 for a one-year plan. An IGA will need to be developed for the five cities to work together. Boardman, Irrigon and Heppner have each agreed to pay \$5,000 for the services. Ione stated they are willing to provide some funding; the amount they pay will reduce the amounts needed from the other three cities. At the end of one year, an evaluation will be done to determine if the efforts have been effective. Breazeale discussed the high nitrates in the area and how it may impact the city. Breazeale stated that the city is converting the north end of town from 8th to 10th streets onto the new sewer system. The cost will

be around \$1.8 million. They have acquired a loan from the State of Oregon for the conversion project. The state will forgive one million dollars if the project is in compliance with the state's requirements. Breazeale discussed the plans of the group working to change the number of commissioners that would represent the county and going to a Home Rule form of government. Breazeale stated that John Wenzholz and Joe Theisen would be representing the Irrigon area, Amy Kollman and Dick Sargent for Heppner, Mark Bruno for Ione and Leisl Follett for Lexington. The representatives for Boardman were not identified.

The court conducted the following business: Authorized a Purchase Pre-Authorization for the purchase of Primary Maintenance for the Geographic Information System (GIS) license in the amount of \$1,500 for the Planning Dept. and Public Works; Reviewed and approved, because of a double payment, the refund of a tax payment in the amount of \$1,541.09 to Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Inc.; Reviewed and approved, due to an overpayment of estimated prepayment, a refund in the amount of

\$1,029.62 to Marvin Padberg; Reviewed and signed an appointment for Community Counseling Solutions to be the financial assistance administrator for state mental health, addictions and developmental disability services; Reviewed and authorized retroactive payment to an individual working "out of class" for the period 9-15-2011 thru 11-02-11; Reviewed and approved a resolution for an All Terrain Vehicle Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept. for improvement of the restrooms at the OHV Park; Reviewed and approved with some conditions the Oregon Community Development Block Grant and Housing Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$400,000.

Reviewed misc. correspondences, outstanding Needs and Issues Awards scheduled to expire Dec. 31, and discussed upcoming meetings.

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 <p>Price Reduction \$87,500 Cute 3 bedroom in Heppner. A nice fenced yard for the kids located on a quiet street. Storage shed outback and new lawn just planted makes this three bedroom one bath home ready to move into. Vinyl siding and windows, side deck, stove-refrigerator-washer-dryer included. Great starter home or pick it up as a rental. Has a carport too.</p>	 <p>View lot at Lakeview Heights. Own one of the last view lots at Lakeview Heights. 84 X 120 approx. Water, sewer, phone and power available. \$25,000</p>	 <p>Acreage for Sale 38.67 Acres inside Heppner city limits Has a good building spot and room for animals. Water and electricity located nearby. \$65,000</p>	 <p>\$110,000 2 apartments and shop building for Sale in Lexington On the bottom floor is a former auto body shop and a 1 bedroom apartment newly remodeled renting for \$350. Upstairs is a 2 bedroom apartment that has been completely redone renting for \$375. Building has a good roof and owner says the shop has been completely rewired.</p>

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