

County Court news

The Morrow County Court met in Heppner on Aug. 15 with commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The city and citizen comment period for Boardman was opened, with no one in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes for Aug. 8. The court also reviewed and approved the July retirement taxes and the account payables in the net total amount of \$433,061.01. The court reviewed and approved a Purchasing Pre-Authorization for the Planning Dept. and the Road Dept. to share in the cost of the Geographic Information System (GIS) licenses at the rate of \$750 each.

Road Dept.: Cutsforth

Park: The crew finished adding water and electrical service to 13 camp sites that were previously dry camping. They finished backfilling ditches, added gravel and placed logs around some sites. The logs were from some tree clearing that was done to widen the access road through the park, as well as some hazardous trees. The rest of the trees were cut into fire wood to sell at the park. They also finished building a concrete-block retaining wall for easier access to the garbage bin area. Today they are paving around the host shack to finish handicap access from the new sidewalk to the restrooms and office, as well as paving two handicap parking spots near the fishing pond.

Paint striping: They crew has paint striped around the Heppner High School area, the five intersection projects, part of the Bombing Range road and some roads in the Boardman area. Dave Pranger has been striping for Umatilla County this week. **Crack sealing:** The crew has completed crack sealing the school parking lots in Heppner, Boardman and Irrigon for the Morrow County School District. **Ditch cleaning:** The crew has cleaned out the ditches along Willow Creek Road from Black Mountain Lane up to Cutsforth Park. Tomorrow they will be working along Coalmine Hill Road. **Gravel road work:** The crew started hauling gravel to some of the gravel roads that developed dust

holes from the wheat harvest traffic. They have repaired holes in the Juniper Canyon, Strawberry Lane and Piper Canyon areas, and are currently working in the Alpine Lane, Grieb Road area. **Permits:** On the recommendation of Burke O'Brien, Public Works Director, the court reviewed and approved Permit OJH with the City of Boardman for the installation of a water line in the area of Laurel Lane and I-84, and Permit OJH with the Morrow SWCD for the installation of culverts in the area of Black Mt. Lane and Willow Creek Road.

Finance Dept.: Finance Director Rick Worden provided the court with information regarding the status of the General Fund and the

Road Fund. Worden stated that all county employees will need to watch their spending closely until the county begins receiving property tax payments in November.

Sheriff's Dept.: Undersheriff Steve Myren provided information to the court regarding the possibility of employing a traffic enforcement officer. The commissioners informed Myren that they felt this was a discussion for the entire court to consider. The court also stated that, should the position be created, there would be no money to fund the position until December. The matter will be discussed further at a later date.

Commission on Children and Families: Direc-

tor Kim Carnine provided the court with the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families Program Funding Recommendations for fiscal year 2012-2013. The court approved the distribution of the funds as recommended.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Rea reported on her trip to Portland to provide testimony at a listening session with Senator Ron Wyden.

Various correspondences and upcoming meeting notices were reviewed and discussed.

This information is provided by Commissioner Leann Rea. Anyone interested in receiving county court minutes, contact Karen Wolff at 541-676-5620.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

June 1: -MCSO received a call from a woman in Boardman who advised her son had been attacked at work by another male subject. Subject was seen by Boardman Ambulance. Julio Cesar Ochoa, 21, was

cited and released to appear on charges of harassment and disorderly conduct.

June 2: -MCSO received a call from a landscaper in an Irrigon mobile court who reported that three Hispanic males were drinking and had knives; males were not in a space. MCSO arrested a 26-year-old male subject on Umatilla County Sheriff's Office warrant for failure to appear on failure to carry and present license and giving false

info to police.

-Female subject called BPD to report that a male subject had advised her that someone was shooting at him last night around 1:30 or 2 a.m. When she walked outside, he told her to go back inside because someone was trying to shoot him. Male subject was currently by the carport, wearing a green army jacket, is tall and skinny, 45-50 years old. No weapons seen. She lives in a duplex and he lives on the other side.

June 4: -BPD issued a citation to Emilio Garcia, 41, for child endangerment/seatbelt X2.

-MCSO was advised that a 24-year-old male subject was arrested in Multnomah County on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for failure to appear on driving while suspended.

-A woman in Heppner called MCSO and advised there had been a logging truck parked on the street for five days; was unsure who it belonged to, but it did not belong there. She would like contact from a deputy.

-MCSO received a call from a man in Heppner advising there was a vehicle with someone looking through cars. A dark vehicle pulled in without lights; when security light cam on he pulled up to the next house. When the caller got up and looked out the window, the vehicle had moved up and the driver was looking in the vehicle at the next house. When the caller turned on the porch light, the subject got in the vehicle and left. Advised there was a similar vehicle in the area about a week ago driving at a high rate of speed.

-MCSO arrested Clifford Steeley, 41, on an LSA warrant.

-A woman in Heppner called MCSO to report her

car had been keyed on both sides while at the elementary school; happened some time between 7:30 a.m. and noon.

June 6: -MCSO was advised that Hermiston PD arrested a 52-year-old female on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for failure to pay fine.

-MCSO received a call from Irrigon reporting that someone was smoking pot in the bathroom.

-MCSO arrested Gary Wallace Smith, 41, on a U.S. Marshals warrant for theft of U.S. government property. No bail.

-BPD was out with three intoxicated subjects; advised subjects to stay on the sidewalk.

-MCSO was advised that Lewiston, ID PD arrested Joseph Leonard Ainsworth, 31, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear on failure to report as a sex offender. Subject was lodged at Nez Pierce County Jail.

-BPD issued a citation to a 38-year-old male subject for violating the speed limit 59/40. Was given an additional warning for failure to carry insurance and change address with DMV, and defective equipment.

June 7: -MCSO and BPD received a call from a woman who advised she hit her boyfriend while he was driving and then they pulled over to the rest area and he hit her. Deputy and officers responded, and Oregon State Police took over the case.

-MCSO cited a 20-year-old male for violating the basic rule 72/55.

-MCSO issued a citation to Surjit Singh Samra, 31, for violating the speed limit 68/55. Subject was also warned for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle.

June 8: -MCSO re-

ceived a call advising there were kittens under the overpass of I-82 and Umatilla River Road. They were running out on the road and the caller was worried they might get hit or cause an accident.

-MCSO cited a 38-year-old male subject for failure to carry proof of insurance.

-MCSO issued a citation to a 47-year-old male for violating the basic rule 75/55 and no ops.

-MCSO received a call regarding a truck in Boardman that ran through a stop light; truck now in a ditch trying to get back on the road. Daniel Lee Holzer, 33, was arrested for DUII.

-BPD received a call from a woman who advised her parent were causing a disturbance outside her house; she believed they might be drunk or high. Officers responded and parties were separated until they cooled off.

-Short Stop on Punkin Center in Boardman called BPD to report a drive off on \$10 of fuel. They would like them to return and pay for the fuel. Juan Rodriguez Pacheco, 41, was arrested by BPD on Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear on subject. The subject was also cited for no ops.

June 11: -MCSO was advised that OSP game trooper issued a citation to Anthony Pena, 47, for possession of falsely applied for license.

-MCSO received a report from Boardman regarding lots of speeding in the area; the reporting person just saw a little car and pickup chasing each other and would like an extra patrol in the area.

-MCSO received a call from a person in Boardman who stated he received a call on his cell from a male accusing him of stealing

his newspaper. Unknown who it was. The number shows up as restricted. Male threatened reporting person if he stole his newspaper again. RP would like some extra patrol in the area but does not need contact.

-A woman in Irrigon called MCSO to report someone had hit her house with their hand about an hour ago and then again a few minutes ago. Unable to locate.

-A brown horse was found in Heppner.

-A person from Heppner reported that their horses had been purposefully let out twice in the last three days.

-MCSO issued a citation to Peter Kent Spriggs, 73, for violating the basic rule 75/55.

-A bank manager called MCSO to report receiving several fraudulent checks totaling approximately \$3k.

-MCSO arrested Timothy Garth Fuzi, 57, for DUII.

-MCSO was advised that Pendleton PD arrested David C Shippentower on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for failure to appear on disorderly conduct.

-MCSO was advised that Cutbank, MT police arrested Tyson Lynn Doolin on a detention warrant out of Morrow County Parole and probation. Subject was lodged at a county jail in Montana.

-A woman in Irrigon called MCSO to report she had two baby skunks under her front porch and ask if there was someone who could take care of them. She was referred to the state trapper.

June 13: -MCSO cited Joseph Albert Rogers, 46, for driving while suspended violation and driving uninsured.

-A woman in Heppner called MCSO to report that her medication had been stolen. Her door was open the day before when she got home.

-MCSO cited Erika Chavez, 21, for criminal mischief.

-MCSO was advised that Kern County, CA police arrested Richard Lee Dawson on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for failure to appear on failure to register as a sex offender. Subject was lodged in Kern County Jail with a hold for Morrow County; subject did have local charges.

-MCSO was contacted by Pasco, WA PD, who wanted assistance making contact with a subject and finding out if he knew why known gang members had possession of a gun registered to him.

-Irrigon residents called MCSO to report that a UPS driver knocked down one of their lilac bushes. Requested contact.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Resolution No. _____
A Resolution Clarifying the Use of The General Reserve Fund Accounts and Budgeting an Unexpected Grant for Pedestrian Pathways and Sidewalks

Whereas, the General Fund has three organizational units (Administration, Law Enforcement, and Parks) within it, and Whereas, Law Enforcement has an existing account(02) in the Reserve fund, which leaves both Administration and Parks to share an account (01), and The current wording on the account, "City Hall EQ & IMP Res. Acct." fails to differentiate funds that can be used for Parks from those used for Administration, building repairs etc., and this has caused confusion.

Therefore Be It Resolved that: Whereas Reserve Fund Account 01 is hereby renamed more appropriately as follows: Is: 01 "City Hall EQ & IMP Res. Acct." (Revenue)

Changed to: 01" General Fund" to reflect multiple uses, not just City Hall Improvement projects

Is: "Interest-City Hall Acct."

Changed to: "Interest"

Is: "Trans. fr. General Fund"

Change: None

Requirements: (or Expenses)

Is: "Equipment & Improvements" 13-01-7610-01

Change to "Admin. Improvements" 13-01-7610-01

" City Hall Structural Projects" 13-7610-02

" Parks" 13-7610-03

The budget changes are changed as follows:

01 General Fund Revenue

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01 General Fund			
Revenue	Existing	Change	Adjusted
13-00-1000 BF Bal	12,801	0	12,801
13-00-1030 Interest	28	0	28
13-00-8010 Tsfr fr. GF	0	0	0
Total	12,829	0	12,829

Expenses (or Requirements)

Revenue	Existing	Change	Adjusted
13-01-7610-01 Admin. Impvts.	0	0	0
13-01-7610-2 City Hall	12,829	-5,829	7,000*
13-01-7610-03 Parks	0	5,829	5,829
Total	12,829	0	12,829

*\$7,000 from the sale of the HUD house was designated for the City Hall remodel (see Resolution 814-12)

Furthermore, Whereas, the City of Heppner has been gifted, through the Port of Morrow a grant of \$1.2M dollars from the State of Oregon to be used for addressing pedestrian ways and safety issues within the City of Heppner (this is a surprise source of revenue).

Therefore Be It Resolved That: To track this revenue, the City's Streets & Bridges reserve account will be amended as follows:

13 Streets and Sidewalks

Revenue	Existing	Change	Adjusted
13-00-1000 BF Bal	52,371	0	52,371
13-00-1020 POM Grant	0	1,200,000	1,200,000
13-00-1030 Interest	110	1,200	1,310
13-00-8070 Tsfr fr. Streets	9,208	0	9,208
Total	61,689	1,201,200	1,262,889

Expenses

Revenue	Existing	Change	Adjusted
13-01-7680 Bridges	61,689	0	61,689
13-01-7685 Sidewalks	0	0	0
13-01-7690 Ret. Int.	0	1,200	1,200
13-01-7695 POM Grant	0	1,200,000	1,200,000
Total	61,689	1,201,200	1,262,889

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of September 2012


Leslie L. Paustian, Mayor

Alta Kim Cutsforth, Recorder

Ret. Int. = Returned Interest, all interest earned on this money must be returned to the State

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Affidavit



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
HEPPNER CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FAMILY PICNIC
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH,
AT CUTSFORTH PARK,
CHURCH SERVICE AT 11:30 am.
AND POTLUCK TO FOLLOW
...EVERYONE WELCOME !!**

