

County Administration Workshop: May 5, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Board Conference Room

Attending: Commissioners Keith Heck, and Simon G. Hare (Cherryl Walker was unavailable); Terri Wharton, Recorder

Vice Chair Keith Heck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. LEGAL COUNSEL

A. Order No. 2016-014; In the Matter of Authorization of Sale of County Real Property by Sheriff's Sale

Commissioner Hare explained properties the County forecloses on usually has to be designated for Parks or Forestry, otherwise the revenue goes to other taxing districts, and the County does not receive much revenue from the sale. He advised these fifteen properties have previously been designated as Parks, which means the revenue from the sale goes to the Parks Department for capital operations and maintenance. The Board will be making a determination of the minimum bid price, agreeing to real market values set by the Assessor's Office, and requiring a 20% down payment with the full payment due by June 20, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. He asked Wally Hicks, County Legal Counsel, if there are any restrictions as to who can bid on the properties such as family members or employees and Wally said he would look into it. *Staff was directed to place the item under Administrative Actions on next week's Weekly Business Session Agenda.*

2. DEPARTMENT BUSINESS and QUARTERLY UPDATES

Department Business

A. Forestry

- 1) **Grant of Easement and Agreement with Robert W. Stumbo and Donna M. Mitchell nka Donna M. Stumbo (Streeter)**
- 2) **Grant of Temporary Easement and Agreement with Robert W. Stumbo and Donna M. Mitchell nka Donna M. Stumbo (Streeter)**
- 3) **Grant of Temporary Easement and Agreement with Brooke McCain and Willow McCain (Streeter)**
- 4) **Grant of Temporary Easement and Agreement with Donald Holland and Delores Holland (Streeter)**
- 5) **Grant of Reciprocal Easement and Agreement with Melba Carlson aka Melba Holland (Streeter)**

David Streeter, Forestry Program Manager, explained the Permanent Easements and Temporary Easements were to provide access into various properties for timber management purposes and to access the current timber sales. *Staff was directed to place the item under Administrative Actions on next week's Weekly Business Session Agenda.*

6) Timber Sale Contract with Greg Liles Logging: Rock Creek Hardwood 2016T-9 (Streeter)

David advised this was the ninth sale from last month and the remaining timber sales will follow. *Staff was directed to place the item under Administrative Actions on next week's Weekly Business Session Agenda.*

7) BLM Right of Way Permit and Road Use Agreement M-1538; Amendment No. 7 (Streeter)

David said Amendment No. 7 was to add roads on the BLM side to access timber sales. *Staff was directed to place the item on the Consent Calendar on next week's Weekly Business Session Agenda.*

Commissioner Hare questioned David about Oregon Department of Forestry's increases in administrative costs charged by the State. David reported he has been talking with Coos County Forestry and they paid

their Forest Protection Dues minus the administrative costs and learned the State does have the ability to charge for administrative costs.

Department Quarterly Updates

A. Veterans Services

Lisa Pickart, Veterans Program Manager, distributed **Exhibit 1 – Veterans Update** and reviewed it with the Board.

3. FINANCE REPORT and BUSINESS UPDATE

Arthur O'Hare, Finance Director, reported the new Grant Accountant position in Finance has been posted.

Arthur asked the Board if they were interested in extending the contract with Isler CPA for an additional 3-years and the Board said yes. Arthur said he would have Isler prepare the letter to extend the contract for Board approval.

Arthur mentioned Robert Keith, Fleet Program Supervisor, was moving forward with the purchase of a truck for Parks, which is included in the current budget.

Arthur said Forestry and Economic Development will be presented to the Budget Committee meeting on May 17, 2016 then the Budget Committee will deliberate. He will have draft motions prepared and distribute the Budget Packet to the Committee next week.

4. BOARD BUSINESS (ORS 192.640(1) “. . . notice shall include a list of the principal subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting, but this requirement shall not limit the ability of a governing body to consider additional subjects.”)

A. Matters from Commissioners

Commissioner Hare advised he has a meeting with ODOT, Public Works, and the City of Grants Pass on June 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. and asked to move Executive Session to 3:00 p.m. *Staff was directed to move Executive Session to 3:00 p.m. on June 1, 2016.*

B. Liaison Update

Commissioner Heck mentioned an e-mail he received from Nate Gairan, Community Corrections Director, regarding the supervision fees collected have increased every month with the exception of March.

C. Miscellaneous Items

Commissioner Hare discussed the AOC Conference in Pendleton, Oregon June 12 – 14 and said he had not decided if he was going to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

EXHIBITS:

Exhibit 1 – BCC Veterans Update

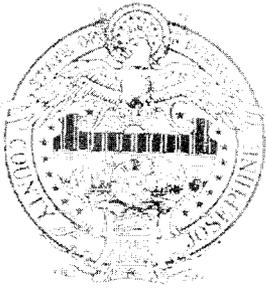


EXHIBIT 1
ADM. 04
5/5/16

Josephine County, Oregon

Veteran Service Office

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05/05/2016

BCC Veterans Update

Josephine County VSO Workload 3rd Quarter

827 clients in office
150 outreach clients
1018 phone calls,
Recoveries: 540,545.55

VSO, The Big Picture

The Veteran Service Office is stable and continues to move forward both internally and externally. We continue to work closely with the regions community partners to assure wrap around services creating seamless transitions for our Veterans.

Our outreach program is growing but the boundaries may be changing a bit. Wolf Creek outreach has consistently decreased in numbers over the past several months. I started going to outreach in Wolf Creek in 2001 and would very much like to see us continue partnering with that community, however, it is not cost effective for our program if Veterans do not show up for services.

We seem to have some Murphy folks seeking services so we may start heading to Murphy for outreach in lieu of WC. We are still kicking around the idea and nothing is set in stone yet. An alternative to cutting WC would be to add Murphy to Thursdays during outreach week. The Grants Pass Vet Center has communicated an interest in partnering in a Murphy outreach effort too. If you know of any County Buildings we could use one day a Month in Murphy that would be helpful.

We have recently lost our new hire, but he likes us so much he has returned as a volunteer which is fantastic for the office. We look forward to bringing on a new VSO 1 which will allow us to reach more Veterans in our community.

We have started a comprehensive weekly training program for all staff. Productivity and accuracy is important; consistent in-office training assures those goals are met and solidifies us as a team. Communication is key.

ODVA

State Legislation activity

Lottery Bill, HJR 202 is headed for general election in November. Bill Basics; It channels 1.5% of lottery monies to Veteran Services. It equates to roughly 18m. The question is, where the money go? There are groups already lobbying for the funds. It should be interesting if it passes. Stay tuned.

Polk County, which traditionally fell under ODVA authority for Veteran Services has developed their own County Veteran Service Office. We will see slight negative impact on our annual grant funding due to the new office and redefined funding structure. On a positive note the Veterans will benefit from increased assistance in that area.

VMOP (Veterans Music Outreach Program)

This program is moving right along. We outreach 4 days a month and have two groups. The DD214 with the addition of the DD215. A DD215 is issued by the DOD as an amendment to the DD214. The 214's, the more seasoned group, is now being asked to play at local community events. We played at the Vietnam Veterans welcome home event at Riverside Park last month. You can follow us on FB at Josephine County Veteran Services.

Community Events Education Operations

04/18/2016 Korean War Veterans Benefits Outreach.

05/13/2016 Women's Veteran Coordinator from ODVA Elizabeth Estabrooks (see flyers)



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In May, 2015, Oregon legislators overwhelmingly passed HB 3479, which funded the position of a full-time dedicated Oregon Women Veterans Coordinator. Through this action, legislators showed a commitment to improving services to and recognition of women veterans, both of which are substandard to those of their male veteran counterparts. Proving again that we in Oregon are happy to lead the way, we are one of the few states to fund and support such a position.

As the newly appointed Oregon Women Veterans Coordinator my tasks consist of:

- Outreach and advocacy, connecting with women veterans around Oregon using approaches such as listening sessions, personal contacts, and focus groups, as well as building connections between VA-centered and non-VA centered community resources, such as community partners.
- Data and research, much of which will be gathered from listening sessions and personal contacts.
- Informed policy that takes the needs and interests of women veterans into account.

My goal is to meet with women who have served in the military and hear their concerns, needs, thoughts, and likes as they relate to the VA healthcare system, the VA benefits system, and the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. We want to know what have been their challenges and barriers to receiving benefits, services, and care – what works and what does not. This work will help me develop a baseline understanding of the gaps and weaknesses that women veterans experience all around Oregon, as well as the opportunities and strengths, with a long-term goal of using what we are discovering to improve policy and services for women veterans in all areas and regions.

My goal is not simply to connect with women who identify as veterans, but also with those who do not. Their experiences may range from having benefits but not being able to obtain appropriate services to being denied benefits for issues related to military sexual trauma and combat-related trauma. I would very much like to have meetings with the women in this state whose experiences as veterans have been more exclusionary than inclusionary, as well as those whose experiences have been good. These conversations are important because there is value to having important conversations about her experiences that range from benefits claims to receiving care. Through knowledge and information we can do better by and for our women veterans.

For these reasons, I intend to travel to every county in this state and spend time listening to what women veterans have to say. To make that most successful, I will contact a range of individuals from elected officials to non-profit agencies to set up listening sessions and meetings. My hope is to connect with women who may or may not be currently involved in the veteran community, and to come together with community partners to identify ways that we can work together to improve services for them where they live, and to understand how we can tap into the best that is their community to do better for them.

At the community partner meetings I like to meet with the veteran service officers, vet center representatives, County Commissioners, women's health providers, counseling services, Department of Human Services, County Health Departments, substance abuse prevention and treatment providers, domestic violence/sexual assault organizations, homeless prevention and intervention agencies, college veteran services reps, VFW and American Legion representatives, and any other agency or organization that provides human services. The idea is to talk about women veterans, their issues and needs, and their gaps and barriers to services. How do community

partners fit in with expanding services? How can they work cohesively so that women veterans can find the care they need in the community they live?

The information I gain from these county visits will be compiled into a full report, which will be used in planning for improved services and policies that directly impact women veterans. Knowing that gaps, needs, and barriers, as well as strengths and opportunities, will look very different in rural areas than they do in the metropolitan, the report will identify my findings by not only geographic area, but by county. Your support and contributions are invaluable to the process. Thank you for taking the time to participate, and please feel free to call or email with questions, thoughts, ideas, or referrals.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Estabrooks", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Elizabeth A. Estabrooks, MSSW
Oregon Women Veterans Coordinator

OREGON WOMEN VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Are you a community partner providing social, health, and other human services in your county?

The Oregon Women Veterans

Coordinator, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, is coming to your area and is interested in meeting with community partners. This is an informational session to help us understand the gaps and barriers women veterans face in obtaining services where they live. Topics include:

- Women veterans, what do we know and what do we need to know?
- Why and how to shift our thinking & approach to one of serving them with intention?
- How can we help identify women who served in the military, and how will doing so expand your resources and help improve your ability to serve them?
- What do you see as challenges and barriers to providing services to women veterans?
- How can your work collaboratively with your community and the VA systems to expand or improve services to women veterans where they live?

This meeting is for ALL organizations and agencies, not just those with a veteran-focused mission. Partners we hope to meet:

- Hospitals
- Women's health clinics
- County agencies
- Department of Human Services
- Domestic violence/sexual assault organizations
- Substance abuse prevention and treatment providers
- Homeless prevention and intervention agencies
- University/college veteran resource officers
- Food banks
- Church leaders
- Veteran service organizations
- Others

*** * * INFORMATIONAL SESSION * * ***

Rogue Community College, L Bldg, Career Services Room

Friday, May 13, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend but would like to set a time to meet with Liz, please contact her at at 971-720-9116 elizabeth.estabrooks@state.or.us

Are you a *woman who served* in the U.S. Military?

The Oregon Women Veterans Coordinator is coming to your area and is organizing listening sessions so she can meet women who have served and hear what they have to say.

What are your experiences in obtaining services where you are? At your assigned medical center or hospital?

OREGON WOMEN VETERANS

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**What's the Good
The Bad
The Ugly?**

What are the problems you have had with filing a claim, recently or in the past?

What is the **ONE thing you would do to improve services, if you could?**

How can I help you?

***Women Who Served.* Please come to the listening session to share your thoughts:**

*** * * LISTENING SESSION * * ***

Rogue Community College, L Bldg, Career Services Room

Friday, May 13, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

If you cannot make the listening session but would like to share your story, call

Liz at 971-720-9116 or e-mail me at elizabeth.estabrooks@state.or.us