

## County Court

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Joint Committee on Ways & Means  
General Government Subcommittee  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

Co-Chairs Patterson and Smith and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Gilliam County Fair Board, I am writing to provide the Committee with an update regarding Gilliam County's expenditure of funds provided under HB 5202 from the 2022 Legislative Session.

The Gilliam County Fair Board has selected a project – a new Event Center and Fair Office - and is progressing through the design and planning phases. Thus far, an engineer and project manager have been selected, initial concept and site plan drawings have been drafted, and an asbestos assessment has been completed. A geotechnical survey necessary to complete the site plan and facility drawings is expected in April.

The project will result in a new 3,300 square foot Event Center, which will replace an existing kitchen, bathrooms and small meeting area (most of which do not meet current ADA accessibility standards) connected to our exhibit hall. The new Event Center is designed to provide a flexible space to meet both our needs during Fair Week and the community's needs the other 51 weeks of the year. For example, the space can be divided into two meeting rooms for use by 4H Clubs and other community groups or private organizations simultaneously or it can be used as a larger event space for weddings, funerals, family reunions, and other community events. The facility will also include an updated kitchen and ADA accessible bathrooms.

In addition, the project will include replacing the Fair Office (currently an aging trailer) with a more modern, ADA accessible structure. The new Fair Office will include offices, a conference room, restrooms, and sufficient storage for the Fair's operations. Our Fair Staff are also looking forward to centralized heating and cooling systems (especially during our Fair in late August). The new Fair Office will also enable OSU Extension/4H Agents to relocate their offices to the Fairgrounds permanently, which will simplify operations for our 4H program during Fair Week and throughout the year.

We are grateful for this critical investment in our Fair Grounds and are committed to ensuring it provides value to the communities we serve, not just during Fair Week, but throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Farrar Campbell  
Gilliam County Judge