

THE (COOS BAY) WORLD

"Records requesting, From The World, Coos Bay"

A researcher for The World volunteered to check agencies for public records. This is what she found:

* Coquille Police Department 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, requested from individual wearing name tag with "M. Reaves" (Chief Michael Reaves) to see the police log and arrest record. He said he didn't know how to get the records and the clerk who could retrieve them was out until the following Monday. Soon after, he said he could have them available Thursday. No public records received.

* City of Coquille 2:35 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, requested from woman in office to see a copy of the city budget and city manager's expense report. She said the budget would cost 25 cents per page for a copy, or it was available in the public library. A current manager's expense report was not available.

* Coos County Sheriff's Office 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, requested from woman at window to see the last five concealed handgun permits filed. Twice refused. No public records received.

* Coquille School District 3:45 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, requested from woman in office a copy of the district superintendent's contract. She checked with a supervisor and provided a copy of the contract.

* Oregon International Port of Coos Bay 2:15 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, requested from female receptionist a copy of the executive director's contract and most recent expense report. Finance Director Donna Nichols provided a copy of the director Jeffrey Bishop's contract. She said that since Bishop was newly hired he had not turned in an expense report yet.

* City of Coos Bay 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, requested from a woman in office copies of the city's budget and the city manager's expense report. Was told the budget was available on the city's Web site. Was told that to have access to records at city hall, an individual would need to present a request in writing. Then, a city employee would estimate time and cost for searching for and producing records, prior to providing records. Woman did provide free, two-page copy of city's public records policy.

* Coos Bay Police Department 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 8. Went to the department to see the past day's police and arrest logs. The door to the department was locked. Used a phone in the city hall lobby to contact the department. Woman operator connected researcher to staff voice mail. Forms were available in lobby to request a police report. No forms available for police and arrest logs. No public records received.

* Coos Bay School District 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, requested from woman in office a copy of the district superintendent's contract. Was told the contract was in the attorney's (David Dorsey, 243 Commercial Ave., downtown Coos Bay) law office. Was told that by leaving a name and address the contract could be mailed. No public record received.

* North Bend City Hall 4:20 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, requested copy of the budget and city manager's expense report. Was told the budget was available on the city Web site. Two-page city manager's expense report provided at cost of 50 cents.

* North Bend Police Department 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 8, requested copy of the

past day's police and arrest logs from man in the office. He asked a supervisor and then provided a copy of the records.

* North Bend School District Wednesday, March 9, requested from a woman in the office a copy of the district superintendent's contact. Was told she would need to check with the district's attorney and the record possibly could be available Friday. No public record received.