



## Court Agenda

December 6, 2023

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### **Additions to Agenda**

#### **1.0 Appointment Schedule**

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| <b>1.1</b> | 9:00 a.m.  |           | Nichole Biechler, NORCOR Update/meet and greet       |
| <b>1.2</b> | 9:30 a.m.  | 9:17 a.m. | Rod Asher  |
| <b>1.3</b> | 9:45 a.m.  |           | Justice Court and Sheriff's Office personnel request |
| <b>1.4</b> | 10:00 a.m. | 9:56 a.m. | Roni Hyde, GOBHI meet and greet                      |

#### **2.0 Action Items**

- 2.1 NACo Dues
- 2.2 New Rental Housing Application

#### **3.0 Discussion Items**

- 3.1 Sherman County RV Park
- 3.2 Art Contest
- 3.3 Thank You – Sherman County Scholarship/Columbia Gorge Community College
- 3.4 Commissioner Reports and Updates

#### **4.0 Consent Agenda**

- 4.1 Claims – November 2023

#### **5.0 Public Comment**

- 5.1 Letter from Mike Weedman – Green Energy

#### **6.0 Future Agenda Items**

If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ORS 192.660(2)(a) – Employment of Public Officers, Employees & Agents, ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Discipline of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property Transactions, ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation, ORS 192.660(2)(i) – Personnel



**SHERMAN COUNTY COURT  
REGULAR SESSION  
SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 6, 2023**

**Court Opened:**

Present: Judge Joe Dabulskis, Commissioner Justin Miller, Commissioner Joan Bird, Administrative Assistant Tammi Gaskey

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Additions to Agenda**

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

1.1 9:00 a.m. Nichole Biechler, NORCOR Update/meet and greet

Present: Nichole Biechler, Daniel White, Wade McLeod, Rod Asher, Bruce Olsen

Nichole Biechler, the new NORCOR Business Manager, and Daniel White, Detention Manager, came to County Court for a meet and greet and to give an update.

Nicole stated that on December 21 at 10:00 a.m. is the monthly NORCOR meeting followed by a tour of the facility (adult and juvenile) and then there will be a reception to follow for Sheriff Brad Lohrey and Molly Rogers thanking them for their hard work and dedication to NORCOR.

Daniel White talked about all the changes in the garden area for the juvenile side of NORCOR. He stated that clients who work in the garden get a chance to work with their hands, teaches them life/job skills, and gives them time to think.

Nichole mentioned that The Workshop, 116 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St, The Dalles, OR, is having a Staff Appreciation Day on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

1.2    ~~9:30 a.m.~~    9:17 a.m.    Rod Asher, Weed District - Surplus

Present: Rod Asher, Bruce Olsen

Rod Asher came to County Court to request to surplus a 2017 Fabform trailer from the Weed District . The VIN# is 58XBF1412H1000405. It has a G.V.W.R. of \$3,500 pounds. There are no miles or hours recorded. It is referred to as Trailer #405.

The vehicle has expended its usefulness to the Weed District and is being replaced with a 5,500 pound G.V.W.R. trailer that will better suit their needs.

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize the surplus of the Weed District's 2017 Fabform trailer VIN# is 58XBF1412H1000405.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

Bruce Olsen talked to County Court about DeMoss Park. Bruce stated that when the old bandstand came down, there was discussion about putting in a gazebo in the fall months. Bruce has done some research and has found a gazebo from Costco that he would like to purchase to put at DeMoss Park. County Court gave Bruce the go ahead to purchase the gazebo. County Court thanked Bruce for his hard work and dedication to Sherman County – Bruce is doing an outstanding job!!

9:25 a.m.    Entered into Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660(2) (i) Personnel  
9:44 a.m.    Exited Executive Session

During Executive Session Personnel issues were discussed.

1.3    9:45 a.m.    Justice Court and Sheriff's Office personnel request

Present: Shandie Johnson, Julie McAllister-Wynne

Shandie Johnson, Justice of the Peace, and Julie McAllister-Wynne, Sheriff's Office, came to County Court to continue the discussion about getting a part-time employee that would work in both Justice Court and the Sheriff's Office. Shandie stated that she had talked to Debbie Hayden about this idea and Debbie supported the position. Debbie took the position information and gave it to the company completing the salary study and they are writing up a job description. This position would be a .425 part-time position with no benefits. Shandie would like to post a job announcement soon and hopes that the job description would be ready in time for the job interviews. The cost of this position for an entire year would be approximately \$24,000 at \$23 per hour. The initial idea is to have this person work in the Justice Court office a couple half days a week to help with the increase workload due to a higher volume of tickets being written by the Sherman County Sheriff's Office as well as the Oregon State Police. This person would also work in the Sheriff's Office on some Friday's when Julie is fingerprinting/book and release work for Circuit Court as well as fill in for Julie when she is out of the office. The number of hours for the Sheriff's Office would fluctuate. The Sheriff's Office does have money set aside for a

part-time person, they just don't have a person to fill this role. The Justice Court has money in their budget for extra help during the summer months, but not year around. Justice Court has the additional income coming in to cover this position, but they did not budget for year around help.

Justice Court is asking for approximately 3 months of budget to get to the end of this fiscal year and then they will add the additional costs in their budget. The consensus of County Court was to allow Justice Court to use the revenue that they have been generating to cover the additional costs for this position for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize Justice Court/Sheriff's Office to move forward with opening a .425 part-time position to be shared between the two offices.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

1.4 ~~10:00 a.m.~~ 9:56 a.m. Roni Hyde, GOBHI meet and greet

Roni Hyde, GOBHI Older Adult Behavioral Health Coordinator, came to County Court for a meet and greet and to give an update.

Roni gave an overview of Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative (OABHI). OABHI was formally established in 2015. Today there is 1 project director (OHA) and 25 specialists serving all Oregon counties. OABHI is funded by OHA and is not tied to insurance. Roni serves Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler Counties.

Some of the Training and Community Education offered in 2023 includes:

**Sherman County:** Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Community Conversation on Brain Health

**Gilliam County:** Community Conversations on Brain Health at Arlington & Condon meal sites

**Hood River County:** PEARLS, Conference for Older Adults in the Gorge (partnership with One Community Health)

**Wasco County:** Getting to Know Dementia, Senior Planet

**Wheeler County:** Connected Care Pilot at Asher Clinic

**Virtual Programs:**

- Powerful Tools for Caregivers
- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Gatekeeper Training
- Workforce Training Series

## **2.0 Action Items**

### **2.1 NACo Membership Dues**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the NACo Membership Dues in the amount of \$450.00.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## 2.2 New Rental Housing Application

10:35 a.m. Entered into Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (f)  
10:41 a.m. Exited Executive Session

During Executive Session confidential documents for a new rental housing application were discussed.

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the New Rental Housing Development Grant application for \$10,000, submitted by Randy Hildebrand, and authorize Judge Joe Dabulskis to approve project completion and grant payment, conditional upon meeting all program requirements and fund availability.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## 3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Sherman County RV Park – move to December 20, 2023 agenda. Nothing to report at this time.

3.2 Art Contest

The consensus of County Court is to move forward with the Sherman County “I love My County Because” Art Contest.

Next step is to think about awards and then start working with the school to advertise the contest.

3.3 Thank You – Sherman County Scholarship/Columbia Gorge Community College

Appreciated the thank you note.

County Court asked Tammi Gaskey to contact Columbia Gorge Community College to find out answers to the following questions:

- How is the scholarship written up
- How often is it paid out
- How do you find recipients
- How many people from Sherman County attend CGCC.

3.4 Commissioner Reports and Updates

**Judge Dabulskis** – Attended a MCEDD Loan Board meeting; met with Meredith Smith, County Counsel; Dam Tour, Zoom meeting regarding leaky tank in Moro; a Public meeting/Ethics training; a Brownfield Coalition meeting; and took Valerie Egan, New Business Oregon representative, on a tour of Sherman County.

Update on ROCKit – ROCKit is working with several counties in Oregon to identify, address and improve on issues such as behavioral health housing and residential services, homelessness, and childcare. ROCKit has called Judge Dabulskis to see if Sherman County is interested in their services. County Court is not sure that

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this is the best use of money at this time. They would like to hear from Deanna Christiansen, Amber DeGrange and Carrie Sommnis who think that working with ROCKit on childcare issues might be avenue for Sherman County. County Court has not heard from Deanna, Amber and Carrie or other residents about issues with childcare that warrants spending a lot of money to work with ROCKit at this point. County Court would like to hear the issues and is not closing the door on working with outside agencies in the future.

**Commissioner Miller** – Attended a Dam tour; a Public meeting/Ethics training; and a Weed District meeting.

Received phone call regarding coyotes.

Received phone call regarding cell service in the county.

A member of the Moro City Council called to discuss funds for the leaky tank.

**Commissioner Bird** – Attended a Center for Living meeting; an OSU Extension meeting; a Dam tour; lunch with Al Barton with Center for Living; a NCPHD meeting; a Senior Advisory Council meeting; a MCCAC meeting; a NCPHD outreach meeting with Deanna Christiansen, Caitlin Blagg, and Martha McInnes; lunch with Betsy von Borstel to discuss Fair; zoom meeting regarding leaky tank in Moro; and a Public meeting/Ethics training.

Update on Broadband trailers – Scot Ferguson, with Sage Technologies, is going to check to see where exactly the trailer needs to go for the next installment.

#### **4.0 Consent Agenda**

##### **4.1 Claims Summary – November 2023**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Claims Summary for November 2023 as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

#### **5.0 Public Comment**

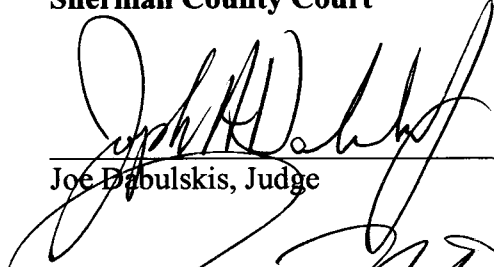
5.1 Letter from Mike Weedman – Green Energy/Solar Development

5.2 In-person comments from Dee Van Gilder regarding speed limit change needed on HWY 97 near Sherman County School in Moro and she wanted to know what the process was to try and get this changed.

#### **6.0 Future Agenda Items**

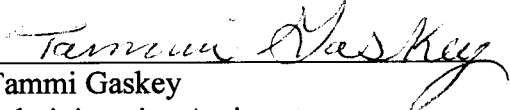
Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**Sherman County Court**

  
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Joe Dabulskis, Judge

  
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Justin Miller, Commissioner

  
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Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest:   
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Tammi Gaskey  
Administrative Assistant