



**Court Agenda**  
**March 20, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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**Additions to Agenda**

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

2.5 NCPH Budget Committee Appointment

- 1.1** 9:00 a.m. Compensation Board
- 1.2** 9:20 a.m. Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel
- 1.3** 11:00 a.m. Fairgrounds Job Descriptions

**2.0 Action Items**

- 2.1 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation
- 2.2 National Child Abuse Prevention Month
- 2.3 Phase II

**3.0 Discussion Items**

- 3.1 County-wide Clean Up Day – May 4<sup>th</sup>
- 3.2 Sherman County Victim Assistance Program Intern
- 3.3 Commissioner Reports and Updates

**4.0 Consent Agenda**

- 4.1 Minutes of March 5, 2024 Work Session
- 4.2 Minutes of March 6, 2024
- 4.3 Claims – February 2024
- 4.4 Treasurer's Report – February 2024

**5.0 Future Agenda Item**

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

### MINUTES

March 20, 2024

#### **Court Opened: 9:00 am**

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

A quorum was present. Times-Journal was present.

#### **Additions to the Agenda**

2.5 NCPH Budget Committee Appointment

#### **1.0 Appointment Schedule**

#### **1.1 9:00 am Compensation Board**

Present: Debbie Hayden, Lee von Borstel, Ryan Owens, Sol Jacobsen, Rick Jauken, James Burgett, Ray Mabe, Bob Erickson, Travis Bailey, Bruce Olsen, Rod Asher, Joseph Blunt, Michael Henricksen, David Rooney, Amber DeGrange, Jennifer Lenz, Wade McLeod, Mark Coles, Shandie Johnson, Verna McClennan, Julie McAllister-Wynne, Theresa Olsen, Audrey Ihrke, Drew Messenger, Brittany Wood, Georgia Macnab and Brad Lohrey

Judge Dabulskis started off the morning by letting everyone know that the salary survey final results had just come in and they hadn't had much time to digest the findings yet. Debbie Hayden mentioned the paperwork that she had sent to all employees in an email on March 19, 2024 that stated COLA history, insurance information, and current Salary schedule.

Judge Dabulskis opened the floor for comments.

James Burgett presented a petition signed by many Sherman County employees requesting that Sherman County pick up the 6% PERS that employees are paying into their retirement accounts. This is on top of the 20-22% that Sherman County already pays into PERS.

Brad Lohrey talked about other boards that he and County Court members are on and how employees from those entities are getting large raises and feels that Sherman County employees should also be valued and receive large raises.

Rod Asher stated that he is support of the petition regarding Sherman County PERS pick-up and a COLA increase.

Mark Coles stated that he would just like to be made whole. He stated that he likes some of the ideas presented but he just wants enough to keep whole; that might be more than just the COLA but the PERS thing might be a little much – just speaking for myself.

Sol Jacobson asked questions about the specific Consumer Price Index (CPI) used by the County, had comments about PERS and pay. Sol did thank County Court for the opportunity to speak at the meeting regarding compensation.

County Court will have a special session on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. to make final Compensation Board decisions.

**1.2 9:20 a.m. Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel**

Entered into Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel at 9:24 a.m.  
Exited Executive Session at 11:00 a.m.

During Executive Session merit raises and other supervisor requests were discussed for Sherman County employees.

Entered into Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel at 11:16 a.m. a.m.  
Exited Executive Session at 12:16 p.m.

During Executive Session merit raises and discipline issues were discussed.

**1.3 11:00 a.m. Fair grounds Job Descriptions**

Present: Bryce Coelsch, Debbie Hayden and Verna McClennan

Bryce Coelsch, Fair Board member, stated that there is enough money in reserves to pay for these positions until they start getting enough reservations to pay for the positions.

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize the Sherman County Fair board to create an Arena and Event Coordinator position and a Fair Groundskeeper – Maintenance position and to advertise the openings not to exceed 20 hours a week per position.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**2.0 Action Items**

**2.1 Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation**

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**2.2 National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to proclaim April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**2.3 Phase II**

**Table until March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**2.4 Budget Transfers/Payments**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize Sherman County budget transfers/payments to be made on March 29, 2024 as recommended by Debbie Hayden, Sherman County Finance Director.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**2.5 North Central Public Health Budget Committee**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to appoint Jenny Anglin to the North Central Public Health Budget Committee.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**3.0 Discussion Items**

**3.1 County-wide Clean Up Day – May 4th**

Just informational. Commissioner Miller asked that we call Jim Winterbottom at The Dalles Disposal and ask that an empty bin and extra bin be available for this busy day.

**3.2 Sherman County Victim Assistance Program Intern**

Just informational. The Sherman County Victim Assistance Program will have a college intern for the summer.

**3.3 Commissioner Reports and Updates**

**Commissioner Bird** – Attended a SWCD meeting; a NCPH meeting; met with Kathy Fitzpatrick from MCEEDD transit; toured MCCAC Gloria Center; NCPH outreach with Caitlin Blagg, Deanna Christiansen, and Martha McGinnis; and Library Board meeting.

Update on Kent Water – Found a company to install the pipe. The pipe company contacted the tank company to be able to give an accurate quote. Still no date yet for the tank to be delivered.

**Commissioner Miller** – Attended a LCHP meeting; a Fair Board meeting; and ODOT interviews.

Commissioner Miller has been receiving citizen calls about a variety of topics.

**Judge Dabulskis** – Attended an Executive Session for MCEDD; a Sherman County Pre-school meeting; a CREA meeting; an AOC Legislative Committee; an AOC Agriculture Affairs meeting; a Rural Advisory Committee meeting; an Oregon Courthouse meeting; a Safety meeting; and a Daily monitoring of John Day meeting.

Judge Dabulskis received an email from Ken Nichols with Avangrid about a Red Zone.

Judge Dabulskis rode out with Dale Padget and looked at an area that Dale is concerned with.

#### **4.0 Consent Agenda**

##### **4.1 Minutes of March 5, 2024 Work Session**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve minutes of March 5, 2024 Work Session, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

##### **4.2 Minutes of March 6, 2024**

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve minutes of March 6, 2024 Regular Session, as corrected.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

##### **4.3 Claims – February 2024**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the Claims of February 2024, as presented.**

**Vote: 2-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 1 Miller**

##### **4.4 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – February 2024**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the February 2024 Revenue/Expenditure Summary, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**4.5 Treasurer's Report – February 2024**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the Treasurer's Report of February 2024, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

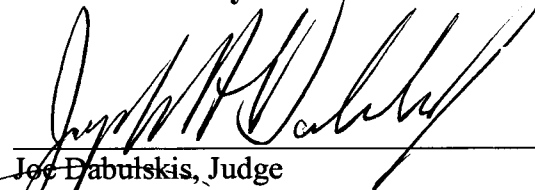
**Abstain: 0**

Future Agenda Items:

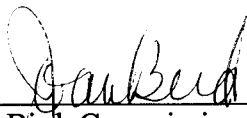
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Phase II Study                      Library Board Appointment

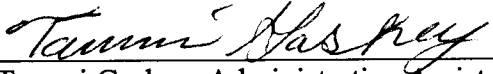
Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

**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