



**Court Agenda
May 1, 2024**

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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

May 1, 2024

Court Opened: 9:00 a.m.

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

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1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 9:00 a.m. Eric Akin, Veteran Services Officer Quarterly Report

Present: Eric Akin, Susan Davis

Eric Akin, Veteran Services Officer, presented highlights from his quarterly report.

- 33 new claims filed for Veterans this quarter
- 73 visits to office for the Tri County area (primarily Gilliam and Sherman Counties)
- 14 home visits (primarily Wheeler County)
- Gorge Veteran Coffee – first week of each Month

Brianna with Veteran Affairs will be meeting with Kelsi and Eric in June to discuss the Veteran transportation grant and how to best utilize it in Sherman County.

Eric will be meeting with Ted Swindells in May, in Madras, to discuss the idea of creating a tiny home veteran's village on 30 acres in Grass Valley.

1.2 9:15 a.m. 9:34 a.m. Susan Davis, Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation

Present: Susan Davis, Verna McClennan

Susan Davis, Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation Executive Director, came to County Court for a meet and greet and to give a brief overview of highlights for this year.

The Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation continues to expand their scholarship programs with more than \$240,000 awarded, providing over 174 scholarships. These scholarships were awarded in half-year and full-year increments to support students with tuition, books and fees.

Columbia Gorge Community College (CGCC) offers an Aviation Maintenance Technology program that provides comprehensive, FAA-approved, training in aircraft maintenance, covering both airframe and power plant systems. Specialized certificates in Aviation Airframe and Aviation Power plant allow you to scaffold your educational journey and take FAA licensure exams as you complete each area of training. Individuals who have successfully passed their Airframe and Power plant licensure exams are in high demand as studies are showing that a large number of currently employed mechanics are reaching retirement age, making the field of Aviation Maintenance rich with opportunities for interested individuals. Successfully passing the exam can launch a career into this exciting industry full of adventure and growth. Starting at an average of \$30/hour and growing to over \$100K inside of the first 8 years. CGCC proudly announces the addition of a second cohort to the Aviation Maintenance Technology (AMT) program. This second cohort will add an additional 16 students per year to this program and classes will start September 25th, 2024. In addition to starting a second cohort, CGCC is moving the program's hands-on workspace to the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport in Dallesport.

CGCC is working with partner agencies to come up with a solution for childcare issues. The vision is to have a full-time daycare off campus and to have early education practicum students come do their hands-on practicums at the daycare. This idea is still in the planning phase.

Susan invited County Court to participate in the 24th Annual Founders Cup Golf Tournament, being held September 7, 2024 to support Columbia Gorge Community College student scholarships as they pursue career, education, and lifelong learning goals.

Columbia Gorge Community College is proud to announce its official acceptance into the Northwest Athletics Conference (NWAC) with the launch of its first sports teams, Men's and Women's Cross Country, entering the conference in the Fall of 2024.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Food Mobile Units Ordinance

This motion will be tabled until another County Court meeting.

County Court made some suggestions and had some questions on the following parts of the proposed ordinance.

Exhibit A Section 4.2 e. Proof of a Sherman County Business License. (Sherman County doesn't have a business license.)

Exhibit A Section 5.3.c. The County shall inspect all Mobile Food Unit great traps quarterly. (Should it say The County or designee)?

Exhibit A Section 6.1 Mobile Food Units are prohibited within 100 feet of a gas station. (A conversation came up about 100 feet and if there should be a qualifier to this. What if within 100 feet is a different landowner who wants a mobile food unit on their land or other scenarios)?

Exhibit A Section 7.1 First line saysmust no obstruct and it should saymust not obstruct.

Commissioner Bird will send this proposed ordinance to the Health Department for review.

2.2 Budget Committee Appointment

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to appoint Jeffery Judah to the Sherman County Budget Committee for a term of three years ending December 2026.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 Letter of Authorization

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize District Attorney Wade McLeod authority to sign 2024-2025 ODOJ CVSSD Trauma Informed Response Training grant award documents and reporting forms on behalf of Sherman County Court for the award period of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.4 Biggs Service District Funding

Judge Dabulskis told County Court that the Biggs Water project was coming to a close and the final bills were coming in. One of the final bills is the 5% retainage which is \$289,112. Biggs Service District does not have the money to pay this bill. Judge Dabulskis stated that the Sherman County Budget Committee last year made a motion to grant \$1,000,000 to be used out of SIP to finish this project and those funds have not been used. The Judge noted that with the other bills to be paid, we will use the one million dollars and may need to use some of the other COVID related funds that we still have available.

Judge Dabulskis is going to sign the paperwork to get the bills paid, get final numbers on this project and bring back to County Court.

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Written Planning Department Quarterly Report

Georgia Macnab, Planning Department, has a very busy schedule. Georgia did make a comment to Commissioner Bird that she was disappointed that she was not invited to the Clenera presentation Monday night (April 29, 2024).

3.2 Written Justice Court Quarterly Report

Finances look good.

3.3 Commissioner Reports and Updates

Judge Dabulskis – Attended Senator Jeff Merkley Town Hall; a Pump Storage Consulate meeting; a Clenera/Buckley Tour; an AOC Agriculture meeting; a NORCOR Budget meeting; an AOC Natural Resources meeting; met with Governor Kotek at Gloria Center; Representative Greg Smith’s Town Hall.

Judge Dabulskis had a conversation with Mike McArthur, Executive Director of CREA, about the future of CREA.

Commissioner Bird – Attended a Mid-Columbia Housing Authority meeting; a Mid-Columbia Community Action Council Executive Board meeting; a meeting with Georgia Macnab and NCPH regarding a mass gathering; and a Clenera meeting.

Commissioner Bird wanted to thank Drew Messenger, Sherman County Assessor, for all his work in keeping County Court current on what is happening in the County through his office. Drew has been working hard on keeping up with all the inquiries into wind and solar in Sherman County and what impact they will have on Sherman County.

Commissioner Miller – Attended a Clean Water Services meeting

3.4 Bio Solids

Commissioner Miller and Mark Coles met with two representatives from Clean Water Services regarding damages done and repairs needed due to extra traffic on road. During the conversation, they looked at broken asphalt, places where the chip seal needed to be repaired and bottle jack repairs were needed on the culvert.

Commissioner Miller stated that Clean Water Services were very apologetic for the inconvenience and that they would be willing to set-up an IGA to repair roads due to the extra usage.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of March 27, 2024 Special Session

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the Minutes of March 27, 2024 as corrected.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Minutes of April 17, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2024 as corrected.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Claims – April 2024

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Claims for the month of April 2024, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Verna McClennan, Finance Department, came up to explain a question on one of the claims.

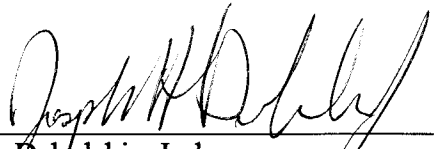
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Mobile Food Carts

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

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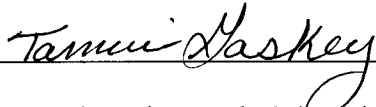
Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Justin Miller, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: 

Tammi Gaskey, Administrative Assistant