



**Court Agenda**  
**May 15, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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**Additions to Agenda**

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

**1.1 ~~10:30 a.m.~~ 10:28 a.m. Mass Gathering**

Cyber Security Training at 11:00 a.m.

**2.0 Action Items**

2.1 Phase II

2.2 Limited English Policy

**3.0 Discussion Items**

3.1 Table/Chairs

3.2 Written Clerk's Quarterly Report

3.3 Written Senior Center Quarterly Report

3.4 Commissioner Reports and updates

**4.0 Consent Agenda**

4.1 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – April 2024

**5.0 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  
SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**May 15, 2024**

**Court Opened: 9:00 am**

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

A quorum was present. No media was present.

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

**1.1 ~~10:30 a.m.~~ 10:28 a.m. Mass Gathering**

Present: Georgia Macnab, Audrey Ihrke, City of Moro, Athena Andrews, Shar Byrne, Talik Eichinger, Amanda Justesen

**Opened Public Hearing at 10:28 a.m.**

Judge Dabulskis opened the Mass Gathering Public Hearing and stated that Georgia Macnab would present a staff report.

The purpose of the hearing will be to consider an application for a Mass Gathering Permit proposed by Tectonic LLC. The mass gathering is scheduled to be held on July 25-29, 2024, on property owned by Justesen Ranches. The site is on Twin Lakes road, 4 miles south of Grass Valley and described by the Sherman County Assessors maps as T3S, R16E, Section 21, Tax Lot 2800.

The County's Mass Gathering Ordinance of 2017 contains specific criteria for permitting mass gatherings and updated in 2022 to reflect new state law.

Tectonic, LLC is applying for a mass gathering permit for the purpose of hosting a "Shift Festival" on July 25-29, 2024 on property owned by Justesen Ranches. This will be the 6th year that the festival has been held in Sherman County. The permit is a temporary permit for these dates only. The site consists of 20-60 acres which is part of an 1100 acre parcel. Access to the site will be off of Twin Lakes Road with an entrance and exit point. An emergency entrance for staff, fire personnel and emergency services will be off of Davis Lane to the south and another emergency entrance at the north end of the site off of Twin Lakes Rd. Parking will be north of the event field and camping area. Signage will be placed along Twin Lakes Rd. and Davis Lane directing attendees to the venue. Camping areas will be located throughout the site. Electricity and power will be provided by various generators. Please refer to the attached site plan for more details.

SHIFT Festival is an art, music and performance event. It is community-supported and focused on art and creativity. Event producers have curated a large number of art installations for this year's event. They are also bringing in "theme camps" to provide fun for participants which will include a free boutique and workshops. They have developed a full music schedule across three stages, one during daytime hours and two night time performances. The main component is a 30-foot tall, multicolored volcano with propane flame effects on top and performance space and a dance floor within. The maximum number of attendees at any given time could be up to 1300 people counting staff and volunteers. Last year the event brought in 950-1400 people.

There will be no food vendors or alcohol sold on site.

Notice was sent to the Times Journal and surrounding property owners and agencies 10 days prior to the hearing.

Agencies notified were: Sherman County Sheriff, Sherman County Road Master, North Central Public Health Department, City of Grass Valley, South Sherman Rural Fire, and Sherman County Emergency Manager.

No comments have been received as of the writing of this staff report.

Signed plans have been submitted to County Court:

- North Central Public Health District has conditionally approved the sanitation plans for this event.
  - Must get a written statement from Bishops concerning availability of bringing water in case of an emergency.
  - A signed Dalles Disposal contract.
- Fire Safety Plan signed off by South Sherman Fire and Rescue Chief Andy Miller.
- Public Safety Plan signed off by Sherman County Sheriff Brad Lohrey.
- Medical & Emergency Plan signed off by Sherman County EMS Director Dana Pursley-Haner.
- Parking and Traffic Control Plan signed off by Sherman County Road Master Mark Coles.

Athena Andrews, SHIFT Festival, did note that NARCAN will be available at the festival.

**Closed Public Hearing at 10:50 a.m.**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the SHIFT Festival Mass Gathering Permit for July 25-29, 2024 on property owned by Justesen Ranches and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign the Mass Gathering Order that will be completed by Georgia Macnab.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## **2.0 Action Items**

### **2.1 Phase II**

During the Phase II drilling of the potential senior housing project site in Moro, 50 holes were dug and samples were taken of the dirt. 2 of the dirt samples need further testing. County Court made a motion to have the Phase II drilling done, but it might not cover the cost of further testing needed to the two samples. When a quote is ready, we will bring the information before County Court.

### **2.2 The Sherman County Limited English Proficiency Policy**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve The Sherman County Limited English Proficiency Policy effective immediately.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## **3.0 Discussion Items**

### **3.1 Tables/Chairs Quotes**

When the tables and chairs program first started, there were 200 chairs. At last count, there were 186 chairs in good working condition in the trailer.

Judge Dabulskis will look to see how many chairs are currently in the trailer in June when the trailer is at his house.

County Court is in support of purchasing additional chairs to have 200 chairs in the trailer. If we get a price break on orders, County Court would be ok with ordering a few extra to have on hand.

We will bring back this topic to approve purchasing chairs after Judge Dabulskis has an exact account of the number of chairs that we currently have in the trailer.

### **3.2 Written Clerk's Quarterly Report**

County Court is very happy with the Clerk's Office. The Clerk's Office is very busy with elections right now.

In Sherman County we have

- 458 Nonaffiliated voters
- 95 Other voters
- 714 Republican voters
- 232 Democrat voters

### **3.3 Written Senior Center Quarterly Report**

It is nice to see that Chris & Carrie Kaseberg with Wheatacres Ranch donated more beef to the Sherman County Senior Center. What a blessing! Thank you Chris and Carrie.

### **3.4 Commissioner Reports and Updates**

**Commissioner Bird** – Attended a meeting with the director of North Central Public Health; a Sherman County Budget Committee meeting; a Mid-Columbia Center for Living meeting; a SWCD meeting and a North Central Public Health meeting.

Commissioner Bird asked if a date had been scheduled for the Sherman County Employee BBQ. Judge Dabulskis stated that the organizers of the BBQ are considering having the employee BBQ at Joe's Barn in the fall by the corn maze.

Commissioner Bird asked if everyone received the email that she forwarded from the health department concerning mobile food units. Everyone did receive the email. Judge Dabulskis is going to forward the email to County Counsel for review. Next steps are for County Counsel to take all the feedback and new information and incorporate it into the draft ordinance that she started. We will bring the ordinance back to County Court for review in a June County Court session.

**Commissioner Miller** – Attended a LCHP meeting; a Fair Board meeting; a Lower John Day Transportation meeting; a Sherman County Budget Committee meeting; a Weed District Board meeting dinner; and lunch with Ken Nichols from Avangrid.

**Judge Dabulskis** – Attended a ODOT meeting; an AOC Membership meeting; a CGBREZ meeting; checked in on Phase II drilling at potential Senior Housing Site; a Sherman County Budget Committee meeting; a Rep. Smith and Governor Kotek zoom meeting; a CISA meeting; met with Amanda Whitman, a Safety Committee meeting; a CREA meeting in Arlington; an EOCA meeting; a CIS Training: The Employer's Guide to Conducting an Effective Workplace Investigation; and a Frontier 911 Board meeting.

Judge Dabulskis stated that he needs to send Governor Kotek a rough draft of a plan on housing in Sherman County if the county were to receive a housing grant.

### **4.0 Consent Agenda**

#### **4.1 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – April 2024**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Summary for the month of April 2024, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Recess at 9:52 a.m.**

**Reconvene at 10:27 a.m.**

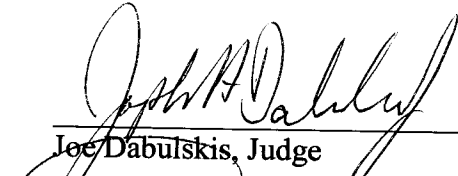
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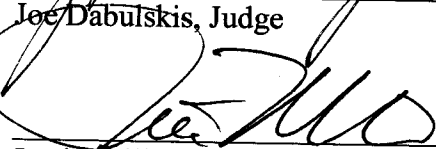
Tables/Chairs – July

Phase II


Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 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