



**Court Agenda**  
**June 5, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

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**Additions to Agenda**

**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Debbie Hayden, Budget Hearing
- 1.2 9:15 a.m. 9:22 a.m. Jim Winterbottom, The Dalles Disposal
- 1.3 9:30 a.m. Katie Bearden, SAIF Renewal Presentation
- ~~1.4 10:15 a.m. Ken Nichols, Avangrid Canceled~~
- ~~1.5 11:00 a.m. Carston von Borstel, Rock Canceled~~
- 1.6 ~~11:30 a.m.~~ 10:08 a.m. Rod Asher, Weed District

**2.0 Action Items**

- 2.1 IGA Amendment #1 #6546 Community Corrections
- 2.2 ODOT Contract No. 73000-00028581
- 2.3 Cyber Security Training for Seniors

**3.0 Discussion Items**

- 3.1 Wildlife Damage & Pest Control
- 3.2 Commissioner Reports and Updates

**4.0 Consent Agenda**

- 4.1 Minutes of May 1, 2024
- 4.2 Minutes of May 15, 2024
- 4.3 Claims – May 2024
- 4.4 Treasurer Report – April 2024

**5.0 Future Agenda Items**

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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**

**June 5, 2024**

**Court Opened: 9:00 am**

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

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

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**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

**1.1 9:00 a.m. Budget Hearing**

Present: Debbie Hayden, Brittany Wood, Drew Messenger, Audrey Ihrke, WM, Jim Winterbottom

Opened Budget Hearing at 9:02 a.m.

Closed Budget Hearing at 9:04 a.m.

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to adopt the budget approved by the budget committee for the 2024-2025 fiscal year in the total sum of \$105,429,515 and imposing the taxes provided for in the adopted budget at the rate of \$8.7141 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operations, and that these taxes are hereby imposed and categorized for tax year 2024-2025 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the County of Sherman as of 1:00 a.m., July 1, 2024. Additionally, to approve appropriations as recommended by the Finance Director and authorize County Court to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize the Sherman County approved salaries for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as presented and authorize County Court to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize the Transfer of Funds within the County General, Community Transit, Ambulance, Prevention, Community Development, Court Security, Emergency Services, DA-V/WAP, General Road, County Fair, Wellness Center, Tri-County Veterans', Senior Center, and SIP Additional Fees Funds as recommended by Debbie Hayden, Sherman County Finance Office and authorize County Court to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

DA compensation request update – County Court would like to do additional research before making any decisions. Debbie stated that a supplemental budget can always be done during the fiscal year 2024/25 and payment could be retro if needed. Debbie did state that 24 out of the 36 Oregon counties do give a supplement to the state wage that the District Attorney earns.

Accounts Payable open position – A discussion was had about the open position in the Finance Office with Verna McClennan's departure. Debbie Hayden stated that she would like to take the time to look at the position, and get feedback from County Court, and then decide what the position should look like moving forward. In the meantime, a former employee is coming back part-time to fill in and Debbie feels that this is working out fine.

County Court is in agreement to have the County pay for final costs for Biggs Service District as a loan.

**1.2 9:15 a.m. 9:22 a.m. Jim Winterbottom, The Dalles Disposal**

Present: Jim Winterbottom, Brittany Wood, Drew Messenger, Audrey Ihrke

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve a rate adjustment for The Dalles Disposal averaging approximately 2.65% effective July 1, 2024.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

Jim Winterbottom, from The Dalles Disposal, stated that there are two programs to help residents with their garbage bills:

- Low income residents may be eligible for assistance and should contact Mid-Columbia Community Action Council for details.

- Adults 85 and older may be eligible for assistance and should contact The Dalles Disposal for details. Application must be renewed annually.

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve a third addendum to and Modification of Solid Waste Franchise Agreement effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2034, between Sherman County and Waste Connections of Oregon and authorize County Court to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**1.3 9:30 a.m. Katie Bearden, SAIF Renewal Presentation**

Present: Katie Bearden, Kristin Morris, Drew Messenger, Audrey Ihrke, Brittany Wood

Katie Bearden, SAIF representative, presented a presentation on Sherman County's history with worker compensation insurance. Sherman County has had zero worker's compensation claims this last year. Katie said that overall, Sherman County has been doing a great job. Katie introduced Kristin Morris who will be our new SAIF representative.

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve payment to SAIF for 2024-2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$32,913.74 and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**1.4 ~~10:15 a.m.~~ 10:08 a.m. Rod Asher, Weed District**

Present: Rod Asher, Drew Messenger, Audrey Ihrke, Brittany Wood

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the recommended changes to the County Noxious Weed List by the Sherman County Weed District Advisory Board as follows:**

**\*Canada Thistle will be removed from the "A" List 'south of Township 2S' and will only be on the "B" List.**

**\*Remove the "Knapweed Complex" from the "A" List, 'South of Township 1S'**

**\*Keep Spotted Knapweed as an "A" Class weed**

**\*Diffuse Knapweed and Russian Knapweed will stay on the "B" List**

**\*The "Knapweed Complex" will be removed from the "B" List.**

**\*Add Yellow Flag Iris to the "A" List, which has been identified in Wasco County, and one site in Sherman County**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**“A” Class List – HIGH PRIORITY.** Any noxious weed which greatly endangers the overall economic well – being of the County and has a small enough distribution where eradication is possible.

**“B” Class List – MODERATE PRIORITY.** A noxious weed which is well established in the County and has known negative impacts, but due to its distribution, eradication is not feasible.

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to appoint Thad Eakin to the Sherman County Weed District Advisory Board effective immediately and term ends December 2026.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## **2.0 Action Items**

### **2.1 IGA Amendment #1, #6546 Community Corrections**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize #6546 Community Corrections Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment #1 and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### **2.2 ODOT Contract No. 73000-00028581**

Tabled until a future meeting.

### **2.3 Cyber Security Training for Seniors**

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize Sherman County to pay up to 50% of the free lunch promotion for residents who participate in Cyber Security Training taught by ASI/ACCtech Solutions and in collaboration with the Sheriff’s Office and Bank of Eastern Oregon on June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## **3.0 Discussion Items**

### **3.1 Wildlife Damage and Pest Control Contract Draft**

Will send to Bob Thomas for review and then will bring back to County Court on June 27<sup>th</sup> for final approval. County Counsel has reviewed and made recommended changes.

### **3.2 Commissioner Reports and Updates**

**Commissioner Bird** – Attended a Mid-Columbia Community Action Council meeting; a Library Board meeting; a Mid-Columbia Housing Authority meeting; Open House for Gloria Center; and a meeting with Shellie Campbell, North Central Public Health Director.

Brittany Dark has taken the position of Executive Director for Oregon Frontier Chamber of Commerce as of June, 2024. [Brittany@oregonfrontierchamber.com](mailto:Brittany@oregonfrontierchamber.com) 541-413-1616

Commissioner Bird asked about the fires at the South end of Sherman County. She has heard resident concerns about no BLM representatives present at the fires. BLM has a lot of property along the river and they promote camping and fishing on these properties. County resources are already volunteer based and stretched thin and then you add all the extra visitors to the BLM lands and it really tests the limits of what our volunteer resources can handle. Residents are wondering why BLM doesn't have people come to help with the fires on BLM land. Some of the questions that came up during this discussion at County Court were:

- What kind of jurisdiction do we have?
- Our burn ban of June 1, 2024, may be too late.
- Maybe we should contact Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden, Representative Bentz

**Commissioner Miller** – Commissioner Miller stated that things have been pretty quiet the last couple of weeks but he has had a few phone calls.

Commissioner Miller talked about updates planned for the fair pavilion and for the beef barn.

**Judge Dabulskis** – Attended a Frontier Telenet Budget meeting; AOC Natural Resources meeting; MCEDD Loan Advisory Board meeting; 911 Special Session; Attended NACo Agriculture and Rural Affairs meeting; meeting with Mike McArthur, Drew Messenger and NACo representatives regarding solar; met with Mike McArthur about the future of CREA; and Gloria Center Open House.

Judge Dabulskis met with a gentleman from Spray with a tower on his property for Frontier Telenet.

### **4.0 Consent Agenda**

#### **4.1 Minutes of May 1, 2024**

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Minutes of May 1, 2024, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

#### **4.2 Minutes of May 15, 2024**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve Minutes of May 15, 2024, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

#### **4.3 Claims – May 2024**

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

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

#### **4.4 Treasurer Report – April 2024**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the Treasurer's Report – April 2024, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

#### **Future Agenda Items:**

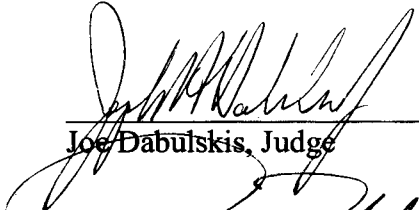
Wildlife Damage and Pest Control Contract

ODOT Contract

Tour of Library June 27<sup>th</sup>

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 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: Tammi Gaskey  
Tammi Gaskey, Administrative Assistant