



**Court Agenda
Special Session
June 27, 2024**

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2.9 Fireworks Ban

3.3 Kent Water Update

3.4 Grass Valley Road

3.5 Executive Session – Personnel

1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 9:00 a.m. Debbie Hayden – Financials

1.2 10:00 a.m. Ken Nichols, Avangrid

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2.0 Action Items

- 2.1 Bob Thomas Agreement
- 2.2 ODOT Contract
- 2.3 IGA for Economic Development Services
- 2.4 IGA for Transportation Plan
- 2.5 IGA for G.I.S. Services
- 2.6 IGA Oregon Department of Revenue Contract #DOR-083-24 Map Maintenance
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- 2.8 Property/Liability Proposal CIS

3.0 Discussion Items

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- 3.2 Commissioner Reports and Updates

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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

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of June 5, 2024

4.2 Revenue/Expenditures – May 2024

5.0 Future Agenda Items



**SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
SPECIAL SESSION
MINUTES**

June 27, 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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3.5 Executive Session – Personnel

1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 9:00 a.m. Debbie Hayden, Finance Director – Financials

Present: Debbie Hayden, Mike McArthur, Drew Messenger, Kevin Lux

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize the transfer of money within certain funds and accounts as recommended by Finance Director Debbie Hayden and authorize County Court to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

County Court thanked Debbie for all her hard work.

1.2 10:00 a.m. Ken Nichols, Avangrid Renewables

Present: Ken Nichols, Drew Messenger, Andrew Carruthers, Kevin Lux, Georgia Macnab, Mike McArthur, Al Hansen

Ken Nichols, with Avangrid Renewables, came to County Court to see if an agreement could be reached concerning the Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone (RRed) tax abatement. Consensus of

County Court is to have Avangrid go through the process of obtaining a land use approval first and then come to County Court to make any requests.

County Court felt that the normal process needed to be followed and to allow the Planning Commission to do their job as they would with any other application. During the course of the permitting process, if the application is denied, the applicant has the right to appeal to County Court. County Court felt that if they approved any agreement beforehand, it would appear they were supporting the project, if an appeal was sought.

2.0 Action Items

2.1 Bob Thomas Agreement

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize a Personal Services Agreement for Wildlife Predator and Pest Control Services between the County of Sherman and Thomas' Wildlife Damage and Pest Control for \$9,833.33 per month for the life of the agreement which will expire, unless otherwise terminated or extended, on June 30, 2030.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 ODOT Contract

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize Traffic Control Device Installation and Maintenance Cooperative Improvement Agreement No. 73000-00028581 between Sherman County and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and authorize County Court to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 IGA for Economic Development Services

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize the IGA between Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) and Sherman County from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for \$47,500 and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

MCEDD hired a new Deputy Director which is Judge Dabulskis' Brother in Law's Nephew. The new Deputy Director will be joining Michelle Colby on July 3rd to meet Sherman County Court while Michelle gives the MCEDD quarterly report.

2.4 IGA for Transportation Plan

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize the IGA between Mid-Columbia Economic Development District and Sherman County for the Development of the Sherman County Coordinated Transportation plan which should be completed by December 31, 2024, for \$5,000 and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.5 IGA for G.I.S. Services

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize the IGA for G.I.S. Services between Wasco County and Sherman County from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 and authorize County Court to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.6 IGA for Map Maintenance and Related Activities Contract #DOR-083-24

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize the IGA Contract #DOR-083-24 between The Oregon Department of Revenue and Sherman County for Map Maintenance and Related Activities for \$3,640.00 effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and authorize County Court to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.7 CAPECO Services Agreement

Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize the Services Agreement between Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (“CAPECO”) and Sherman County for \$30,679.96 effective July 1, 2024 and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Commissioner Bird text Kari Silcox during the County Court meeting to see if the CAPECO Services Agreement dollar amount was the same as last year. Kari text back during County Court to say that the amount went up.

Judge Dabulskis stated that the Senior Center has new stoves and at least one is already hooked up. Judge Dabulskis stated that new wiring is needing to hook up the 2nd stove. Judge Dabulskis also mentioned that the heat pump was looked at and fixed and they are also looking at purchasing a new color copier.

2.8 Property/Liability Proposal CIS

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize the CIS Property and/or Liability proposal approximately \$229,947.67 effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and authorize Judge Dabulskis to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.9 Fire Works Ban

Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize the Fireworks Ban, recommended by all of the Sherman County Fire Chiefs and the Sherman County EMS Director, to run concurrent with the fire ban effective immediately.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Property Owner Notice

Moro City Council sent out letters to property owners about a Public Hearing beginning at 7:15 pm on July 2, 2024, in the City Council Chambers of the Moro City Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a Conditional Use for a non-farm dwelling, and Variances for Lot size and Front and Side yard Setbacks on behalf of Justin and Amy Huffman. The Huffman's own property legally described as Tax Lots 1600 & 1700 of Sherman County Assessor's Map 01S 1718AA. The property is located on the undeveloped portion of Hood Street in the City. These land use actions, including the Conditional Use and Variances in Setbacks is required because the property is Planned and Zoned Agricultural (A) and as such required larger lot size and setbacks than what would be required in a residential zone. However, this land has been platted and while unserved by City Utilities, are legally developable once service are available.

A copy of the original approval and all other information related to this proposal is available for review at no cost at the City Hall, and copies of the application and all other information concerning the application, can be supplied at a reasonable cost.

County Court does not have any concerns with this notice.

3.2 Commissioner Reports and Updates

Judge Dabulskis – Attended an Employee meeting; an AOC Board meeting; MCEDD Executive Board meeting; a Roberts Rules of Order webinar; a County Resiliency meeting; a meeting with Dan Bubb; a Regional Solutions Advisory Committee meeting; an AOC Legislative Days ; LCDC Solar Rulemaking/Community Benefits meeting; an East Cascades Works Budget Committee meeting; and a Regional 911 Budget Committee meeting.

Mattie’s Hump will open July 10th for harvest and then close again for about one week per ODOT.

County Court asked if the pending Mobile Food Unit ordinance includes anything about land use. Judge Dabulskis is going to look into this.

Commissioner Bird – Attended an Employee meeting; North Central Public Health meeting; SWCD meeting; Mid-Columbia Center for Living meeting; Mid-Columbia Community Action Council meeting; North Central Public Health interviews; Mid-Columbia Housing meeting; CAPECO meeting.

Commissioner Bird met with BPA representatives in Grass Valley. Commissioner Bird asked County Court if they have any questions for BPA. County Court would like BPA to come talk at a future meeting (with Drew Messenger present) and have question/answer session.

Commissioner Miller – Attended a Fair board meeting; a Lower John Day Area Commission on Transportation (LJDACT) meeting; and the Avangrid National Training Center Grand Opening in Sherman County.

3.3 Kent Water Update

Liz Mills sent Commissioner Bird a text with a Kent Water Update. The water tank should be delivered about July 10th. Water will need to be trucked in for tests to be ran and for the tank to be certified. Commissioner Bird is going to help get things set up with the Road Master and to do the hauling of the water and possibly purchase water from Larry von Borstel.

Liz stated that there are expenses that keep popping up that they did not expect that will make this project go over budget.

The County Court consensus was that the County will pay for the expenses that go over what has been ear marked for the Kent Water project to finish up the project.

3.4 Grass Valley Property

Commissioner Bird and Judge Dabulskis have both had conversations with a resident who would like the County to vacate a road near the cemetery in Grass Valley. The adjoining landowner does not want the road vacated. Commissioners did note that people do use the road to go to and from the cemetery. The County Court consensus was to leave the road as is and not to vacate the road.

3.5 Executive Session – ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel

Entered into Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel at 9:46 a.m.

Exited Executive Session at 9:55 a.m.

During Executive Session personnel matters were discussed.

Recessed at 9:55 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 Minutes of June 5, 2024

Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Minutes of June 5, 2024, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird

No: 0

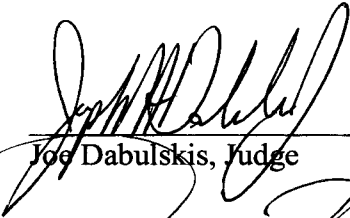
Abstain: 0

4.2 Revenue/Expenditures – May 2024

Tabled until July 3, 2024.

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Sherman County Court



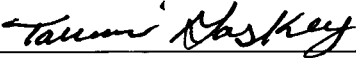
Joe Dabulskis, Judge



Justin Miller, Commissioner



Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest: 
Tammi Gaskey, Administrative Assistant