



## Court Agenda

August 21, 2024

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### Additions to Agenda

2.3 Surplus

2.4 Visa

### 1.0 Appointment Schedule

- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Kenny LaPoint, Mid-Columbia Community Action Council Update
- 1.2 ~~9:45 a.m.~~ 9:43 a.m. Executive Session In Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel ,(f)  
Items exempt by law from public inspection and (h) Legal Rights
- 1.3 ~~10:15 a.m.~~ 10:36 a.m. Dr. Kenneth Lawson, Columbia Gorge Community College President

### 2.0 Action Items

- 2.1 Resolution Adopting Sherman County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan
- 2.2 EOCA Dues

### 3.0 Discussion Items

- 3.1 Christmas and New Years' Holiday Vote to be Sept 5 – 16  
Tues, Dec 24/Wed, Dec 25 OR Wed, Dec 25/Thur, Dec 26
- 3.2 DA Discussion
- 3.3 Commissioner Reports and Updates

### 4.0 Consent Agenda

- 4.1 Minutes of August 14, 2024
- 4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – July 2024
- 4.3 Treasurer's Report – July 2024

### 5.0 Future Agenda Items:

**Next County Court Meeting will be Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.**

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**

**August 21, 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**

**Additions to Agenda**

- 2.3 Surplus
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**1.0 Appointment Schedule**

- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Kenny LaPoint, Mid-Columbia Community Action Council Update

Present: Kenny LaPoint, Rob Mendoza, Meredith Smith

Kenny LaPoint, Executive Director Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC), came to County Court to give a MCCAC update. Kenny first introduced Rob Mendoza, MCCAC employee, who runs The Annex.

Following the successful conversion of a former motel, The Annex of MCCAC's Gloria Center is now operational, offering safe, accessible housing for houseless clients from Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman counties.

The Annex now proudly provides over 50 transitional housing and shelter units with coordinated supportive services integrated on-site in collaboration with our community partners.

The 24/7 on-site property managers ensure smooth daily operations, and security.

Clients have access to culturally responsive case management, Oregon Health Plan enrollment, food stamps enrollment, healthcare, behavioral healthcare, respite medical care, jail diversion programming, employment resources, and rapid rehousing resources.

Kenny talked about the 2024 Point in Time (PIT) count for Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman counties. **While the numbers have not yet been confirmed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**, the preliminary data shows an overall **16%** decrease in individuals experiencing houselessness compared to the 2023 count, **along with** a decrease in unsheltered individuals **and** an increase in sheltered individuals.

"The slight decrease in overall numbers, particularly in unsheltered individuals, is encouraging and suggests our eviction prevention, **shelter and transitional housing**, and rapid rehousing programs are having an impact," said **Kenny LaPoint**, Executive Director of MCCAC. "However, we still have significant work ahead to address houselessness in our region."

The increase in sheltered individuals reflects additional bed spaces available at **MCCAC's** The Annex **transitional housing and** shelter in The Dalles, as well as strong engagement from partner organizations in the PIT count process.

### **Sherman County**

10 individuals experiencing houselessness (-1)

10 Unsheltered (-1)

0 Sheltered (+-0)

3 self-identified as experiencing a mental illness (+1)

3 Unsheltered (+1)

0 Sheltered (+-0)

1 self-identified as experiencing a substance use disorder (-5)

1 Unsheltered (-5)

0 Sheltered (+-0)

1 self-identified as experiencing both a mental illness and substance use disorder (-2)

1 Unsheltered (-2)

0 Sheltered (+-0)

0 Veterans (-2)

0 Children and Youth under the age of 24 (-1)

2 Individuals the age of 60 and Over (-5)

2 Unsheltered ()

0 Sheltered ()

Race/Ethnicity

10 White People (+3)

0 American Indian, Alaska Native or Indigenous (-3)

0 Latinx Community Members (+-0)

0 People of Color and People who Identify as Mixed Race/Ethnicity (-1)

0 People who refused to answer this question (+-0)

**1.2** ~~9:45 a.m.~~ 9:43 a.m. Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel, (f) items exempt by law from public inspection and (h) Legal Rights.

Present: Dana Pursley-Haner, James Burgett, Jen Smith, Kyle Burnett, Kyle Pfeiffer, Cody Callahan, Meredith Smith

Entered into Executive Session at 9:43 a.m.

Exited Executive Session at 10:35 a.m.

During Executive Session potential litigation was discussed.

Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel

Entered into Executive Session at 10:57 a.m.

Exited Executive Session at 11:04 a.m.

During Executive Session personnel issues were discussed.

**1.3** ~~10:15 a.m.~~ 10:36 a.m. Dr. Kenneth Lawson, Columbia Gorge Community College President

Present: Kenneth Lawson

Dr. Kenneth Lawson, President of Columbia Gorge Community College came to County Court for a meet and greet and to highlight some of the things that Columbia Gorge Community College employees have been working on.

- Columbia Gorge Community College (CGCC) has worked this last year to update their Strategic Plan.
- Columbia Gorge Community College (CGCC) is working with community partners to expand quality childcare availability in the community and to give CGCC students a space to do their practicums.
- Columbia Gorge Regional Skills Center opened in 2021 with new career-technical programs such as Construction Technologies and Advanced Manufacturing & Fabrication. The center helps fill a skills gap which has limited local employers from hiring local, qualified employees. The college also plans to make these new machines available for businesses to use for prototyping and design. Every Friday is Community Day in the Skills Lab. Community members can come into the lab and learn how to use the equipment and make a prototype of an item that they want to ultimately end up mass producing. Community members can also stop by the lab and use the equipment for other purposes as well. Students and instructors are in the lab to show you how to use the equipment and assist as needed.
- Columbia Gorge Community College (CGCC) recently went out to bid for proposals for the purchase and installation of nursing simulator equipment. The equipment will be based upon the functionality and best fit for CGCC. The simulation center will have two simulation labs with two beds each of monitored simulation with the goal of collaboratively working with the existing skills labs, as well. The center needs the capacity for debriefing in separate rooms. Management of the simulation will take place in a separate control room between.
- Columbia Gorge Community College hopes to go out for a Bond Renewal in the next couple of years.

Dr. Kenneth Lawson did state that CGCC FTE is above where they were at pre-Covid; most Oregon Community Colleges cannot say this. Sherman County makes up 3% of CGCC's FTE. Dr. Kenneth Lawson is going to get some more information on the number of Sherman County folks that are attending CGCC each year and he will send that information to County Court.

## 2.0 Action Items

### 2.1 Resolution Adopting Sherman County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Tabled until the September 5<sup>th</sup> County Court meeting.

### 2.2 Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) Dues

**Motion made by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to authorize the Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) Dues for the fiscal year 2024-25 in the amount of \$2,500.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### 2.3 Surplus

**Motion made by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Miller, to authorize the surplus and sale of a 2019 Dodge Charge, VIN 2C3CDXKT4KH647277 that has 129,381 miles at the request of Undersheriff James Burgett.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### 2.4 VISA

**Motion made by Commissioner Bird, second by Judge Dabulskis, to authorize a County Credit Card for Deputy Marc Peck for Sheriff Office use in the amount of \$1,000 effective immediately.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

## 3.0 Discussion Items

### 3.1 Christmas and New Years' Holiday Vote to take place Sept 5-16

Tammi Gaskey, Sherman County Court Administrative Assistant, will send out a request for all employees to vote for whether they want Tuesday, December 24 or Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup> off in addition to the December 25<sup>th</sup> holiday. Employees will also vote whether they want Tuesday, December 31 or Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> off in addition to January 1<sup>st</sup> holiday. (It is tradition that County Court selects a 2<sup>nd</sup> day off for Christmas and New Years' to give the employees an extended holiday)

Voting will take place September 5-16 and results will be announced on September 18<sup>th</sup> at County Court and at the Sherman County Employee meeting.

### 3.2 DA Discussion

Judge Dabulskis stated that he has spoken to CIS regarding the questions that County Court had on this matter and he is expecting information on Friday, August 23, 2024. This discussion will be tabled until the September 5, 2024 County Court meeting.

### 3.3 Commissioner Reports and Updates

**Judge Dabulskis** – Attended a Recycling interview; a LCDC Solar Rulemaking meeting; a NORCOR Board meeting; a CREA discussion about the future of CREA; and a NACo Regional meeting.

MCEDD is looking for a wheat farmer for their board to fill a recent vacancy. This vacancy can be filled by someone from any of the 5 counties represented by MCEDD on the Oregon or Washington side.

Judge Dabulskis stated that he has received one contract from ODOT for the charging stations. He is still waiting for the contract for the electric vehicles.

**Commissioner Miller** – Commissioner Miller received several calls regarding the fair.

**Commissioner Bird** – Attended a NCPH meeting.

Kent Water Project Update – Water is being hauled this week.

Commissioner Bird spoke to Hannah Dondy-Kaplan of BPA. Hannah stated that the request for space on the BPA queue will close in September. Hannah also mentioned that only about 10-15% of projects proposed, have historically been developed. A BPA representative is willing to come to a future Sherman County Court meeting. Hannah would like a list of questions so that the team can have the appropriate people at the meeting and have the answers to all questions.

## 4.0 Consent Agenda:

### 4.1 Minutes of August 14, 2024

**Motion by Commissioner Bird, second by Commissioner Miller, to approve the Minutes of August 14, 2024 as presented, and authorize County Court to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### 4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – July 2024

**Motion by Judge Dabulskis, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the July 2024 Revenue/Expenditure Summary as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**

**No: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**

County Court did show concern about percentages used by some departments at the beginning of the fiscal year; although they do understand that payments upfront are most likely the cause for the large percentages.

**4.3 Treasurer's Report – July 2024**

**Motion by Commissioner Miller, second by Commissioner Bird, to approve the July 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented, and authorize County Court to sign.**

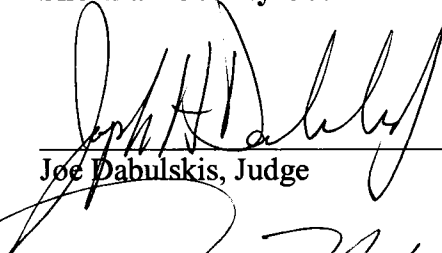
**Vote: 3-0**  
**Yes: Dabulskis, Miller, Bird**  
**No: 0**  
**Abstain: 0**

**5.0 Future Agenda Items:**

Resolution Adopting Sherman County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan  
DA Discussion  
Mobile Food Unit

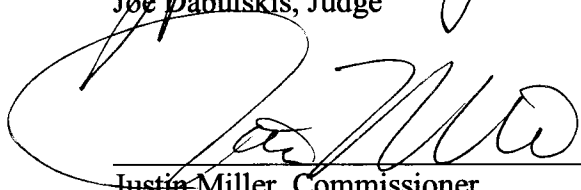
Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

**Sherman County Court**




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Joe Dabulskis, Judge



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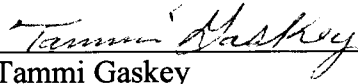
Justin Miller, Commissioner



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Joan Bird, Commissioner

Attest:



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Tammi Gaskey  
Administrative Assistant