

## Sherman County Citizen Volunteer Application Form

Dear Sherman County Citizen:

We appreciate your interest in Sherman County government. A description of Sherman County boards is attached. Information you provide will greatly assist us in understanding how we can best use your talents and experience. Please note that all volunteers are required to submit and pass a Criminal History Background Check upon initial application as well as re-appointment. Thank you kindly for volunteering to serve Sherman County.

- Members of the Sherman County Court

**Please submit form to the Office of the Sherman County Court, P.O. Box 365, Moro, OR 97039.**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to submit to the Sherman County Criminal History Check? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a resident of Sherman County? \_\_\_\_\_

Which board or commission do you wish to join? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your volunteer services in Sherman County, including boards or committees (governmental, civic, educational, service, cultural, social): \_\_\_\_\_

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How does your previous volunteer service prepare you for the appointment for which you have applied? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you attended training appropriate to this appointment? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you willing to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your highest grade completed, degrees and/or area of study: \_\_\_\_\_

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If applying for appointment to a board dealing with vulnerable people, please explain any experience you have working with seniors, youth, disabled, diverse, or financially disadvantaged people.

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I hereby certify that the information on this application is true and complete.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sherman County Boards, Councils, Commissions, and Committees

Sherman County provides opportunities for community participation in which citizens can become involved in their county government. Board and commission members are appointed by the Sherman County Court and serve specified terms. Each board or commission meets once or twice a month (or as needed), depending on specific requirements.

- **AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION:** Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties form the Lower John Day ACT with 3 county elected officials, 3 city elected officials, 1 Tribal Council member, 1 ODOT district manager and 4 private sector representatives selected one from each county. Other members of the Lower John Day Partnership, state legislators and Eastern Oregon members of the Oregon Transportation Commission serve ex officio. The ACT meets in conjunction with the Lower John Day Partnership.
- **BIGGS SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD:** The Biggs Service District Board is comprised of the three members of the Sherman County Court in its capacity for the unincorporated town of Biggs.
- **BIGGS SERVICE DISTRICT BUDGET COMMITTEE:** The County Court appoints the budget committee from citizens/property owners of Biggs.
- **BOARD OF PROPERTY TAX APPEALS**  
The Board of Property Tax Appeals (BOPTA) is responsible for hearing taxpayer appeals for reduction of the real market or assessed value of property. The board also considers requests to waive penalties assessed for the late filing of real and personal property returns. The BOPTA boards are a very important part of maintaining a fair and equitable property tax system in Oregon. The board consists of the “chairperson’s pool” from the county governing body and a “non-office-holding” pool of residents of the county who are not employees of the county or of any taxing district within the county. The term of each member begins on the date of appointment and ends on June 30, or when a successor is appointed. The board meets as needed.
- **BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
The Budget Committee advises the Sherman County Court on County budgetary issues and reviews revenue and expenditures before making a recommendation for the fiscal year’s budget. Together, the citizen budget committee members and the County Court form the Budget Committee. (4 year terms)
- **COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES:** The Sherman County Commission on Children and Families comprises 19 members from area agencies and Sherman County citizens serving as lay (non-professional, untrained) members. The majority must be lay citizens. All Commission members are appointed by the Sherman County Court. Commission meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday of each month in the evenings. Lay members are asked to sit on the RFP (Request for Proposal) Committee that meets quarterly or more often if needed. The Commission receives funding from the State of Oregon Commission on Children and Families on a biennial basis. The Commission is in charge of county and community planning and strategizing around needs and gaps for our local children and families. Funding is available every two years for local programs. The Commission seeks and reviews proposals for local programs, then makes recommendations to the Sherman County Court for funding of these programs. (4 year terms)
- **EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMITTEE:** This committee comprises members from local early childhood programs, including ABC Huskies Day Care, Little Wheats Day Care, North Sherman Preschool, Sherman Cooperative Preschool, Columbia Gorge CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Families First of Sherman County (Healthy Start), North Central Education Service District, Department of Human Services, North Central Public Health District, Mid-Columbia Center for Living, Child Care Resource and Referral, LifeSpan Respite Care, an In-Home Daycare provider and Sherman County School District.

- **PREVENTION COALITION:** The focus of this group is the prevention of the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by Sherman County youth.
- **COUNTY FAIR BOARD:** The County Court appoints a board of three to seven members to exercise exclusive management of the grounds and all other property owned and controlled by the county and devoted to the use of the county fair, and entrusted and charged with the entire business management and financial and other affairs of such fair for the public benefit. The County Fair Board meets monthly, engages in planning and evaluation, and hands-on work, especially before, during and after the County Fair. (4 year terms)
- **COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE:** The security of the Courthouse and Circuit Court room are the primary focus of this committee comprising appropriate County personnel.
- **DESCHUTES BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE:** A volunteer may be appointed to represent the County in meetings of interest in the management of the Deschutes River.
- **EASTERN OREGON RURAL ALLIANCE:** The Eastern Oregon Alliance is a collaborative working group of county, city, special district, school and business people committed to solving rural issues. The constantly changing Rural Solutions Work Plan represents an effort to capture the issues that adversely affect rural Oregon and provides guidance on policies, issues and solutions aimed at building sustainable communities throughout rural Oregon. This work was carried out by over one hundred and ninety people that attended the Eastern Oregon Summit in Burns Oregon, on August 21 and 22, 2003. <http://www.ruralpolicy.org/partners/eora.cfm>
- **FRONTIER TELENET:** The mission and purpose is to expand and enhance telecommunications capacity to efficiently provide local government and educational services, to coordinate these communication services in Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman counties, to cooperatively establish and maintain a consolidated, highly reliable system for educational services, 9-1-1, law enforcement, emergency services and other public health and safety communications services, and to promote economic growth and business and industry expansion. The board comprises county judges and a law enforcement representative.
- **LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL:** Members of this Council are striving for: a quality of life that ensures personal safety, security and freedom from fear, where all laws are enforced and crimes have consequences; a thriving and productive community with supportive and healthy environments for children and families; educational, employment, cultural and social opportunities for all citizens; and a shared sense of community, responsibility, accountability and fairness. Goals include reducing crime, protecting victims of crime, principles of fairness and due process, increasing safety, and changing future behavior of offenders by providing opportunities to return to the community as productive citizens. Council members include law enforcement, juvenile and corrections personnel and meet annually or as needed. (1 year terms)
- **LOWER JOHN DAY PARTNERSHIP & INVESTMENT BOARD:** Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler counties receive State funding through the Partnership for use in building capacity and economic development. County and city elected officials meet with state agency representatives to develop and implement plans for region-wide systems improvement and development.
- **MID-COLUMBIA COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL/CAP:** The mission of this Council is *"To alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in Wasco, Hood River and Sherman Counties."* The purpose is the promotion of self-sufficiency in families and individuals within the low income economic range residing in Wasco, Hood River and Sherman counties. The goal is to focus on available Federal, State and local

government and private resources; provide programs that develop assistance and alleviate the causes and consequences of poverty; constantly evaluate and improve efficiency and effectiveness of the programs; encourage beneficiaries to take advantage of opportunities for employment and self-advancement; stimulate participating of low income families and individuals; and encourage a more active role by public officials, individuals, and private, religious, charitable and neighborhood organizations.

- **MID-COLUMBIA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:** MCCOG is a five-county coalition formed to receive state and federal funding for a variety of services to citizens in the region, including but not limited to workforce training, services to seniors and the disabled and community mediation. MCCOG serves as a forum for intergovernmental cooperation and cost effectiveness by providing joint strategic planning for the provision of services; centralization of expertise which may not be affordable by individual member organizations; and the acquisition of revenue with which to fund programs and services. MCCOG is recognized as being client driven; outcome oriented; a valuable partner and investor of community resources; highly organized; collaborative; and as adapting rapidly to meet identified changes in demand. The board meets quarterly and each county is represented by two commissioners and a city official.
- **MCCOG AREA AGENCY ON AGING SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL:** Interested citizens 60 years of age or older, able to attend one two-hour meeting each month at the MCCOG office in The Dalles share a responsibility to and advocate for older Americans in MCCOG's five-county region. The SAC is required by Title III of the Older Americans Act to carry out advisory functions that further the mission of the Area Agency on Aging, developing and coordinating community-based systems of services.
- **MID-COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:** MCEDD is a five-county designated "Economic Development District". The District's mission is to promote the creation of family-wage jobs, the diversification of the economic base, and the growth, development and retention of business and industry. The District's primary goals are: 1.) Creation of employment opportunities and the diversification of the area's economic base through business expansion and the development of new business and industry, 2.) Provide planning and coordination of economic development related activities and act as a liaison between appropriate Oregon, Washington and Federal interests, and 3.) Administer local, state, or federal programs which have economic benefit within the five county area. The MCEDD Board meets five to six times during the year in The Dalles. No training is required.
- **MID-COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY:** Mid-Columbia Housing Authority (HA) operates in five rural counties and two states and partners with the Department of Human Services' Temporary Assistance to Needy Families agencies in this large area to enhance service offerings. The Mid-Columbia HA provides housing assistance to TANF recipients while the TANF agencies provide case management, counseling, and support to voucher holders developing individual employment plans. The Mid-Columbia HA and TANF Offices' shared forms include individual employment plans and selection criteria documents. This coordination helps provide a seamless tracking and delivery of services to voucher recipients. In addition, the TANF agencies and Mid-Columbia HA work closely with one-stop centers to expand employment offerings and educational courses. (4 year terms)
- **NORCOR [Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facilities]:** Northern Oregon Regional Corrections is a Regional Adult Jail and Juvenile Detention Correction Facility complex that serves four counties. Setting a national precedent Gilliam, Hood River, Sherman and Wasco counties have merged to develop this facility. NORCOR is committed to serving these four counties and their communities. Board members are elected county officials and law enforcement officers who meet monthly.  
<http://www.norcor.co.wasco.or.us/Home.htm>
- **PLANNING COMMISSION:** The Sherman County Planning Commission consists of 5 members and two alternates representing all areas of the county. Commission members are appointed by the Sherman County

Court. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the evening. Special meetings may be held for high priority public hearings. The Planning Commission develops, maintains and implements the County's Comprehensive and Land Use Ordinances. Members must have an interest in land use planning, reflect the values of the community, interpret and apply zoning ordinance provisions, make decisions and recommendations, educate the public on land use and understand the legislative and quasi-judicial process. (4 year terms)

- **PUBLIC CONTRACT BOARD OF REVIEW:** The Sherman County Court serves as the County's Public Contract Board of Review.
- **TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD/CENTER FOR LIVING:** The Center for Living provides outpatient Mental Health, Alcohol, Drug & Gambling and Developmentally Disabled services for Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties through offices in Hood River, The Dalles and staff in several communities. Each county is represented by an elected county commissioner. <http://co.wasco.or.us/ctrforliving/cflhome.html>
- **RURAL ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** The County Court appoints citizens to view roads, plan and evaluate road improvements and to establish a five-year plan for the Road Department. The committee meets annually or more often as needed. Advisory Committee member terms last indefinitely.
- **SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD:** The functions and duties include policy setting and providing advisory services to the Senior Center staff and Sherman County Court, the appointing body. Members represent and identify needs of senior center users, collaborate in developing, implementing and evaluating programs, assist in public relations, fundraising, long-range planning and goal setting. (3 year terms)
- **SHERMAN COUNTY PUBLIC/SCHOOL LIBRARY BOARD:** Five members represent the county community, school district and county government in planning funding and continued development of the Library. The County appoints one County Commissioner to serve on the board.
- **SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Citizens interested in public transportation for seniors, the disabled and others in the County are appointed to advise the County Court on the use of the County's State and Federal funds to provide public transportation. (4 year terms)
- **THE OREGON CONSORTIUM [TOC]:** The Oregon Consortium and Oregon Workforce Alliance is a public/private partnership formed on behalf of 24 rural Oregon counties, including Sherman. TOC's mission is to "*Help Rural Oregon Work*" by providing vision and guidance to rural workforce development systems and partners. The County appoints one County Commissioner to serve on the board. <http://www.tocowa.org/>
- **TRI-COM [Tri-County Communications]:** The emergency communications system is organized within Tri-Com and coordinated with the Sherman County 9-1-1 Executive User Board. The Tri-County Emergency Communication Center (dispatch center) is located in Condon and serves Wheeler, Sherman and Gilliam counties.
- **TRI-COR [Tri-County Corrections]:** Tri-Cor provides oversight on the tri-county corrections and probation system for Wheeler, Sherman and Gilliam counties.
- **SHERMAN COUNTY AREA WATERSHED COUNCIL:** The Sherman County Area Watershed Council serves as an "umbrella council" to help address watershed management issues in the existing Sherman County watersheds and focuses on habitat protection and watershed restoration. The council works to reduce soil

erosion and flood damage, to improve water quality in the area's streams, and to improve upland range conditions for the benefit of both wildlife and livestock. (4 year terms)

- **WEED ADVISORY BOARD:** Citizens interested in weed control are appointed by the County Court to serve as advisors to the County Weed Department and assist in planning, budgeting and evaluation during four or five meetings per year as needed. (3 year terms)
- **WY'EAST RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT:** The Wy'East Resource Conservation & Development Area (RC&D) is a local, rural development organization helping local citizens carry out action-oriented plans for the social, economic and environmental betterment of north central Oregon. The Wy'East RC&D serves the six-county north central Oregon region of Crook, Deschutes, Hood River, Jefferson, Sherman and Wasco counties and the Warm Springs Reservation. <http://www.wyeastrcd.org/wyeast/welcome.htm>
- **911 EXECUTIVE BOARD:** Elected and citizen members set policy for the operation of the Sherman County 9-1-1 system that is a part of a tri-county dispatch system.