



Court Agenda

January 6, 2016

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Jenine McDermid – Clerk – Quarterly Report
- 1.2 9:15 a.m. Dan Aldrich – Maintenance Technician – Quarterly Report
- 1.3 9:30 a.m. Dean Dark – Wildlife Specialist – Quarterly Report
- 1.4 9:45-11:00 Ron Wyden Town Hall Meeting – Sherman Jr/Sr High School
- 1.5 11:15 a.m. Heath Gardner – Wenaha Group – Courthouse Facilities Update
- 1.6 1:00 p.m. Bryan Hunt – Veterans Services – Quarterly Report
- 1.7 1:15 p.m. Rene' Moore, Brad Baird – Biggs Service District/Anderson Perry & Associates – Biggs Service District Update; Supplemental Budget Hearing; Biggs Audit Update

Additions to Agenda:

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Appointment – Budget Officer: Debbie Hayden
- 2.2 Appointment – Budget Committee: Kyle Blagg
- 2.3 Appointment – Local Public Safety Coordinating Council
- 2.4 Appointment – Senior & Community Center Advisory Board
- 2.5 Appointment – Local Community Advisory Council: Mike Smith

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Wasco Annex Roof Bid
- 3.2 South Sherman Fire and Rescue Project Assistance Proposal
- 3.3 Iberdrola
- 3.4 2001 Ford Van
- 3.5 Sherman County Port District
- 3.6 Commissioner Reports

4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of December 16, 2015
- 4.2 Special Session Minutes of December 21, 2015
- 4.3 Claims – December 2015

5.0 Future Agenda Items:

***If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights
ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel*



**SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
SHERMAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURTROOM**

MINUTES

**January 6, 2016
Opened Court: 9:03 a.m.**

Present: Judge Gary Thompson, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Tom McCoy, Administrative Assistant Lauren Hernandez

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

Additions to Agenda

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve Judge Thompson to sign the Application for Permit to Use Ground Water for the Biggs Service District Water Project.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to accept the Biggs Service District audit as presented.

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Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to appoint Debbie Hayden as Budget Officer for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to re-appoint Kyle Blagg to the Sherman County Budget Committee as recommended for a four year term to expire December 31st, 2019, pending passing a Criminal Background Check.

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Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0

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Vote: 3-0
Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to re-appoint Sue Lissman, Deanna Padget, and Sharon Spencer to the Sherman County Senior & Community Center Advisory Board as recommended for three year terms to expire December 31, 2018, pending passing a Criminal Background Check.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to re-appoint Mike Smith to the Sherman County Local Community Advisory Council as recommended for a three year term to expire December 31, 2018.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Oregon Early Learning Division and Sherman County with a maximum not-to-exceed amount payable to the County of \$530,741.16 and to

terminate September 30, 2017, and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign all related documentation pending review by County Counsel.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Minutes of December 16, 2015, and the Special Session Minutes of December 21, 2015, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the claims for December 2015.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

1.1 9:00 a.m. Jenine McDermid – Clerk – Quarterly Report

Present: Jenine McDermid, Perry Thurston

Jenine McDermid, Clerk, presented a quarterly report. The Oregon Motor Voter program begins this year. Currently, 1,092 eligible Sherman County residents are registered. When citizens go to the Department of Motor Vehicles to get a license, they will receive the service. They have 21 days to return the card to opt out. If citizens forget to return the card, they can contact the Clerk's office in writing notifying they do not want to register.

Currently, there are no Board of Property Tax Appeals filings. Anything postmarked December 31st will be considered. Even if there are no filings, the board will still have a short hearing on February 10th.

The new image server is up and is no longer part of the Progress server. It is free standing. Any images cleaned up from 1997 to present are on the Progress server, and they are also stored on the image server to be stored in two places. Ordinances are also on the server in PDF file format going back to 1959. Currently, there are around three dozen. The index gives a short synopsis about the topic of each Ordinance. Resolutions will be transferred to electronic format next.

Primary Elections are scheduled for May 17, and General Elections for November 8, 2016.

Jenine and Rita Wilson, Deputy Clerk, completed the annual re-certification for the passport program. Jenine gave a brief overview of recording statistics and also informed the Court felons who are no longer incarcerated are eligible to vote in Oregon after they re-register to vote.

1.2 9:15 a.m. Dan Aldrich – Maintenance Technician – Quarterly Report

Present: Dan Aldrich, Perry Thurston

Dan Aldrich, Maintenance Technician, presented a quarterly report. Dan has established a routine of cleaning the different buildings. All air handler filters have been changed. Dan feels the transition into his new position has gone smoothly.

The Court discussed getting Dan an email account and work station to use so he has the ability to communicate with commissioners and other staff as well as receive notifications other employees receive through email. There is a laptop available for use after it is looked at by the ESD. Commissioner Smith also informed Dan of the County's cellphone reimbursement policy.

Propane has been an issue lately. Dan is unsure of the exact problem, but the building is going through propane very quickly. A furnace technician is coming out for an annual check of the furnaces. Dan reported one boiler isn't working well, and he is resetting it every day. The last time the propane tank was filled, a leak test was administered, but no leak was found. The county has switched from using Cascade Propane to using Pacer Propane due to pricing differences. Morrow County Grain Growers is another option, but they may not be able to provide more than once-a-month fill-ups.

The Court discussed maintenance of the newly acquired property next to the courthouse.

1.3 9:30 a.m. Dean Dark – Wildlife Specialist – Quarterly Report

Present: Dean Dark, Perry Thurston

Dean Dark, Wildlife Specialist, presented a quarterly report. Because of the weather, it has been hard to trap, so Dean has been running his dogs to see what he can catch and going on calls. Dean informed the cougar population fluctuates as they cycle through. Dean cannot shoot a cougar unless it is proven the cat is causing a problem, and he is required to follow specific guidelines. Brief discussion was held about the possibility of wolves in Sherman County. Dean speculates the wolves will reduce cougar populations, as a pack can steal kills as well as hunt cougars. Currently, there are still traps stuck in the frozen ground, but warmer weather will help solve this.

Dean reported Jeremy Thompson, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), has become involved with a problem concerning dogs reported to be a nuisance at the south end of the county. ODFW is working with Dean to create a plan. Dean has a meeting with someone from Deschutes County to start pig trapping in Wasco County.

Present: Perry Thurston

Perry Thurston, resident of Moro, stated he was asked to appear before the Court to clarify his stance regarding retaining a position on the Fair Board. If Perry is considered for a position on the Fair Board, he will accept it and promote the following points:

1. Transparency supported by accountable procedures with personal considerations put after public interest
2. Less single-minded Fair Board expenditures with a review of the current practice

3. Tighter controls of the use of maintenance appropriations offered by the county
4. A balanced Fair Board budget
5. Addressing liability issues
 - a. ADA access
 - b. Building safety issues
6. Exploring the possibility of the county considering appropriations for a covered arena to replace the existing building

1.4 9:45-11:00 Ron Wyden Town Hall Meeting – Sherman Jr/Sr High School

The Court attended Senator Ron Wyden's Town Hall Meeting held at Sherman County Jr/Sr High School.

1.5 11:15 a.m. Heath Gardner – Wenaha Group – Courthouse Facilities Update

Present: Heath Gardner, Debbie Hayden, Ron McDermid, Brad Lohrey

Heath Gardner, Wenaha Group, presented an update to the Court. The last architect's workshop is finished and the committee is processing the results. The formal programming phase of pre-design has come to an end.

Heath shared preliminary results of the programming. Hennebery Eddy Architects met with as many entities of the county as possible and used information from those meetings to determine proposed square footage allotments to meet the needs they heard. The square footage proposed for the new building is 17,800. Heath presented the proposed block diagram for the new building. Hennebery Eddy Architects believes 17,800 of new building can meet all expressed needs. The building can be smaller than the proposed square footage, but eliminating space means concessions will need to be made. Heath explained the Facility Advisory Committee sees some opportunities to lower the square footage and save some dollars.

A draft conceptual budget was shown. A detailed budget will be discussed during the work session scheduled for next week. The budget is based on the preliminary program results as presented and uses \$300 per square foot as an estimated cost. Estimated costs are as follows:

- **Soft Cost Estimate:** \$1,360,000
Includes permits, design costs, professional fees, furniture allowance, testing and inspection, legal fees, etc...
- **New Building Construction:** \$5,340,000
Based on current block diagram of 17,800 square feet using a budget cost of \$300/square foot.
- **Existing Building Construction:** \$1,000,000
This is a placeholder amount for now. At this time, very little is known about required changes to the existing building.
- **Program Contingency:** \$400,000
Based on an overall program 5% contingency.
- **Total Project Cost Estimate:** \$8,100,000

Due to the conceptual nature of the draft budget and the instability of the construction market, Wenaha Group recommends estimating the total cost of the project as presented at 17,800 square feet to be between \$8-8.5 million dollars. Using the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) method

allows for design estimates. Kirby Nagelhout Construction, acting as CMGC, agrees \$300 per square foot is a reasonable estimate when projecting the budget. As the project moves forward and design work is started, the budget will become more solid as actual quantities and construction materials are determined.

The Court expressed concern about the possibility of ending up with debt due to this project. The goal is to pay for the project all at once. The Court will need to make a decision about whether or not to acquire debt if the building stays at the proposed 17,800 square feet.

Now that preliminary results of programming and a draft conceptual budget have been shown, Wenaha Group is asking for direction from the Court after the work session next week. After receiving recommendations and direction from the Court, Wenaha Group is aiming to have the project approved during the Court session on January 20th. If a decision cannot be made at this time, the project can be delayed until the Court feels comfortable moving forward.

Brief discussion was held about elements of the preliminary programming results. Heath stated the goal for the work session is to look at what has been presented, discuss ideas, and receive feedback from the Court so a final proposal can be presented on January 20th. Commissioner Smith expressed concern about the budget and the uses of square footage shown in the program results. He suggested using the work session to brainstorm multiple uses for spaces.

Brad Lohrey, Sheriff and member of the Facility Advisory Committee, brought up the possibility of looking for state funds for the project if a state agency is placed in the building. He suggested proposing Parole and Probation be included in the new building to see if this opens up available funding, as it is an easy entity to include or exclude if needed. Ron McDermid, Justice of the Peace and member of the Facility Advisory Committee, clarified Brad was talking about co-location, and counties can get extra funds for this type of project if non-court related state entities are included. However, Ron pointed out the funding for this is difficult to get approval for, and at this time, it should not be assumed any state funds will be awarded.

During the work session next week, the opportunity will be present to discuss other programming options and for the Facility Advisory Committee, Wenaha Group, and Hennebery Eddy Architects to explain nuances in the draft program. After generating information from the work session, changes can be made before final presentation on January 20th.

1.6 1:00 p.m. Bryan Hunt – Veterans Services – Quarterly Report

Present: Bryan Hunt

Bryan Hunt, Veterans Services Officer, presented a quarterly report. For Sherman County, Bryan held sixteen in-office interviews and one out-of-office interview. One claim was reopened and one 10-10EZ medical application was filed. Because no new claims were filed, the county had \$0 in recoveries. Tri-county totals include fifty eight in-office interviews and six out-of-office interviews completed. One new claim was filed, three claims were granted, two claims were reopened, and one 10-10EZ medical application was filed. Tri-county recoveries total \$7,439.09.

Bryan reported he was out the month of October, but he did attend the Veterans Service Officer training the third week of October. Commissioner Smith suggested Bryan collaborate with the veterans officer from Community Action Program as another local resource.

1.7 1:15 p.m. Rene' Moore, Brad Baird – Biggs Service District/Anderson Perry & Associates – Biggs Service District Update; Supplemental Budget Hearing; Biggs Audit Update

Present: Brad Baird, Rene' Moore

The Court entered into the Biggs Service District Board at 1:13 p.m.

Brad Baird, Anderson Perry & Associates, presented a design update for the Biggs Service District Water Project. Surveying is complete and pipeline routes are being determined. One concern is getting the waterline across the bridge on the east side of the old highway. Hanging the line on the side of the bridge is the easiest option, but there is concern from Oregon Department of Transportation about the historic nature of the bridge and the aesthetics of a hanging waterline. When the Biggs sewer project was done, the sewer pipe was run underneath the bridge. Holes were cored through the center to allow for the small pipe. The waterline pipe will be about 18 inches in diameter, which is a very large hole to core through a structure. Another option is to run the waterline under the creek and come out the other side. The permit process for this option will be difficult because the creek is Salmon bearing. The county could fill out a joint permit application to work with the Army Corp and the Division of State Lands. Depending on the results of this permit, a biological assessment may be required, which is a large expense. The best choice is to hang the line, but if this is not possible, the second best option is excavating the creek and burying the line. Hanging the line is the cheapest option and is part of the regular design. Trenching is the second best option depending on the permits. Coring underneath the bridge may require structural analysis, which is an added cost. Brad will investigate these options further.

The One-Stop Finance Meeting did not yield promising results. The Biggs Water Project is an atypical project. Most One-Stop funding goes to cities with many residential customers, and Biggs Service District has primarily commercial customers. It is possible to get a loan for the project, but getting grant money will be a difficult. At the meeting, there was confusion about who the Biggs Service District Board of Directors is comprised of. Brad explained members of County Court and the Biggs Service District Board of Directors are the same people functioning as two different entities. Rene' Moore, Biggs Service District Administrator, operates under the Biggs Service District Board of Directors. The Court reviewed One-Stop results provided by Rene'. The offer by the Water Resource Department/United States Department of Agriculture is the most sensible of the group if it is accurate.

Brad will meet with Eugene Tsubota to look at the two existing wells in Biggs for use of one of them as potential back up for the new system. Currently, it is unknown how much grant funding needs to be received to keep the cost of water rates at a reasonable price. Although water rates will increase, the benefits of a new water system make up for this. A significantly improved system will provide a system operator, fire protection, the opportunity for economic growth, and likely reduction of insurance rates. The current system is a health risk because no regular testing is done. Commissioner Smith stated John Zalaznik, Environmental Health Specialist Supervisor with the North Central Public Health District, contacted him about the water project to determine if requiring action on the current system is necessary. If the water project is not pursued, the Health District will likely require other action.

Judge Thompson brought up the idea of changing Biggs Service District into a port. Grant funds for economic development are more easily available through ports. Judge Thompson has been in contact with Business Oregon and plans to invite them to a County Court session to discuss this port issue. He

would also like Mid-Columbia Producers involved, as the port would include the facilities they have in Biggs.

Discussion was held about how much money the county is willing to contribute to the project. The county currently gives each city \$100,000 a year. Biggs is not a city, so it does not receive these funds. If the county contributes to the Biggs Water Project, the argument was made this will be equal to funding cities in the county receive over time. More discussion was held about One-Stop Finance Meeting results. One scenario was discussed regarding the county receiving a \$500,000 grant, the county funding \$500,000 for the project, and then applying for a \$1,000,000 dollar loan. Brad will formulate numbers and gather information to present to citizens and business of Biggs.

Brad asked Judge Thompson to sign a well permit application to send to Oregon Water Resource Department stating drilling has started and requesting starting the water right process.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve Judge Thompson to sign the Application for Permit to Use Ground Water for the Biggs Service District Water Project.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Rene' presented the Biggs Service District audit. The audit went well, and the district received more income this year than last year. Rene' stated when she sends out statements, she sends them out for the entire past year. This allows clients to see if they have missed a payment, and many choose to make up the payment. The format of the audit caused some confusion, but Rene' clarified which numbers were positive or negative funds. Judge Thompson suggested there should be a sinking fund for extra revenue to go into each year.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to accept the Biggs Service District audit as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The audit from Oster cost \$3,800 dollars. Rene' requested Biggs Service District change auditors, using Friend and Reagan instead, as it will be more efficient for her to use one auditor between both entities she works with. Friend and Reagan gave a price estimate between \$3,500 and \$4,000 to review Biggs Service District. Lauren Hernandez, Administrative Assistant, will contact Will Carey, County Counsel, about the correct procedure to follow.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to hire Friend and Reagan as auditors for Biggs Service District pending approval of County Counsel.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The \$150,000 from the county to fund the Biggs Service District Water Project engineering costs was not originally included in the budget. When the next budget session arrives, Rene' would like to include revenues and expenses for the project. The \$150,000 will be placed in the Water System Reserve fund, which is where most of the expenses are taken from.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to accept the supplemental budget increasing the revenues by \$150,000.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The Court came out of the Biggs Service District Board at 2:20 p.m.

2.0 Action Items:

2.1 Appointment – Budget Officer: Debbie Hayden

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to appoint Debbie Hayden as Budget Officer for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 Appointment – Budget Committee: Kyle Blagg

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to re-appoint Kyle Blagg to the Sherman County Budget Committee as recommended for a four year term to expire December 31st, 2019, pending passing a Criminal Background Check.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 Appointment – Local Public Safety Coordinating Council

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to appoint the following to the Sherman County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) as recommended for a one year term to expire December 31, 2016: Amber DeGrange, Teri Thalhofer, John Folliard, Alyssa Winslow, Barbara Seatter, Ron McDermid, Shandie Johnson, Shawn Payne, Gary Thompson, Wes Owens, and Wade McLeod.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.4 Appointment – Senior & Community Center Advisory Board

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to re-appoint Sue Lissman, Deanna Padget, and Sharon Spencer to the Sherman County Senior & Community Center Advisory Board as recommended for three year terms to expire December 31, 2018, pending passing a Criminal Background Check.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.5 Appointment – Local Community Advisory Council: Mike Smith

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to re-appoint Mike Smith to the Sherman County Local Community Advisory Council as recommended for a three year term to expire December 31, 2018.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.6 Sherman County HUB Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the State of Oregon Early Learning Division and Sherman County with a maximum not-to-exceed amount payable to the County of \$530,741.16 and to terminate September 30, 2017, and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign all related documentation pending review by County Counsel.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items:

3.1 Wasco Annex Roof Bid

The Court reviewed the bid from Competitive Commercial Roofing. No action will be taken on this issue as Di Loreto Architecture is looking at options for a long-term plan for the building. Brief discussion was held about working with Mid-Columbia Housing Authority on the possibility of senior housing at the Wasco Annex site.

3.2 South Sherman Fire and Rescue Project Assistance Proposal

The Court reviewed the formal request for assistance letter written by Glenn Fluhr, South Sherman Fire & Rescue Chief. Commissioner McCoy stated the Budget Committee said it would look favorably on a reasonable proposal for \$500,000 more for the South Sherman Fire & Rescue project, as the county has already given \$150,000 for programming and research. The letter is a request to meet with the Budget Committee to make a formal presentation requesting the \$500,000. Lauren Hernandez, Administrative

Assistant, will send a response letter accepting the request and will contact the committee about scheduling an appointment.

3.3 Iberdrola

Will Carey, County Counsel is reviewing the proposed Payment-In-Lieu-of-Tax-Agreement document. The agreement is for a ten year time period with a possible five-year extension. The county will receive \$70,000 from this agreement. It is currently unknown what the depreciation schedule will look like for solar panels. The county is guaranteed \$7,000 a year for ten years, and the value of the panels will go down over those ten years. Judge Thompson suggested having a fifteen-year agreement with a possible five-year extension. Another issue with the agreement is the payments. Payments arrive in March. Debbie Hayden, Financial Director, can send a notification of taxes due with two separate due dates to accommodate for this.

3.4 2001 Ford Van

After several attempts to contact him about receiving payment, the previous bidder for the van has not been in contact with the county. The Court agreed to sell the van to another agency. Commissioner Smith called the Gilliam County Sheriff's Office to see if they were still interested in purchasing the van and gave them contact information for Administrative Assistant Lauren Hernandez.

3.5 Sherman County Port District

Judge Thompson will schedule Business Oregon to meet with County Court to discuss how to form a port district. A port district would take the place of Biggs Service District.

3.6 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner McCoy – Attended work session with Kate Sinner for end-of-the-year check in; attended Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Juvenile Committee meeting.

Commissioner Smith – Attended Senator Wyden dinner in Condon; finished fiber negotiations with legal team for Windwave; received a draft for Frontier Telenet to sign; Will is working on a Memorandum of Use between Sherman County and Frontier Telenet; between the three counties, Sherman County only has 300 megabytes of bandwidth; Sherman will go from 300 megabytes to 10 gigabytes with fiber; gives the county unlimited bandwidth; the fiber project will get the county more data, which is critical for the future of the county; attending Condon City Council meeting to talk about importance of fiber; will attend a meeting in Salem with Representative Smith, the head of Oregon Department of Transportation, and Department of Administrative Systems to talk about the grant failure; got \$5,000 grant for the health center – funds should be available in February; talked to John Zalaznik about public health in Biggs; Public Health doctor Vern Harpool came up with a plan to help childhood obesity regarding sugary drinks.

Judge Thompson - Talked to Joel at Mid-Columbia Housing Authority about the Austen Martin housing proposal; no maintenance in the figures, and even with balloon payment, there wasn't enough calculated to cover the loan; invited to a conference call with Kate Sinner about housing/State of Oregon housing loan fund to figure out how it can be fixed to be more attractive; it's a 5 year loan - it needs to be extended, and interest rate needs to be lowered; asked the Court if they were interested in doing another round of the housing rehab program; the Court agreed yes; the program was able to fund upgrades to

windows, insulation, and heating systems; loan funded by United States Department of Agriculture and payable when house is sold; forwarded loan information to Sherman Development League; attending Association of Oregon Counties meetings in Salem on Monday.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

4.1 Minutes of December 16, 2015

4.2 Special Session Minutes of December 21, 2015

Motion Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Minutes of December 16, 2015, and the Special Session Minutes of December 21, 2015, as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Claims – December 2015

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the claims for December 2015.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Sherman County Court



Gary Thompson, Judge

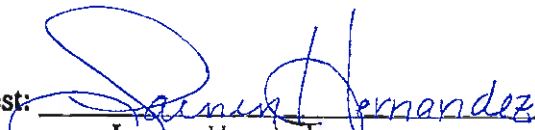


Mike Smith, Commissioner



Tom McCoy, Commissioner

Attest:



Lauren Hernandez
Administrative Assistant