



Court Agenda

December 21, 2016

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1** 9:00 a.m.
- 1.2** 9:30 a.m. Amber DeGrange, Christa Rude – Four Rivers Early Learning Hub – Contracts and Funding Recommendation
- 1.3** 10:30 a.m. Cindy Brown– 4-H and Healthy Living – Oregon State University Extension Office Update
- 1.4** 11:00 a.m. Katie Paul, Julie McAllister – Sherman County Community Outreach – Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Coordinator
- 1.5** 11:30 a.m. Public Hearing: Mass Gathering Ordinance

Additions to Agenda:

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 RV Park Laundry Building Roofing Estimate – H & H Construction, LLC
- 2.2 RV Park Receptacles Proposal Clarification – Seven Peaks Electric
- 2.3 Memorandum of Agreement for Building Inspection Program – Mid-Columbia Council of Governments/Building Codes Division and Sherman County
- 2.4 Appointment – Fair Board: Jennifer Zimmerlee, Rick Jauken
- 2.5 Appointment – Ambulance Service Area Plan Advisory Committee: Rick Whitaker, Renee' Heidy, Jeff Holliday, Bryan Cranston
- 2.6 Motion Correction - Refrigerator and Freezer Purchase from North Central Education Service District for Use at the Wasco Annex
- 2.7 Network Technology Discovery Survey – eSolutions
- 2.8 Budget Transfers/Payments
- 2.9 Biggs Service District – McDonald's Insurance Letter Request

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Cottonwood State Park Planning Department Request
- 3.2 Consideration of Referral of Transferring Way of Necessity Cases to Circuit Court

3.3 Commissioner Reports

4.0 **Consent Agenda:**

4.1 Minutes of December 7, 2016

4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – November 2016

4.3 Treasurer's Report – November 2016

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

December 21, 2016

Opened Court: 9:04 a.m.

Present: Judge Gary Thompson, Commissioner Tom McCoy, Commissioner-Elect Joe Dabulskis,
Administrative Assistant Lauren Hernandez

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

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3.4 Wasco Annex Proposal

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

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1.1 9:00 a.m.

1.2 9:30 a.m. Amber DeGrange, Christa Rude – Four Rivers Early Learning Hub – Contracts and Funding Recommendation

Present: Amber DeGrange, Christa Rude

Christa Rude, Four Rivers Early Learning Hub, presented several Hub invoices, agreements, and awards to the court. The Early Learning Hub Board already approved the documents. Commissioner McCoy asked why the court needed to approve of them as well, stating the court should accept the actions of the board instead of reviewing each one of their decisions. Christa explained running the documents through court creates a record of the agreements so they can be referenced for accounting purposes. She suggested having Will Carey, County Counsel, review the agreements to insure Sherman County's needs are met. Amber DeGrange, Four Rivers Early Learning Hub, explained Sherman County is the backbone organization of the Hub, and Debbie Hayden, Finance Director, does not want to send out money the court has not approved. The original Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) states Sherman County will review contracts. Debbie would feel more comfortable if the Hub used a format similar to the Commission on Children and Families. The Commission Board made decisions, brought the decisions to the county, and the county would give approval. This format would allow the court to disagree with or dispute any decision of the Hub Board. The court expressed it does not want to micromanage the Hub. Christa stated it makes sense to implement a process like the Commission because Sherman County is the backbone organization of the Hub. Commissioner McCoy stated the court should not perform day-to-day contract review. Christa stated her goal is to create a full budget to keep the court aware, to implement the budget, and to follow up with a packet of documents similar to the ones presented. The court can see how fund allocations are connecting to the original decisions of the board.

Because the state views Sherman County as the Hub, Christa emphasized the contracts should be reviewed by county counsel. Commissioner McCoy stated the Hub counsel or Columbia Gorge Education Service District

(CGESD) counsel should review the documents because they are the ones developing them. Christa suggested the format of the Hub be revisited if Sherman County does not want to review the contracts, as CGESD could distribute the funds and would then be responsible for reviewing contracts. Commissioner McCoy asked if the Hub board has been signing contracts that have not been reviewed. Amber explained the only contract signed so far is for Kindergarten Partnership Innovation funds. Amber has been signing the smaller contracts as Sherman County fiscal liaison for the Hub. Amber reported Debbie believes the court should be signing the contracts because the county is liable for them. At some point, Sherman County has to sign off on the contracts as the backbone of the Hub.

Christa stated the Hub board will look at the contracts for their value. Specific legal components of the contract should be reviewed. If CGESD reviews them, the Hub needs to revisit the way the money flows. Sherman County counsel reviewed and approved the original Hub agreement contract. Not all invoices, agreements, or contracts may need to be reviewed. Christa stated one difficulty has been consulting services agreements. Christa signs them, but Sherman County pays the contract amounts. Christa, Amber, and Debbie believe such contracts should come to court and be approved. The original IGA covers reimbursable expenses for services Hub staff provides, but it does not cover specific allocations.

Commissioner McCoy stated the court should not review specific allocations. The court may need to sign off on the allocations, but it would be signing off on the decision of the Hub Board. If a problem arises, the court and Hub Board will discuss the situation, but the court should not be reviewing individual contracts. The court should be made aware of the contracts and have them available to look at, but if the Hub Board has already approved them, the court should not have to re-approve them. Christa explained the Hub Board approves the contracts as far as the process, funding streams, and contractors, but not the legalities of each contract, as board members do not have the expertise to do so.

Amber briefly explained the background of the Hub to Commissioner-Elect Dabulskis and gave background about what the Commission on Children and Families was.

Christa asked if Sherman County has an existing policy specifying if contracts over a certain amount require legal review. If one of the Hub contracts falls into that category, it should have legal review. If Sherman County's county counsel reviews a contract and the county incurs an expense, Sherman County will be reimbursed from the Hub for this expense. The court agreed with this.

The court would like an idea of how funds are being allocated and requested a simple one-page summary sheet showing how funds are being distributed and briefly detailing the Early Learning Hub Board's actions. Amber will look through and approve invoices unless they are required to be reviewed by counsel. The Hub works as a fiscal team, and more than one person will examine invoices and fund allocations. Sherman County receives approximately \$7,200 to perform administration functions for the Hub.

Christa explained the Amendment to State of Oregon Intergovernmental Agreement adjusts the funding amounts and raises them to be representative of the resources the Hub hadn't spent as of the first of this year. The document represents a significant increase to the previous agreement with the state.

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1.3 10:30 a.m. Cindy Brown– 4-H and Healthy Living – Oregon State University Extension Office Update

Present: Brian Tuck, Cindy Brown

Brian Tuck, Regional Administrator for the Mid-Columbia Region, explained Oregon State University is working on filling Sandy Macnab's position. The position will focus on dry land crops. Brian will submit a request in the next few months. The state budget will determine this process. The new budget is looking at a 7-10% cut. Filling Sandy's position will be a primary focus. Brian will continue the activities of Sandy's position, including maintaining a newsletter and working with the Soil and Water Conservation District. He would like to look into having an open campus in Sherman County. This would link Extension with Oregon State University and work with families to help direct kids into higher education.

Cindy Brown, 4-H and Healthy Living, reported she has been completing year-end reports. The fall awards banquet was combined with the fair and gave leadership and achievement recognition for volunteers and participants. 4-H will start again in January. Robotics was successful this fall, and the Robotics Club competed in a state qualifier in The Dalles and placed third. Cindy mentors students with one-on-one reading. She also partners with the afterschool program to provide afterschool cooking once a week. Cindy attends various meetings as a representative of Sherman County, including the Local Community Advisory Council, the Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance, Gorge Grown Food Network, Tri-County Hazardous Waste, and more.

1.4 11:00 a.m. Katie Paul, Julie McAllister – Sherman County Community Outreach – Local Public Safety Coordinating Council Coordinator

Present: Katie Paul, Julie McAllister

Katie Paul and Julie McAllister, Sherman County Community Outreach, reported the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) held interviews for the coordinator position. The person offered the job has not yet accepted. The employee will need office space located in Sherman County. Katie gave a brief background of LPSCC for Commissioner-Elect Dabulskis. Funding for the LPSCC Coordinator is provided by the state for three years. The coordinator will be working between Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, and Wheeler counties, and will be provided a car and laptop by Association of Oregon Counties. The employee's work schedule has not yet been determined. It is possible the employee could use space in the Wasco Annex until the new courthouse facility is built. The new courthouse facility will have flex space where the employee can work at various times. There are also empty judge's chambers in the existing courthouse that may be able to be used. The jury room is a possibility. Julie will find out if the judge's chambers can be used. If not, the employee will be housed in the Wasco Annex until the new courthouse facility is available.

The court briefly reviewed current County Court board and committee assignments and discussed possibilities of how to re-assign boards and committees between court members. This will be addressed next court session.

1.5 11:30 a.m. Public Hearing: Mass Gathering Ordinance

Present: Georgia Macnab, Shawn Payne, Bryce Coelsch, Tom Macnab, Brad Lohrey

Judge Thompson opened the public hearing at 11:30 a.m. for the ordinance regarding mass gatherings. The hearing will be continued during the next county court session, and the ordinance will be considered for approval at that time.

Commissioner McCoy stated the court should set dates when festivals are prohibited due to fire danger. He suggested the time span of June through October. Bryce Coelsch, Moro, agreed with the time frame. Commissioner McCoy also suggested the fairgrounds be excluded from the ordinance. Georgia Macnab, Planner, explained the fairgrounds and the race park each have a definition that allows for events. They are automatically excluded from the ordinance if they are holding fair or race-related events and activities. If a private entity wishes to use the fairgrounds or raceway for an event, they are not excluded from the ordinance.

Bryce stated exempting the fairgrounds from the ordinance could create confusion between what qualifies as a fair-related event or a mass gathering. He asked if renting the fairground for a wedding qualifies as a fair event or a mass gathering. Judge Thompson explained a mass gathering must be held for more than six hours but not more than seventy two hours, including setup and cleanup. Commissioner-Elect Dabulskis pointed out 'small gatherings' with less than or equal to 250 people fall under the seventy two hours requirement. Judge Thompson pointed out a 'large gathering' are events with more than 250 people held in excess of forty eight hours, including setup and cleanup. Georgia stated the hour guidelines for gatherings are set in the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS). The ORS reads a mass gathering is "expected to continue for more than 24 consecutive hours but less than 120 hours within any three-month period." Commissioner McCoy asked if a festival organizer restricts the hours of their festival, can the festival be held without a permit. He would like an ordinance that requires all mass gatherings to obtain permits. Judge Thompson replied the ORS has to be followed, but this can be clarified with Will Carey, County Counsel.

Georgia stated she needs to speak with Will about the ordinance because it references zoning documents that do not match Sherman County. She will work with him to adjust and correct this and to make sure the ORS are followed.

Commissioner McCoy emphasized he would like festivals prohibited during fire season. Judge Thompson asked if a festival should be prohibited if it is fireless. Commissioner McCoy replied fire is still a danger due to cars, cigarettes, and other dangers. Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director, stated the south end of the county does not have a burn ban, but for the rest of the county, the ban is typically July 1 through October 1. On rare occasions, it has started in June. Shawn stated the time frame for the prohibition of festivals is realistic. The ordinance would have to cover the entire county, as the south end of the county does not have a burn ban. Commissioner McCoy asked if there was consensus in the room to prohibit festivals from June to October. Georgia stated the timeline is a good idea but she questioned the legality of it and encouraged the court to consult with Will about it.

Georgia stated the court should give all Sherman County fire departments a chance to review the ordinance. She also suggested the time frame for application for a mass gathering should be expanded from 45 days prior to the event to at least 90 days prior to the event. Typical conditional use permit paperwork takes between 30 and 60 days, and Georgia stated if any complications arise with an application, the process could take longer. Judge Thompson suggested 120 days prior to an event would give the county enough time to complete necessary paperwork and processing.

Commissioner McCoy read from the ordinance, "Mass gatherings should not be allowed during periods of high fire danger. The primary agricultural crop production in the county is dryland wheat, and during certain periods of the year, the wheat fields present an acute fire danger. Because of this danger to the entire economy of the county, no mass gatherings shall be allowed during the months of *blank* through *blank*." The court discussed the time frame of prohibiting mass gatherings. Bryce suggested using the time frame of the burn ban as a guideline. Judge Thompson and Shawn agreed. Commissioner McCoy stated the ordinance needs specific months, not just a reference to the burn ban, so festival organizers have set dates to plan their events around. He suggested the time frame for prohibiting mass gatherings be June through October.

Discussion was held about exempting the fairgrounds from the ordinance. The ordinance explicitly exempts wineries and state parks. Commissioner McCoy suggested adding a clause that explicitly exempts the fairgrounds.

The court specified in the ordinance a large gathering is "more than 250 persons at any time during the gathering."

Shawn asked if Brad Lohrey, Sheriff, had a chance to review the ordinance, as it puts some responsibility on the Sheriff's Department. The ordinance states the organizer will submit plans for public safety to the sheriff, and the sheriff will be responsible for approving of the plan. Brad has not seen a copy of the ordinance.

The ordinance will be adjusted and sent to fire departments, emergency services, the sheriff's office, and other interested parties.

Commissioner-Elect Dabulskis asked when the ordinance will take effect if the court approves it. The ordinance will take effect immediately upon its passage. The next public hearing regarding the mass gathering ordinance will take place during the January 4, 2017, court session.

No further public comment was heard.

The public hearing was closed at 12:00 p.m.

2.0 Action Items:

2.1 RV Park Laundry Building Roofing Estimate – H & H Construction, LLC

2.2 RV Park Receptacles Proposal Clarification – Seven Peaks Electric

Before taking any action, the court would like to have Jennifer Zimmerlee, RV Park Host, explain the roofing proposal and receptacles proposal for the RV Park. Jennifer will be invited to a January court session.

2.3 Memorandum of Agreement for Building Inspection Program – Mid-Columbia Council of Governments/Building Codes Division and Sherman County

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Vote: 2-0

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Vote: 2-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.7 Network Technology Discovery Survey – eSolutions

Jacob Dunaway, solutions iT, explained to Lauren Hernandez, Administrative Assistant, that the purpose of the network discovery is to look at the county's technology systems for strengths and weaknesses. A software ID setup of the network will be run. There is no charge for the initial discovery, which should take between two to five hours. After the initial discovery, solutions iT will put together a presentation to the court with a quote for further network assessment, if needed. Solutions iT will need administrative level access to servers, access to IT personnel, and various documents like phone and internet statements.

The court reviewed a letter of concern about the solutions iT proposal submitted by Debbie Hayden, Finance Director. Debbie expressed concern over the process and security of the assessment. Commissioner McCoy stated solutions iT has performed excellent work for Mid-Columbia Council of Governments. Judge Thompson stated the court would need to follow the Request for Proposal process if further network assessment is over \$10,000. Commissioner McCoy suggested moving forward with the free initial discovery, hearing the proposal, and then consulting with Ron McDermid, Justice of the Peace, and Debbie on the decision to move forward. The court agreed to trust solutions iT to do the initial assessment.

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technology used by the county, to recommend solutions to any problems found, and to formulate a quote based on the size and complexity of the network assessment needed.

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No: 0

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3.0 Discussion Items:

3.1 Cottonwood State Park Planning Department Request

The parking lot for the Starvation Lane take-out is on Sherman County property. Nearby landowner, Aaron Lafky, would like the parking lot moved to Oregon State Parks property. The court supports this option and would like to encourage State Parks to do this. This means Sherman County will have to open up the land use of the area. Georgia Macnab, Planner, submitted a letter stating the best option is to have State Parks apply for a second Conditional Use Permit for development of the parking lot. State Parks personnel will be invited to a future court session to discuss this option. Judge Thompson stated the Federal Lands Access Program Grant should have enough funding to build a road to the new parking lot if it is built on State Parks land. The court agreed the master plan has fundamentally changed and usage of the Starvation Lane area has drastically increased. The court gave a brief background to Commissioner-Elect Dabulskis about the Starvation Lane road use issues.

3.2 Consideration of Referral of Transferring Way of Necessity Cases to Circuit Court

Wayne Webb, citizen of The Dalles, LaVelle Underhill, citizen of Dufur, and Jean Underhill, citizen of Dufur, were present during the discussion. Judge Thompson explained the court will have to advertise for and hold a public hearing before a decision is made regarding consideration of referral of transferring Way of Necessity cases to Circuit Court. The hearing will be held during the next court session. Judge Thompson asked for

background about the issue. Wayne explained the ordinance will affect his family property. There has been a problem in the south end of the county because there are no easements and all of the land is homesteaded. Absentee landowners are buying property and asking for easements that do not exist. This has landlocked property. Some landowners have agreements with other landowners, so some can access land and some cannot. Wayne stated his family owns CRP land, and he has to work with other landowners to access the land because he cannot get to the land to do what is required to enhance the acreage. Jean explained this issue was taken to Circuit Court and began trying the case. On the day of the trial, it was brought up that the Sherman County Court did not turn Way of Necessity cases to the Circuit Court correctly, and the Circuit Court did not have subject matter jurisdiction over the case. Both parties agreed to send the case to Sherman County Court so the court could take the steps to properly turn Way of Necessity cases to the Circuit Court. Will Carey, County Counsel, recommended to Judge Thompson that the court take the steps to turn Way of Necessity cases to the Circuit Court. Judge Thompson stated the county has not been in this situation in recent history, and county officials in the past may not have wanted to turn all cases over to the state. The court agreed to turn Way of Necessity cases to Circuit Court, as County Court is not legally experienced enough to try cases. The proper procedure will be followed to advertise for the public hearing before the ordinance is passed.

3.3 Commissioner Reports

Judge Thompson – Attended a Frontier TeleNet (FTN) meeting; FTN went out for Request for Quote and now has to do a Request for Proposal for the fiber line from Wasco to Rufus, Arlington to Condon, and Condon to Fossil; Fossil to Condon will be above ground; the other two will be underground; FTN is expecting a grant through Regional Solutions but needs to finish the paperwork for it; briefly discussed when fiber will be accessible; met with Dean Dark, Fish and Wildlife Services; the governor's budget eliminated state funding for wildlife services; funding was cut at the state level; attended a Mid-Columbia Housing Authority meeting; Sherman County will be first county to use the attainable housing funds through Mid-Columbia Economic Development District.

Commissioner McCoy – Attended a Northern Oregon Regional Corrections (NORCOR) board meeting; NORCOR will make it through the year – Immigration and Customs Enforcement is paying money to use NORCOR; sounds like NORCOR will receive women prisoners from the State of Oregon; attended a North Central Public Health District meeting; attended the Wasco City Council meeting.

3.4 Wasco Annex Proposal

Commissioner McCoy and Commissioner-Elect Dabulskis attended a Wasco City Council meeting to discuss the Wasco Annex. Commissioner-Elect Dabulskis stated many people only heard part of what was going on. Citizens were focusing on funding building repairs even though the proposal addressed funds set aside for repairs. Commissioner-Elect Dabulskis stated he supports the proposal, and if nobody takes ownership of the Annex, it will become another empty building in the county. The county should not be in the real-estate business. Commissioner-Elect Dabulskis stated the City of Wasco has a vested interest in the building and should own it to take pride of ownership in it. The court briefly explained the background of the county's involvement with the Wasco Annex. The court's Wasco Annex proposal will be an action item on the next court agenda.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

4.1 Minutes of December 7, 2016

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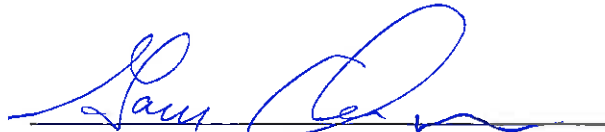
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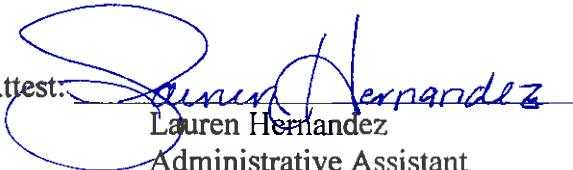
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Abstain: 0

Being no further business before the court, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.


Sherman County Court



Gary Thompson, Judge

Attest: 

Lauren Hernandez
Administrative Assistant



Tom McCoy, Commissioner



Joe Dabulskis, Commissioner