



Court Agenda

June 1, 2016

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Debbie Hayden – Finance Director – Budget Hearing
- 1.2 9:15 a.m. Debbie Hayden – Finance Director – Supplemental Budget Hearing
- ~~1.3 9:30 a.m. Sol Jacobsen – Sheriff's Office – Scott Canyon Road Project~~
- 1.4 10:00 a.m. Rod Asher – Weed District Director – Vehicle Purchase for Weed Department
- 1.5 10:30 a.m. Rob Myers – Frontier Telenet – Fiber Update/Connection to Sherman County Jr/Sr High School
- 1.6 11:00 a.m. Jessica Metta, Brad Baird – Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, Anderson Perry & Associates – Biggs Service District Water Project Update
- 1.7 1:00 p.m. Biggs Service District Administrator – Biggs Service District Budget Hearing
- 1.8 1:30 p.m. Mike Elliot – SAIF – Policy Renewal

Additions to Agenda

- 2.8 Employee Transfer Agreement – Sherman County and Oregon State University/ Extension Office
- 3.4 Sherman County Court Facebook Page

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Rufus and Biggs Service District for the Provision of Administrative Services
- 2.2 Highway Safety Improvement Program Agreement – Scott Canyon Road
- 2.3 Unfunded Mandate Litigation Agreement/Common Interest Privilege Agreement
- 2.4 Intergovernmental Agreement for Regional Early Learning Hub Coordination between Sherman County and Columbia Gorge Education Service District
- 2.5 Order in the Matter of Voiding Returned Resident Compensation Checks
- 2.6 Intergovernmental Services Agreement between Oregon Department of Revenue and Sherman County
- 2.7 Kirby Nagelhout Contract for Construction
- 2.8 Employee Transfer Agreement – Sherman County and Oregon State University/ Extension Office

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Senior Center Computer
- 3.2 Intergovernmental Agreement – Union County and Sherman County
- 3.3 Renaming Sherman County Public/School Library
- 3.4 Commissioner Reports

4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of May 18, 2016
- 4.2 Claims – May 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

June 1, 2016

Opened Court: 9:03 a.m.

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

A quorum was present. No news media was present.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

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Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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Vote: 2-0

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Abstain: 0

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

1.1 9:00 a.m. Debbie Hayden – Finance Director – Budget Hearing

Present: Debbie Hayden

The Court opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Smith opened up the budget hearing and asked for clarification about unappropriated funds. Debbie Hayden, Finance Director, explained unappropriated funds are funds to carry over into the next fiscal year. Most of the funds come from the County General Fund, though some come from the Road Department, Drivers' Education, and Annuity funds. Brief discussion was held about the Senior Center budget. The Senior Center will start off with a zero fund balance, though enough will be transferred to fund them through the next fiscal year. Wages and the cost of food account for most of the Senior Center's expenses.

Debbie explained the budget increased by \$1,400 because the Materials and Services line item increased in the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Intervention Fund. The amount budgeted for North Central Public Health

District is approximately \$102,000. The amount budgeted for Northern Oregon Regional Corrections is \$300,000.

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1.2 9:15 a.m. Debbie Hayden – Finance Director – Supplemental Budget Hearing

Present: Debbie Hayden

The budget hearing remained open. Debbie Hayden, Finance Director, explained the supplemental budget hearing is to put in extra revenue to cover expenditures that happened over the year. The supplemental budget includes extra resources like a grant received for the Wellness Center, which was used to pay for equipment. Drivers' Education had more students than budgeted for, so extra resources were added to cover the extra driving time. The Ambulance Sinking Fund is being closed, so the revenue was moved out to close the fund. Community Transit had a huge increase in revenue this year due to grants received.

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There may be another resolution transferring funds during the next Court session. There may be entities requesting more funds than originally requested during budget time. Brief discussion was held about preschool access in Sherman County. Four River's Learning Hub funding was discussed. Commissioner McCoy noted he would like a clear summary from the hub stating the funds to be distributed by the hub to Sherman County to support the preschools.

1.3 9:30 a.m. ~~Sol Jacobsen – Sheriff's Office – Scott Canyon Road Project~~

1.4 10:00 a.m. Rod Asher – Weed District Director – Vehicle Purchase for Weed Department

Present: Rod Asher

Rod Asher, Weed District Director, explained he was unable to get the information he needed in time for Court regarding pricing of a truck he would like to purchase. The Weed District is having equipment issues. Rod will return to Court when he has received the correct vehicle information.

Four River's Early Learning Hub – Amber DeGrange

Commissioner McCoy explained to Amber DeGrange, Juvenile Director, the Court would like a one-page summary outlining that Columbia Gorge Education Service District (CGESD) makes sure all the legal requirements of the agreement with the state are fulfilled. Amber explained the Intergovernmental Agreement for Regional Early Learning Hub Coordination between Sherman County and Columbia Gorge Education Service District outlines which entity will be responsible for different requirements. Sherman County will support the direction of the Governance Board. The Court would like a summary that clearly shows CGESD will take legal responsibility for the requirements outlined in the state contract. Amber will work on creating a document outlining that Sherman County will distribute funds the way CGESD decides and CGESD will be responsible for seeing that all federal and state outcomes are met. Mobile preschools and the hub budget were briefly discussed.

1.5 10:30 a.m. Rob Myers – Frontier Telenet – Fiber Update/Connection to Sherman County Jr/Sr High School

Present: Rob Myers, Brad Lohrey, Wade McLeod

Commissioner McCoy explained he would like Frontier Telenet to write a letter to Wes Owens, Sherman School District Superintendent, answering questions Owens has asked. Rob Myers, Frontier Telenet, stated the questions had been asked and answered many times, though it would be good to get the answers down in writing.

Commissioner Smith reported the firewall has been ordered and Day Wireless is programming it. The filter has not yet been purchased, as the school district has not yet specified which one they would like. The Court asked if it would be possible for Frontier Telenet to provide the school at least 100 megabits, to provide for spiking, and to provide a monthly statement so the school can understand what its usage is. Rob stated this should not be an issue, but he can't guarantee this until fiber is installed and able to deliver the bandwidth service. Commissioner McCoy would like to receive a letter from Windwave specifying when fiber will be hooked up at the school. He suggested the letter could also state the school will be hooked up to at least 100 megabits of bandwidth at no extra cost to the school. Brief conversation was held about the school district withdrawing from North Central Education Service District (NCESD). Rob stated there was confusion about Frontier Telenet's position on this issue and that Frontier Telenet is impartial to the decision the school makes: the school can stay or the school can withdraw.

Commissioner McCoy suggested drafting answers to Wes, sending the draft to Wes for his approval to make sure his questions are answered, and then sending out a finalized version of the letter. Commissioner McCoy explained Wes is interested in how the e-Rate process will be affected by fiber. Rob replied the e-Rate process is not affected by the medium of delivery but by the provider. The Universal Service Administrative Company monitors the e-Rate process using very rigid rules for funding application.

Rob explained the true cost of delivering bandwidth over fiber is approximately \$838/megabit. Marketing the bandwidth available on the fiber line was brainstormed. Frontier Telenet has a model created for opening up to other Internet Service Providers. Internet Service Providers were discussed. Frontier Telenet sells bandwidth and pays to maintain the wireless system. It is a public purpose specific organization, and an ORS 190, so it does not generate profits but generates sufficient revenues to pay costs. This allows costs to remain low. Frontier Telenet has never had a paid employee and has always operated in a prudent manner. Additional discussion was held regarding marketing fiber after it is installed.

Brad Lohrey, Sheriff, explained he has heard in the community many times that the Court has not been communicating with Wes or answering his questions. He suggested the school board may feel this way too. He

proposed getting Wes' approval to forward the approved letter response to school board members to show the Court is communicating and questions have been answered. The letter should be completed well before June 13th, which is when Wes will make a recommendation to the school board about internet at the school.

1.6 11:00 a.m. Jessica Metta, Brad Baird, Jeff Holliday – Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, Anderson Perry & Associates, Biggs Service District Administrator – Biggs Service District Water Project Update

Present: Jessica Metta, Brad Baird, Jeff Holliday, Georgia Macnab

The Court entered into Biggs Service District Board of Directors.

Brad Baird, Anderson Perry & Associates, explained the water project includes a new reservoir, drill well, well pump, and pipe. Everything can be done in the right-of-way except the reservoir site and access to the site. An agreement with Pat and Lori Beers has been signed for the reservoir/well site.

Brad continues to work with Terry and Teri Sanderson on getting reservoir site access. Terry would like earthwork to modify his access road, which involves moving a mound of dirt and making the land flatter. The Road Department may be able to do the earthwork. The Biggs Service District Board cannot agree to do earthwork until the agreement is signed by the Sandersons. Brad presented the edits the Sandersons requested on the agreement for reservoir and well site access. The Sandersons would like free water service provided to their residence to be available to future residents and not just limited to them. The board agreed, as long as it is specified the water will be limited to a single residence. Brad added to the agreement the board agrees to complete roadway earthwork to re-align the site access road at an estimated cost not to exceed \$15,000. Surveying the road and getting a volume estimate on the earthwork can be paid for out of the survey budget, which has remaining funds.

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Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Brad presented a preliminary pump station and reservoir site plan. With the design nearly finished, the partition process can begin with Pat and Lori Beers. The kind of tank has not yet been decided. The new system will use a sacrificial anodes passive protection system. As soon as the Sandersons sign the access agreement, work can begin.

The next step in the project is to meet with business owners in Biggs to get approval for the project. Oregon Department of Transportation has indicated approval to hang the pipeline on the south side of the bridge. The State Historic Preservation Office has approved putting pipe on the bridge. With these approvals, there is no need to reduce the size of the pipe. It will remain 12 inches and will provide good fire flows to the east side. These approvals also help avoid a creek crossing and the permits required for this.

Previously, the board discussed contributing \$500,000 to the water project. The total design fee for the project was approximately \$150,000. This project could possibly be funded with \$500,000 provided by the county, a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) loan for approximately \$1 million at a 2.75% interest rate over 30 years, and a \$600,000 USDA grant. Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU) were estimated from 2015 sewer

rate information and current billing information. Using the 130 estimated EDUs, approximate water rates could be \$50.

The cost estimate for a system operator is low. Discussion was held about the possibility of working out an arrangement with Rufus or Wasco. Hiring a system operator will cost a significant amount. Jeff Holliday, Biggs Service District Administrator, presented an amendment to operations, maintenance, and management services agreement from CH2M Hill. CH2M Hill has adjusted the annual fee for services using the Cost of Living Adjustment. The fee was increased to \$79,000 per year. Creating a position for Biggs Service District service operator was discussed, as well as contracting with other cities in the county to provide services. Brad explained the water system should be easier to operate and maintain than the sewer system.

Brad explained that on top of the \$500,000 the county has set aside to help fund the water project, each additional \$158,000 should lower water rates by approximately \$5. It was suggested John Zalaznik, North Central Public Health District, attend the meeting with Biggs business owners regarding the water project. It is likely significant upgrades to the existing well will be required if the water project is not approved. The current water system is a public health risk. Brad suggested getting information about how fire insurance rates could lower if a new water system is installed. Once residents approve of the project, Brad will pursue USDA funding.

The next steps to move the project forward include finalizing the Sanderson agreement and excavating a test pit on the reservoir site using county crews. Once the Sanderson agreement is finalized, the access road can be modified. The reservoir site needs to be completed, and the well permit can be submitted once access and the partition are completed. Engineering work will be ongoing. Potential funding and sewer rates were briefly discussed. Sewer rates have not been changed for many years.

The Court exited Biggs Service District Board of Directors.

Jeff gave a brief update about real estate progress in Rufus. The council will be deciding how to handle the Gorge Vista real estate. There is much interest in the lots, though many potential buyers turn away because of the current Codes, Covenants, and Restrictions (CCR).

1.7 1:00 p.m. Biggs Service District Administrator – Biggs Service District Budget Hearing

Present: Mike Elliot

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No public comment was heard.

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Vote: 2-0

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Abstain: 0

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**1.8 1:30 p.m. Mike Elliot – SAIF Corporation – Workers’ Compensation Insurance Policy
Renewal**

Present: Mike Elliot

Mike Elliot, SAIF representative, summarized for the Court the location, addresses, and buildings under the workers’ compensation insurance policy have not changed, and no other type of business is being conducted. The Court informed Mike of the courthouse facilities project. The policy will remain the same unless a new department or classification is added.

The current customer service team for the county has not changed. SAIF remains a nonprofit organization. Mike believes it is likely a dividend will be received this year. In the future, dividends may be based on loss ratios for a particular year. Dividends are not automatic. Sherman County is serviced out of the SAIF regional office, and the Senior Safety Management Consultant is based out of The Dalles.

Sherman County has an outstanding performance history with the exception of 2013. Paid losses in 2013 were approximately \$27,380. Once 2013 cycles out of the Modification Factor (MOD) rating, it will lower the MOD. The MOD is responsive to losses in current years, which makes it more difficult to achieve lower MODs. Mike presented a list of claims and explained the data is used to look for patterns. The few claims SAIF has processed from the county are spread out well. Mike explained SAIF audits 100% of the medical bills it receives, saving Sherman County 23% since 2011, which equates to approximately \$9,000 in savings. The service to the injured worker remains the same, but fees and costs are kept down. Sherman County is using the Employer-at-Injury Program. Mike showed a record of dividends received in the past. Since 2007, the county has received over \$105,000 in dividends.

The State of Oregon did not have an increase in Pure Premium Rates this year. Mike presented a Workers’ Compensation Pure Premium Rate history and presented rate and premium comparisons. This year, based on the premium rate, Sherman County saves 3.31% in total premiums and assessment. Terrorism and Disaster Premiums are used to insure an insurance company has funds to draw from in the case of a catastrophic event or major unexpected liability. The money stays at the insurance company and does not go to the state. This premium is added to the premium base and is part of the money SAIF returns dividends on. Reserve amounts were discussed.

To continue with the workers' compensation policy, the pre-pay Premiums and Assessments total is \$44,578, which is down from last year. Mike emphasized the county is doing a great job. Driver training was briefly discussed. Mike asked about road projects and suggested resources the county could use on large jobs regarding prevailing wage.

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Commissioner McCoy noted the Intergovernmental Agreement details Sherman County hiring Christa Rude for hub coordination services. Sherman County will act as the fiscal agent for Four Rivers Early Learning Hub, but the Court would like to see a financial agreement summary detailing the financial responsibilities of Columbia Gorge Education Service District.

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Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items:

3.1 Senior Center Computer

The Senior Center computer is old and needs to be replaced. There may be a computer rotation or a spare computer to provide to the center. Lauren will inquire about the process to replace the computer.

3.2 Intergovernmental Agreement – Union County and Sherman County

This topic will be discussed next Court session when Judge Thompson is present.

3.3 Renaming Sherman County Public/School Library

Commissioner McCoy suggested the possibility of looking into renaming Sherman County Public/School Library after Dale Coles. Commissioner McCoy explained Dale contributed hugely to education in Sherman County and was a positive influence in the community and in the school. If the Court supports this, the idea will be run by the school board and library board.

Consensus: The Court came to the consensus to support renaming the Sherman County Public/School Library the Dale Coles Sherman County Public/School Library.

3.4 Sherman County Court Facebook Page

The Court is interested in exploring the possibility of creating a Sherman County Court Facebook page. This social media platform may be a good forum to talk about successes and promote county activity. The page would be an administrative page. Lauren will explore this.

Consensus: The Court came to the consensus to look in to creating a Facebook page for Sherman County Court.

3.5 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Smith – Met with Rob Myers to discuss fiber and school connection issues; attended the Mid-Columbia Center for Living (MCCFL) Budget Hearing; discussed new building being built for MCCFL; talking about 3rd floor options; Wasco County is running a community development block grant; Wasco County Commissioner Hege has been asked to be the building construction manager of the project, but he sits on the board, which is a conflict of interest; an exemption for this request was presented to the MCCFL board; Commissioner Smith and Hood River County Commissioner Joplin disagreed with the request; a new Human Resources employee has been hired at MCCFL; the MCCFL budget looks good; cooked at the pancake feed at Wasco; met with Bryan Brandenburg from Northern Oregon Regional Corrections (NORCOR) about mental health issues and how they are being treated; briefly discussed mental health issues in NORCOR; attended Mid-Columbia Council of Governments budget and board meeting; no Mid-Columbia Community Action Council meeting; met with Windwave about timelines for fiber; they are currently outside of Moro; working on negotiating fiber phases to Rufus and Grass Valley; attended Legislative Days and met with Greg Smith about having workers from the state live in more rural areas; working on possibility through Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. for group insurance to work through co-ops for group insurance instead of single insurance; plans to attend ambulance meeting to negotiate a solution regarding payment for EMT classes offered; working on request for businesses in Biggs who requested internet.

Commissioner McCoy – Attended Northern Oregon Regional Corrections (NORCOR) budget and board meeting; approved the budget but it is likely not viable; \$300,000 of revenue listed in the budget that probably won't be collected; no money included for raising pay of union members; arbitration will likely face 7% increase; Hood River and Wasco County will not agree to increase their county subsidies; Commissioner McCoy asked Debbie Hayden, Finance Director, to leave \$50,000 in reserve for Sherman County because it is likely the county will have to supplement the NORCOR budget sometime in the future; met with Wes Owens, Sherman School District Superintendent, about internet; attended Columbia Gorge Community Action Council meeting; attended Mid-Columbia Council of Governments budget and board meeting; attended Four Rivers Early Learning Hub meeting in Hood River.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

4.1 Minutes of May 18, 2016

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of May 18, 2016, as corrected.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: 1

Lauren will check with County Counsel about approving the minutes with an 'abstain' vote. This action may need to be added to the next Court session for approval.

4.2 Claims – May 2016

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to accept the Claims for May, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy

No: 0

Sherman County Court



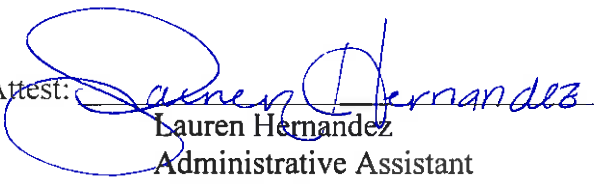
Gary Thompson, Judge



Mike Smith, Commissioner



Tom McCoy, Commissioner

Attest: 
Lauren Hernandez
Administrative Assistant