



Court Agenda

June 15, 2016

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Jim Winterbottom – The Dalles Disposal – Fee Rate Changes
- 1.2 10:30 a.m. Ron McDermid – Justice of the Peace – Courthouse Fiber Optic Cutover

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- 3.13 Employee Transfer Agreement – Sherman County and Oregon State University/ Extension Office

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- 2.2 Appointment – Senior Center Advisory Board Appointment: Dan Aldrich
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- 3.3 Waste Management Disposal Services Rate Adjustment
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4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of May 18, 2016

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4.3 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – May 2016
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5.0 Future Agenda Items:

***If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with:*

<i>ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations</i>	<i>ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights</i>
<i>ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property</i>	<i>ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel</i>



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

MINUTES

June 15, 2016

Opened Court: 9:02 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

3.13 Employee Transfer Agreement – Sherman County and Oregon State University/Extension Office

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve a .76% increase in The Dalles Disposal fees to be effective July 1, 2016.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to appoint Dan Aldrich to the Senior Center Advisory Board for a term of three years to expire December 31, 2019.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to authorize the formation of a Starvation Lane Access Group and appoint Commissioner Smith as the Court representative in the group.

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve writing a letter in support of the Gorge Training Facility single turbine project to be located on the China Hollow Site near the John Day Substation in Sherman County and authorize Judge Thompson to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to enter into Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to approve the minutes of May 18th, 2016, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: Smith

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of June 1st, 2016, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: Thompson

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Summary for the month of May 2016.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

1.1 9:00 a.m. Jim Winterbottom – The Dalles Disposal – Fee Rate Changes

Present: Jim Winterbottom

Jim Winterbottom, The Dalles Disposal, explained The Dalles Disposal reports to the County Court about rates annually. This year, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has added a component to the fees. State Senate Bill 245 and 263 went into effect April 1, 2016, increasing landfill tip fees 58¢ per ton. This year's Consumer Price Index (CPI) is .85%. The Dalles Disposal poses rates at 90% of the CPI. They aim to remain sensitive to rate payers while continuing to provide premium service for the value. The Dalles Disposal is proposing rates increase by .76%. The DEQ impact on rates will only impact weight-based services. Services like renting and delivering containers will not include the DEQ fees.

Commissioner Smith clarified that in the franchise agreement, The Dalles Disposal has the right to request a 1.5-2% raise in fees each year, though it asks for significantly less than that. Jim explained The Dalles Disposal tries to pay a living wage, and lower fuel prices have helped keep operation costs low. The cost of tires and parts is on the rise. If granted a .76% increase, the fee for a residential 90 gallon cart will increase 33¢ per month, including the DEQ component. Weekly-serviced residential smaller carts or cans will increase 16¢ per month. Weekly dumpster pick-up fees will increase 64¢ per month.

Commissioner Smith reported that a few months ago, local recycling bins were replaced. The bins were replaced with the incorrect type of bins. This error was reported and fixed within a week. The responsiveness of The Dalles Disposal is impressive and appreciated.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve a .76% increase in The Dalles Disposal fees to be effective July 1, 2016.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Brief discussion was held about the need for dumpsters for the demolition of the property next to the courthouse, as well as asbestos removal protocol.

1.2 10:30 a.m. Ron McDermid – Justice of the Peace – Courthouse Fiber Optic Cutover

Present: Ron McDermid

Ron McDermid, Justice of the Peace, met with Windwave to discuss the fiber cutover. Fiber should be ready to connect in July. Many entities need to be involved in the cut over, including Windwave, Frontier Telenet, Day Wireless, the Oregon Judicial Department, Microsphere, Sherman County, and North Central Public Health District (NCESD). The Oregon Judicial Department will receive the required amount of bandwidth. The router will deal with the routing itself, but the Fiber Optic Modem connecting to the router should be addressed by Frontier Telenet, Day Wireless, and Microsphere. Bandwidth available to employees of Sherman County will drastically improve. Ron reported NCESD's role in the process is being established. The hook up to fiber will happen inside the server room. Employee configurations inside the building will not need to change.

Ron stated any router or firewall needs to be able to handle at least one gigabyte of information. If current equipment cannot handle this amount of data, it is possible other equipment will need to be purchased in the future. Commissioner Smith stated it would be a disappointment if the equipment installed five years ago could not handle one gigabyte of data, though it is possible this is true. This will be looked in to with enough time to make corrections if necessary.

Discussion was held about Digital Subscriber Lines (DSL). CenturyLink DSL lines in the courthouse provide backup for phone service. Currently, there is no internet backup to the courthouse. The wireless microwave

system will be used as a backup once fiber is connected and will need to be maintained. Currently, the county pays \$800 per month for technology infrastructure and support.

After Ron met with Windwave, the consensus was to place a vault outside below the jury room window and to bring the connection discretely up the wall to get inside the server room. When the new building is constructed, it will be connected to the vault.

Ron confirmed the Court would like failover capacity for fiber connection and that there may be expenses due to hardware. If any hardware is purchased, it will be justified to the Court. The fund from which to take equipment purchases will be determined in the near future.

Ron provided a brief Courthouse Facilities Project update. The water tank was tested for capacity. The mechanical engineering study on the cupola has been completed and is being assimilated. Discussion is still ongoing about the layout of the new Weed Department building and if it will be a pole building or steel building. The project team is working well together, and the project is currently in the middle of the Design Development phase. DeGrange Construction is demolishing the trailer on the newly purchased property next to the courthouse for a cost of \$9,800. This property will be used as a lay-down yard for construction. The lot will need to be filled and leveled. Options for fill material were brainstormed.

2.0 Action Items:

2.1 Early Childhood Program Funding Requests

Employee Transfer Agreement – Sherman County and Oregon State University/Extension Office

Debbie Hayden, Finance Director, was present. Judge Thompson reported Will Carey, County Counsel, recommended the county not sign any document related to the Employee Transfer Agreement for Cindy Brown between Sherman County and Oregon State University Extension Service without his approval. Debbie reported that Brian Tuck, Oregon State University Extension Service, met with Will to discuss the issues with the agreement. One issue is sick pay. Sherman County does not pay out sick pay when employees leave. The other issue is that according to the wording in the agreement, Sherman County is responsible for Cindy's unfunded liability through PERS when she leaves the county. The wording suggests Sherman County will be responsible for the unfunded liability even though Cindy will be an employee of Oregon State University (OSU). Debbie reported that Brian is taking Sherman County's objections to the agreement back to OSU.

Commissioner McCoy asked to clarify the sick leave objection. Debbie explained Cindy has accumulated sick leave hours. Sherman County's policy is to not pay out sick leave when an employee leaves county employment. The county does pay out vacation time. If Cindy's sick leave is paid out, it is possible the county will have to offer this option to other employees, including paying sick leave retroactively to employees who have already left county employment. This is a liability to the county. Sherman County is not a member of Oregon State University's union, and it is not required to comply with its regulations. Debbie added the new sick leave act in Oregon specifically states employers do not have to pay out sick leave upon termination of employment. If the agreement changes to include vacation time instead of sick leave, the vacation time will be paid upon Cindy's termination per county policy. Debbie clarified the term 'termination' does not refer to an employee who has been fired but refers to an employee leaving county employment.

Commissioner Smith agreed the county should hold firm and not sign the agreement until County Counsel has approved. Debbie explained the agreement outlined the county would pay the hourly wage for sick leave, and, in addition, pay the cost of benefits. The sick leave statute outlines the transferring employer, Sherman County, is only responsible for paying the hourly wage multiplied by the amount of hours. Sick leave is not included in the statute. If OSU will agree to switch vacation pay with sick pay, Sherman County is subject to pay the hours

of vacation time multiplied by the rate of pay and nothing associated with benefits. The Court will wait for direction from County Counsel before moving forward with the agreement.

Early Childhood Program Funding Requests/Four Rivers Early Learning Hub Summary

The preschools are requesting an increase in funding. Last year, \$80,000 was budgeted for Early Childhood Program funding, and \$20,000 was allocated to each early childhood program. In the past, the Court agreed to allocate \$40,000 to the merged preschool, Sherman County Preschool, instead of cutting funding to \$20,000 just because two programs have merged into one. Commissioner Smith explained he was approached by a constituent who feels Sherman County Preschool no longer serves them because of the drive time it will take to get to Moro. ABC Huskies is planning the possibility of preschool services, which is why their funding request amount raised from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Some hold the opinion that by merging the preschools, the money is also doubling, as one program will receive the funding amount of two past programs. Discussion was held about the staffing of Sherman County Preschool. Nothing has been officially received about the structure of the new preschool.

Commissioner McCoy expressed the county does not have the obligation to fund a new preschool in Wasco just because the preschools merged and are moving to Moro. This would discourage the idea of the consolidation in Moro. The merge allows for better integration into kindergarten and offers many other advantages. He suggested the issue that needs to be solved is the transportation of the kids. Commissioner Smith added that in the request for funding from Sherman County Preschool, it was mentioned a meeting is to be held in July to discuss issues such as transportation.

The Court discussed the need for more information about the programs before authorizing funding. The structure of Sherman County Preschool is unknown. The Court noted the funding that has historically been in place, \$80,000, is still available, but further discussion needs to be had about increasing that amount per the requests received. The Court emphasized it is not cutting funding to Sherman County Preschool, though it needs to understand what the costs of the merged preschool really are. The structure of Sherman County Preschool was briefly discussed.

Commissioner McCoy stated he is interested in adding a new SIP to provide support for families who can't afford to send their children to preschool, as studies show preschool is one of the most beneficial experiences of early childhood. Four Rivers Early Learning Hub has a grant specifically to support kindergarten readiness, but it is unclear how those funds will be used. The Court is interested in understanding the Hub's role in supporting and funding Sherman County's early childhood programs.

The Sherman County Preschool requested funding amount has not changed. ABC Huskies is planning the possibility of offering preschool and has requested an extra \$10,000. Little Wheats has roofing issues and has also requested an extra \$10,000. Commissioner McCoy suggested organizing a meeting with the early childhood programs to gather more information about their funding requests as well as meeting with the hub to clarify the funding available to Sherman County. Judge Thompson clarified early childhood program funding is for the education of students, not for maintenance of facilities. Debbie explained county funding was put in place because the programs could get money for facilities, capital projects, and maintenance, but not for providing services. The county helps fund the payment of employees who provide early education services.

The county budgeted \$80,000 for early education program funding. Debbie cautioned the Court should be careful in making decisions about funding before the Hub has finished their own funding, as the county should not supplant and subsidize programs the Hub may fund. Debbie mentioned the request for funding from a private daycare provider the Court received in the past and asked why it was ruled out. Commissioner Smith explained the county was already funding two other daycares covering different regions in the county and was

not looking to expand into private enterprise. Commissioner McCoy suggested there needs to be more specific criteria for approving or denying funding requests. A policy for this will be developed.

After meeting with the early learning programs and the Hub, if the Court supports increasing early childhood program funding, the Budget Committee will be consulted. Commissioner would like a statement from the Hub affirming it will take care of all of the requirements laid out in the contract with the state. Sherman County is the fiscal agent to the Hub, but Columbia Gorge Education Service District (CGESD) should take responsibility for meeting contract requirements. The contract in place with CGESD states CGESD will provide coordination and operational oversight of activities, though the Court would like more clarity.

Judge Thompson stated the Hub should be funding the preschools. What Sherman County contributes to early education programs, other counties do not, and Sherman County is getting into supplanting. Debbie suggested finding out from the Hub what the kindergarten readiness program means to Sherman County. This would give a better understanding of what kind of funding is lacking.

Transportation is an issue that needs to be addressed. The county has been paying for the preschools to bus kids to the Sherman Public/School Library. This was originally funded by a grant, and after grant funds were depleted, the funding came from the education fund. Now that the preschools are in Moro, this may no longer need to be provided. This is a program that could be funded by the Hub to utilize the investment the county made in the children's seats. Transportation options were briefly discussed, including van options, bussing options, and Oregon Department of Transportation funding.

The Court agreed to send letters to the early childhood programs stating the Court is in support of giving the same amount of funding given last year, but that more needs to be understood about the funding requests before any official action is taken and money is allocated.

Intergovernmental Agreement between Union County and Sherman County

Judge Thompson was approached about the possibility of entering into an agreement with Union County for the purpose of loaning funds. The Court decided not to enter into the agreement.

Fiber

Debbie explained money was allocated for specific fiber-related projects, including \$1.4 million to Frontier Telenet for the project and \$1.3 million next fiscal year to bring fiber to Rufus and Grass Valley. \$52,000 has been paid above these amounts for projects like the Wasco Annex fiber equipment and labor, as well as connection to Gordon Ridge. Commissioner McCoy clarified the extra costs were for the fiber link and air fiber installed at Wasco. In the budget for next fiscal year, \$90,000 was budgeted to extend fiber to Gordon Ridge. This connection is no longer necessary because air fiber was installed, so the \$52,000 can come out of what was set aside for Gordon Ridge.

2.2 Appointment – Senior Center Advisory Board Appointment: Dan Aldrich

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to appoint Dan Aldrich to the Senior Center Advisory Board for a term of three years to expire December 31, 2019.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 Starvation Lane Access Group

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to authorize the formation of a Starvation Lane Access Group and appoint Commissioner Smith as the Court representative in the group.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

~~2.4 — Competitive Victims of Crime Act Grant Statement/Compliance Forms~~

2.5 Resolution to Approve the Transfer of Funds

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the resolution In the Matter of the County Court Approving the Transfer Of Funds Within the County General, Community Transit, Ambulance, Prevention, CAMI, Court Security, DA-V/WAP, General Road, County Fair, Tri-County Community Corrections, Wellness Center, Senior Center, and SIP Additional Fees Fund.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.6 Letter of Support – Gorge Training Facility

The Court discussed pursuing the manufacturing of the Gorge Training Facility turbine project in Rufus instead of locating it at Shetler Flat. The project features precast foundation technology used to hold up the structure instead of using a concrete base. A railroad site is available in Biggs and may be available in Rufus depending on the condition. Rufus may be able to use the industrial site for this project. Pre-engineered, precast material can be manufactured anywhere, and there are sites available in Rufus. For now, only one wind turbine may be placed in Sherman County, but, in the future, this could possibly lead to the construction of a facility in Rufus. Before investing in the project, the Court would like to see a prospectus to better understand the benefits. Discussion was held about the possible placement of an Operations and Maintenance building. The project could be placed approximately four miles away from the industrial site in Rufus, and fiber will likely run right by the potential project site.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve writing a letter in support of the Gorge Training Facility single turbine project to be located on the China Hollow Site near the John Day Substation in Sherman County and authorize Judge Thompson to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The Court clarified the letter of support is in favor of supporting the project, it is not an approval to invest in the project. The Court will investigate the possibility of investing in this project.

3.0 Discussion Items:

3.1 Fiber Project Update: Phase Two

Phase two of the fiber project is from Wasco to Rufus. Crews are still working in front of the courthouse and are preparing to blow fiber in. A letter was written from Windwave stating fiber to the school is expected to be completed by July 31, 2016. Windwave could potentially start service to the school at that time, if needed, although Windwave would prefer to finish phase one first, including getting to Erskine, starting service to Mid Columbia Producers and the county extension, and more. The fiber crosses Highway 97. Hooking up MCP requires crossing the highway from a vault. Windwave is drilling beneath the road with no destruction or demolition. From there, fiber will continue to Erskine. Windwave projects the project will be finished in August. The County will run fiber by the school.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to enter into Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (h) Legal Rights

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Executive Session closed at 10:27 a.m.

The cost and route for phase two need to be determined. Phase two consists of getting fiber from Wasco to Rufus. Phase three could be getting fiber from Erskine to Grass Valley. To get to Rufus, the original plan was to go down Scott Canyon, but now it is likely fiber will be routed down China Hollow to the industrial park. The possible Gorge Training Facility turbine project will be close to the substation, and fiber will run past the site. A fiber loop will need to be planned, as fiber would end at the industrial site. This has already been planned for financially. It is possible to install an aerial loop from Rufus to Biggs.

Brief discussion was held about who will pay the \$42,000 for the operation of the fiber. Part of the fee can be paid for by disconnecting Digital Subscriber Lines (DSL). DSL lines can be considered for a back-up, but with a wireless microwave connection and fiber as the main provider, no other connections are needed.

3.2 Supervision of Fireworks Displays under ORS 480.140(2) – Designated Individual

The Court reviewed the letter sent by Mark Johnston from the Office of State Fire Marshal. Judge Thompson explained according to the State of Oregon, permits are needed for fireworks displays. The permits for such displays must run through and be approved by County Court. Last year no permits were filed. The City of Rufus runs a fireworks display each year. Currently, no permit or fee structure exists for this in Sherman County, and the Court would like to better understand its responsibilities as far as monitoring this. The statute specifies it is for displays “held outside the boundaries of any municipality or fire protection district.” North Sherman Fire Department attends Rufus’ fireworks displays with a fire truck. There are no areas in Sherman County outside a municipality or fire protection district, which means the statute does not apply in Sherman County. Judge Thompson will verify this with Shawn Payne, Emergency Services.

3.3 Waste Management Disposal Services Rate Adjustment

The Court reviewed the annual price adjustment for Sherman County by Waste Management Disposal Services of Oregon, Inc. Department of Environmental Quality fees have increased 58¢, effective July 1, 2016. This is reflected in the total disposal tipping fee, which has increased to \$23.49 per ton.

3.4 Unfunded Mandate Update

The Court reviewed the Initial Letter to Counsel and the Complaint for the unfunded mandate litigation. Sherman County has joined Linn County in the litigation. Nine other counties are listed in the Complaint.

3.5 Wasco City Council Meeting Invitation – Wasco Annex Plans

The Court reviewed the letter from the City of Wasco inviting the Court to attend an upcoming Wasco City Council meeting to discuss future plans for the Wasco Annex. Commissioner McCoy offered to talk about the meeting with Cassie Strege, Wasco City Clerk. The Court has no official plans for the annex, though ideas and options are being explored. Depending on the cost of options being explored, the Court may decide to change course. The Court would like to approach Wasco City Council if a plan to remodel the newer gym to reduce operation cost is reached and ask them to provide the janitorial and maintenance services for the remodeled building. If no option can be decided on, the county will continue to pay to operate the building until the end of SIP funding, at which time funding for the annex would end. The hope is the newer gym can become a community center in Wasco, and the Court would like the City of Wasco to have involvement in it. Discussion was held about what to do with the older building. The operation cost of the older building cannot be reduced drastically enough to be sustainable in the long term. The county cannot continue to run both buildings. The Court understands if plans for remodeling the newer building are approved, the Court needs to show why the better option is to renovate the newer building and abandon the older building instead of investing in the older building. Future SIP funding was briefly discussed. The Court does not yet have enough information and is not yet ready to meet about future plans for the Wasco Annex.

3.6 Possible Funding Options for Fair Building Project

The Court reviewed possible funding options for the fair building project submitted by Jessica Metta, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District. None of the grants are for substantial amounts. The Fair Board does not yet have an idea of what the actual costs of the project are. Newly constructed fair facilities and fair grounds in Umatilla County were discussed.

3.7 Thank You Card – ABC Huskies

The Court reviewed a thank you letter from ABS Huskies Child Care for the use of the county's tables and chairs during the Memorial Weekend County Breakfast fundraiser.

3.8 Intergovernmental Agreement between Union County and Sherman County

This was discussed earlier under 2.1 Early Childhood Program Funding Requests.

3.9 Four Rivers Early Learning Hub Summary

This was discussed earlier under 2.1 Early Childhood Program Funding Requests.

3.10 Sherman County Citizen Reporter Rates

Postage rates have risen. The new rates, effective April 2016, doubled the cost it takes to mail the Sherman County Citizen Reporter. The Reporter is published quarterly. Although rates have risen, the Court feels the Reporter is a valuable service and plans to continue to fund it.

3.11 Removal of Mobile Home on County Property

This was discussed earlier under 1.2 Courthouse Fiber Optic Cutover.

3.12 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Smith – Attended Association of Oregon Counties conference in Pendleton; attended North Central Public Health Board meeting to complete budget process, which went smoothly; funds from the Coordinated Care Organization made it possible to revitalize the clinic; board chose to continue to meet as executive board during off months, and the full board will meet every quarter to discuss more about community members and not just business; chose not to redo the board structure but to change how the board meets; attended Courthouse Facilities Project open house; attended Community Action Council (CAC) meeting; Commissioner Smith will no longer be the local CAC coordinator, as the new person hired at public health will be the coordinator; attended Starvation Lane special session; the Court briefly discussed the Starvation Lane take-out special session; met with the head of Rural Technology Group to discuss the switchover to air fiber; fiber project is going well; plans to speak in Gilliam County about Sherman County successes with fiber; working on insurance issues through Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization; attended ambulance meeting to discuss a billing issue between South Sherman Fire & Rescue and Sherman County Ambulance; will attend Senator Merkley's town hall on Friday; discussed emergency fuel security plan with Emergency Services Director.

Judge Thompson – Attended the National Association of Counties Western Interstate Region Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming; took tour of vertical hydroponic greenhouse; attended training on election cyber-attacks; listened to the Governor of Wyoming speak; will attend Senator Merkley's town hall on Friday; the Court briefly discussed issues to bring up at the town hall; the Court briefly discussed the Production Tax Credit; Sudden Oak Death could affect Oregon's international agriculture trade; the Court discussed the possibility of having a sister county inside the Cascadia Subduction Zone; Sherman County would lend available Emergency Services and Road Department personnel in the event of an emergency; the Court looked favorably on this idea as long as Sherman County remains protected in the event of an emergency.

Commissioner McCoy - Attended Community Action Council meeting; attended Courthouse Facilities Project open house; participated in Oregon Youth Conservation Corps interviews; participated in extensive discussion with Wes Owens, Sherman School District Superintendent, about internet access; attended Community Renewable Energy Association meeting; attended the Association of Oregon Counties conference in Pendleton.

3.13 Employee Transfer Agreement – Sherman County and Oregon State University/Extension Office

This was discussed earlier under 2.1 Early Childhood Program Funding Requests.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

4.1 Minutes of May 18, 2016

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to approve the minutes of May 18th, 2016, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: Smith

4.2 Minutes of June 1, 2016

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve the minutes of June 1st, 2016, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy

No: 0

Abstain: Thompson

4.3 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – May 2016

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Summary for the month of May 2016.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0


Abstain: 0

Commissioner Smith asked about the progress of the County Court's Facebook page. It has not yet been started, but will be created soon. The page will promote the workings of the commissioners and of County Court, as well as promote county-wide activities.


4.4 — ~~Treasurer's Report~~ — ~~May 2016~~

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Sherman County Court



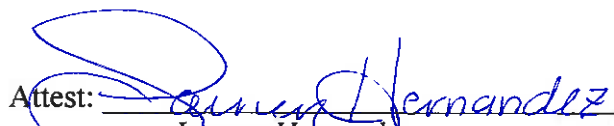
Gary Thompson, Judge



Mike Smith, Commissioner



Tom McCoy, Commissioner

Attest: 

Lauren Hernandez
Administrative Assistant