



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

**MINUTES**

**July 5, 2017**

**Court Opened: 9:03 a.m.**

Present: Judge Gary Thompson, Commissioner Tom McCoy, Commissioner Joe Dabulskis, Temporary Administrative Assistant Carmen Frost

A quorum was present.

**1.0 Appointment Schedule:**

**1.1 9:00 a.m. Brian Tuck, Oregon State Extension Services - Quarterly Report**

Present: Brian Tuck

Brian Tuck, Oregon State Extension Services, reported that he is representing Cindy Brown, and presented the Oregon State (OSU) Extension Services quarterly report to the Court, providing an update for both his efforts with supporting the dryland crops and Cindy Brown's 4-H programs. He attended the 4H camp in June; Cindy did a marvelous job. Brian has been busy providing basic crop support to those who have questions or concerns, attending Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) monthly meetings for both counties, Mid-Columbia Producers (MCP) marketing club meetings, and making sure the Extension Services is being well represented. They are waiting to fill Sandy's position until the state has made a decision with regard to funding. There's a possibility that the \$9.4 million request to maintain current services for the three statewide services budget could be cut by almost half. Brian will keep the Court posted as he is informed of the decision.

OSU Extension Services has also been busy with crop tours for both Wasco and Sherman counties; the Noel Williams Soil Health workshop and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) workshop. Working closely with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) SWCD extension in both counties to keep Agriculture supported—they have an all-day pH workshop coming up November 16 in The Dalles at the Shilo Inn. They are also planning a climate workshop to talk about climate change in the area and the long-term prognosis of shifting weather patterns. Brian would also like to do a Core training.

Lastly, Brian reported that he has put together an electronic notification email list (Wheat Notification List) to announce workshops, programs, etc., to help keep everyone informed of upcoming events, since the newsletter is only bi-monthly. He passed around a sign-up sheet to the Court for anyone that wanted to be added to the list.

## **1.2 9:15 a.m. Bryan Hunt, Tri-County Veterans Services Officer - Quarterly Report**

Present: Bryan Hunt

Bryan presented the Tri-County Veterans Services quarterly report to the Court. Bryan reported there have been a total of 21 interviews: 19 in-office, 2 out of office; one new claim filed and no recoveries for Sherman County.

For Tri-Counties (Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler) there have been 69 total interviews: 61 in-office, 8 out of office; four new claims filed: three have been granted, no claims denied, and no claims re-opened; two 10-10 EZ medical applications; two referrals; and recoveries totaling \$35,565.42.

Bryan continued his report with Outreach/Enhancement/Expansion. He has been delivering coffee cups, stress balls, flyers, etc. Additionally, he attended a regional training in Burns, and recently attended national training in San Diego. He felt that the training was vendor-heavy as opposed to being focused on actual training. He will try one more time by attending training in Reno next year, but if they continue to only teach 2 or 3 things, he will probably not continue, as it is not worth spending the money to attend.

Lastly, Bryan presented expenses in a table format for the past quarter. He reported that he is underspending due to the low count of veterans in the tri-county area—approximately 700 in all three counties.

## ~~1.3 10:30 a.m. Isaak McLemore - Global Leadership Summit Presentation~~

## **1.4 11:00 a.m. Brad Baird, Anderson Perry & Assoc. - Biggs Service District, Update for Funding**

Present: Brad Baird

Brad Baird, Anderson Perry & Associates, presented a report to the Court with discussion items for the Biggs Service District's Water System Improvement Project. The USDA application and environmental report are under review with the USDA. Questions are occurring which is an indication that the application is being processed. The USDA is also reviewing the EJCDC engineering agreement and Brad is awaiting review comments.

Well Permit and Partition for Reservoir Site – The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) is processing the well permit. Questions are being asked which shows processing is underway. This will establish the well permit which will allow drilling to occur.

The partition is almost finished. They surveyed the access road route, and are laying out the route so it can be shown as the legal access for the reservoir and well site. Brad anticipates submittal of the partition plan for county surveyor review this month.

Revision of Funding Application, Budget Sheets, Other Forms – USDA requested a revised application and other items based on the additional project budget items discussed previously, specifically the USDA application and environmental report, interim financing, bonding attorney, and archaeological evaluation.

Archaeological Evaluation Results – Their registered professional archaeologist reviewed the reservoir site and access road. Nothing significant was found. They also completed shovel test probes on the excavation side of the reservoir site and a few on the access road. Again, nothing was found. The results will be written up in a brief summary report and submitted to the District and the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) for concurrence. They anticipate having no cultural resource issues, which will help to keep costs down for this project item.

Additional Discussion Items, USDA Requirements – The bonding authority and bonding attorney schedule is moving forward. The bonding attorney is Carol McCoog from Hawkins, Delafield, & Wood, LLP. The funding request is for \$1,672,900. Assuming no grant is received, a full bonding amount would be the safest way to proceed, but some grant is anticipated. A mandatory connection ordinance is required by USDA. Lastly, USDA typically requires an update to the water use of current businesses. This will require contacting each well owner, which he will do.

Brad also provided to the Court, a summary of Biggs Service District annual usage.

**2.0 Action Items:**

**2.1 Invoice – SSFR Income Survey**

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve invoice from Portland State University Survey Research Lab for South Sherman Fire & Rescue District Income Survey in the amount of \$5,401.50, to be paid from the \$150,000 in funds provided by Sherman County, and authorize Judge Thompson to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**2.2 IGA between Wasco Co. and Sherman Co. for G.I.S Services**

**Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve Intergovernmental Agreement between Wasco County and Sherman County for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**2.3 Senior Center Meals Contract for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018**

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve Meals Contract for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 between Mid-Columbia Council of Governments (MCCOG/AAA) and Sherman County, and authorize Judge Thompson to sign.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

### **3.0 Discussion Items:**

#### **3.1 Brad Lohrey, Sheriff - Quarterly Report**

The Court reviewed and accepted the report.

#### **3.2 Taylor Olsen, Prevention Coordinator - Quarterly Report**

The Court reviewed and accepted the report.

#### **3.3 Demo Derby Finale Pot Sponsorship, Sherman County Fair**

Because the County provides substantial funding to the fair, the Court decided to not contribute additional funding for the Demolition Derby Finale Pot Sponsorship.

#### **3.4 Thank You Letter, Deschutes County Board of County Commissioners**

The Court reviewed the letter.

#### **3.5 Commissioner Reports**

Judge Thompson – Attended Mid-Columbia Housing annual meeting in White Salmon; attended LPSCC meeting (Sherman County Courthouse); CREA (Community Renewable Energy Assoc.) conference call; Frontier Telenet meeting (ethics matter resolved of past chairperson not filling out correct paperwork); while investigating brownfield incident at Biggs, discovered people living on property owned by Sherman County that are not paying rent (will either evict or start charging rent); property on Scott Canyon (7.3 acres) will either be purchased by or donated to Community Counseling Solutions; working on acquiring \$800,000 from the state for fiber that we have never received.

Commissioner Tom McCoy – Attended ARTAC meeting for the CCO in The Dalles; attended Center for Living meeting; attended MCCOG meeting (discussion of the possibility of MCCOG dissolving); attended HUB meeting at the library; attended Biggs Service District meeting. Commissioner McCoy requested that Mike Smith provide a Frontier Telenet update to the Court (Carmen will schedule Mike for an upcoming County Court meeting).

Commissioner Joe Dabulskis – Attended the County Court website redesign meeting to decide which companies to interview; attended two Biggs Water District sessions; attended both bid openings for the sale of the Grass Valley School District (Aurora Gardens won the bid); attended the Regional 911 (Burns-Paiute Indian Tribe added); attended the Tri-County Community Corrections meeting (Tina Potter stepped up as director, Kim Hulke's hours were increased, and budget was approved).

**4.0 Consent Agenda:**

**4.1 Minutes of June 7, 2017**

**Motion by Commissioner Dabulskis, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the minutes of June 7, 2017, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

**4.2 Minutes of June 19, 2017, Special Session**

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve the minutes of June 19, 2017, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson**

**No: 0**

**Abstain: 0**

~~**4.3 Minutes of June 21, 2017**~~

**4.4 Claims – June 2017**

**Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Dabulskis, to approve the claims of June 2017, as presented.**

**Vote: 3-0**

**Yes: Dabulskis, McCoy, Thompson**

**No: 0**

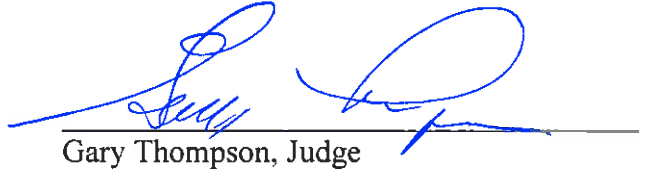
**Abstain: 0**

**5.0 Future Agenda Items:**

No future agenda items presented.

Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

**Sherman County Court**

  
Gary Thompson, Judge

Attest:   
Carmen Frost  
Temporary Administrative Assistant

  
Tom McCoy, Commissioner

  
Joe Dabulskis, Commissioner