



Court Agenda

September 21, 2016

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1** 9:00 a.m. Rod Asher – Weed District Director – Deschutes River Project Request to Spend Savings/DeMoss Park Tree Trimming Quotes
- 1.2** 9:30 a.m. Mark Coles – Road Master – Quarterly Report
- 1.3** 10:00 a.m. Shawn Payne – Emergency Services Director – Ambulance Service Area Planning Committee Appointments
- 1.4** 10:30 a.m. Katie Paul – Sherman County Community Outreach – Moral Reconation Therapy/Wasco Annex Rental Agreement
- 1.5** 11:00 a.m. Shandie Johnson – Prevention Coordinator – Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Update/Prevention Program Discussion

Additions to Agenda:

- 2.5 Biggs Service District – United States Department of Agriculture Funding Application and Environmental Report
- 3.6 Student Funding Request
- 3.7 Wasco Annex Article
- 3.8 Fiber Update

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Elevator Contract Renewal Offer – Otis Elevator Company
- 2.2 Community Development Block Grant Funding Request – Income Survey
- 2.3 Letter of Resignation – Shandie Johnson
- 2.4 Memorandum of Understanding between Oregon Affordable Housing Assistance Corporation and Sherman County
- 2.5 Biggs Service District – United States Department of Agriculture Funding Application and Environmental Report

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Philippi Park Grant Funding
- 3.2 Thank You Letter – Wasco School Centennial Celebration Committee

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

MINUTES

September 21, 2016

Opened Court: 9:04 a.m.

Present: Judge Gary Thompson, Commissioner Mike Smith, 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, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

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Vote: 2-0

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No: 0
Abstain: 0

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

1.1 9:00 a.m. Rod Asher – Weed District Director – Deschutes River Project Request to Spend Savings/DeMoss Park Tree Trimming Quotes

Present: Rod Asher, Mark Coles

Rod Asher, Weed District Director, explained when the Lower Deschutes River Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Coordinator position was created, it was budgeted for using the highest possible expense estimations, including family plan insurance and immediate PERS eligibility. Savings were generated after the CWMA employee chose a health care plan and PERS eligibility was determined. The savings difference between budgeted and actual costs is \$19,148. Rod requested using the savings to purchase additional equipment for the Lower Deschutes Project, including a Polaris Ranger, a 14' trailer, a 50 gallon sprayer, and a storage basket. Rod feels purchasing additional equipment is a good investment in the program.

The total cost of hiring the current CWMA Coordinator is approximately \$64,000 per year, including health care and other expenses, not just salary. The current monthly salary for the coordinator is \$3,584. Funding for the position comes from various sources: \$35,000 from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, \$10,000 from Wasco County Soil and Water Control District (WCSWCD), \$10,000 from Sherman County Soil and Water Control District, and \$9,253 from County General funds.

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Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The Lower Deschutes Project was offered an additional \$10,000 that was not budgeted for. The funds are Google dollars as part of their in-lieu-of-tax money handled by the City of The Dalles/Wasco County and funneled through the Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District. This money is in addition to the \$10,000 the WCSWCD committed towards the project. The funds must be spent by November 15, 2016. Rod requested receiving the additional funds and using them on a desktop computer, mapping software, supplies, and herbicides. Some funding for the computer and software may be taken from the county's technology fund. The county has a computer rotation, and it is possible the Weed Department computer may be replaced using this system. Rod will look into the rotation and the possibility of adding onto the license for mapping software already in use at the assessor's office. Discussion was held about connecting fiber to the new Weed Department facility, and options for how to best do this will be explored.

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Abstain: 0

Rod informed the Court the Weed Department is in the market for another surplus pickup and will most likely be looking to purchase another vehicle next budget year.

Three quotes were obtained for hazardous tree limb removal and tree maintenance at DeMoss Park. The bids significantly differ, though they cover the same services. Luciano Tree and Maintenance Service quoted \$500 per tree. Twenty-seven trees have significant damage, and Rod is mostly concerned with the trees by the front parking lot and around the pavilion. Luciano's quoted \$13,500 total. Columbia Tree Service quoted per day and estimated the work could be completed in three days for \$10,500 total. Trees Company LLC quoted \$12,500 total. All three companies will chip branches, cut tree limbs into firewood, stack firewood, and distribute wood chips. Rod explained at one time, all of the trees in the park were topped, and now there is excessive weight at the top of the trees from the regrowth after the topping. The park should undergo regular tree maintenance. The qualifications of each service were discussed. Rod stated there are no plans to remove any of the trees, though if it becomes necessary for safety reasons, he will be notified before a decision is made. Rod reported the tree-damaged gazebo has been removed, and he is obtaining bids for replacing it.

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Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.2 9:30 a.m. Mark Coles – Road Master – Quarterly Report

Present: Mark Coles

Mark Coles, Road Master, presented a quarterly report. He submitted pricing estimates to include in the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) grant submitted for Starvation Lane, and he plans to attend the meeting for the FLAP grant. The Road Department cut washboards pre-harvest and is waiting for rain before starting fall grading. Road maintenance was discussed, and Mark stated the roads are faring well in the dry weather. Chip seals have been finished, and the Road Department is preparing for next year's chip seal projects. Hot mix patching was used in various places this year. Wasco County's Road Department painted center stripes on the fog seals south of the exit into Wasco, in Scott Canyon, and near Fairview. Sherman County typically does not use fog seal. It is used on pavement and chip seals to bind the top layer to the bottom. The seal seeps into the pores of the asphalt and seals the elements together, extending the life of the chip seal 5-7 years. In Sherman County, chip seal sticks better because there is less traffic, providing for more adhesion. Last month, Wasco County painted some more, and not including fog seals, used approximately 750 gallons of centerline paint. The Road Department completed some work at the high school. Some shoulders needed to be fixed. The crosswalk sign was upgraded and the school zone sign was moved back so cars slow down before they approach the school building. Brief discussion was held about Windwave. Mark has had visits from property owners about the right-of-way of various roads as fiber is installed. Any damage done by Windwave should be fixed by them, and Mark will contact them as necessary. This year has been a big year for spraying weeds. The Road Department has been servicing and repairing equipment. The gravel lot next to the courthouse is complete.

Mark reported the Road Department will be understaffed this fall and winter due to an employee taking medical leave. Another employee will retire in February 2017, and Mark requested approval to start the hiring process in December. Discussion was held about requiring a Certified Driver's License (CDL) upon application. The language in the advertisement may be changed to reflect a candidate must be able to obtain a Class A CDL with tank endorsements within a specified limit of time after hiring if they don't already possess it. This may broaden the applicant pool.

Mark met with Department of Environmental Quality to obtain a general contamination discharge permit for the crusher.

The Road Department is looking to purchase a DustBoss dust control fan unit. Other alternatives have been tried to control the dust, but when the wind blows, they do not work well. Smaller units cost \$21,900 plus \$1,800 for shipping. Bigger units cost \$28,500. The freight remains the same per unit. Two units will help keep the dust down and will better protect employees.

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Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.3 10:00 a.m. Shawn Payne – Emergency Services Director – Ambulance Service Area Planning Committee Appointments

Present: Shawn Payne

Shawn Payne, Emergency Services Director, explained members of the Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Plan Advisory Committee needed to be appointed. The ASA Plan was revised in 2015 and the committee was reduced to six members. This was approved by the Sherman County Court and by Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Commissioner Smith asked what the original process was for reducing the committee. Shawn replied she, as Emergency Services Director, researched how other similar agencies were structured, worked on the plan, brought the changes to the Court, and then then the changes went to OHA. The Advisory Committee did not gather as a committee to make the changes. The Court suggested the original committee meet to discuss and approve the changes so everyone has input and buy in. Shawn will organize a meeting to facilitate this. A portion of the ASA Plan will need to be rewritten if the structure of the Advisory Committee is changed.

Shawn reported Sherman County Ambulance Board of Directors met and approved splitting the bill for the Emergency Medical Technician classes with South Sherman Fire & Rescue.

1.4 10:30 a.m. Katie Paul – Sherman County Community Outreach – Moral Reconciliation Therapy/Wasco Annex Rental Agreement

Present: Ron Webber, Katie Paul, John Folliard

Katie Paul, Sherman County Community Outreach, reported a contract has been developed with Ron Webber, Independent Consultant, to offer Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) to offenders in Sherman County. The Local Public Safety Coordinating Council agreed to offer MRT with Justice Reinvestment Grant funds. John Folliard, Tri-County Community Corrections, stated he is in support of offering MRT and Ron is very professional at what he does. The Wasco Annex will be compatible with the space needs of the MRT program, and will be offered once a week. Ron stated he has been providing MRT services for Wasco County for approximately eight years.

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Community Outreach to expire June 30, 2017, and authorize Judge Thompson to sign pending approval by County Counsel.

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

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Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

1.5 11:00 a.m. Shandie Johnson – Prevention Coordinator – Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Update/Prevention Program Discussion

Present: Shandie Johnson, Darian Davis, Julie McAllister, Amber DeGrange

Shandie Johnson, Prevention Coordinator, and Darian Davis, Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) Crew Member, gave a report about OYCC activities and successes. Shandie presented pictures of some of the activities OYCC crew members did over the summer. Darian reported his favorite OYCC activity was working at the fire hall. He also enjoyed working at the grade school moving boxes and working at the fairgrounds. His least favorite activity was shoveling. The OYCC crew worked well as a team, though sometimes they would spread out and tackle different tasks to make sure everything was complete. Working as a team helped build conflict resolution skills. Shandie stated Darian had a great attitude, worked hard, and managed to find positives in every situation. The team had some obstacles they had to maneuver around, but they were successful. Although the team and supervisor were young, Shandie was impressed with how well the team worked together, overcame issues, and finished what they needed to do. The crew members qualify for credits towards work related experience. Shandie has the paperwork for this and will send it to parents to notify them of it. Darian suggested in the future the OYCC crew members be given a more comprehensive task list, as the team worked efficiently and quickly and sometimes finished all tasks before the end of the work day.

The final draft of the OYCC report will be submitted to the state. The report outlines the demographics of the crew, tasks accomplished, skills learned, and comments about the program. Shandie stated in the future, the program will try to hire a crew leader with more experience. This year's crew leader did an excellent job with a young crew, but having a leader with more work experience and manual labor background would be beneficial. The program purchased boots and a storage rack that can be reused each year. With grant funds next year, she suggests purchasing shovels, rakes, a wheelbarrow, and other equipment for the crew to bring to job sites. A new cooler was purchased along with water and Gatorade. Overall, the program was under budget compared to the original budget. The total cost of the program was \$29,056.74. The county match total was \$16,965.79. Transportation was a challenge this year, and Shandie suggest it be addressed before the program begins next year.

Shandie explained the Prevention Program is in a state of flux. There are positives and negatives to having the Prevention Coordinator position be part-time. Part-time allows for more funding to be directed towards programs like Swim Bus, Missoula Children's Theater, Project Alert, The Pack, and more. Part time is a challenge because attending trainings and finding time to obtain the Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS)

certification was difficult. Mid-Columbia Center for Living would like the coordinator to focus on building the Prevention Team Coalition, but this was difficult due to part-time time constraints.

If the Prevention Coordinator position was increased to $\frac{3}{4}$ time, it would allow for more time to be devoted to the coalition, trainings, and directing the program. This would lower the amount of funds being allocated towards prevention programs. The coalition brainstormed the county might add additional funds for programs to offset the cost. Hiring for a part-time position increases the risk of losing the employee in the future to a full-time position elsewhere.

Commissioner Smith explained the dollars for prevention were assigned to mental health but have been moved to public health, though the responsibility to do the work is still the responsibility of mental health. He suggested it might be more efficient to use Prevention Program funding to contract for a coordinator through public health or another entity. This would be beneficial regarding paperwork, state reporting, and certifications. The employee should be based in Sherman County to have the biggest impact, and direct services through programs should still be provided. The programs already implemented have been successful due to directly interacting with youth. Shandie would like the next coordinator to build on this foundation, and if the position moves out of Sherman County, she does not want the connection to the community to be lost. Contracting with an outside agency may allow for the leveraging of resources to complete tasks that are difficult to have one part-time coordinator do. Shandie offered to come in on Mondays when the position is filled to help with the transition. Shandie will look into starting some programs during the transition phase for the next employee to take over when the position is filled.

The Court discussed state level AD 70's funds and the function and funding of North Central Public Health District as related to the Prevention Coordinator position.

The Court discussed where the funding could come from if the Prevention Coordinator position was expanded to $\frac{3}{4}$ or full time. The salary and medical insurance benefits of a $\frac{3}{4}$ or full time employee were discussed. In 2016, \$35,000 was allocated for direct service programs. After certification, it is unsure if the coordinator position would be able to fill a full-time work week.

The Court will look into opportunities to contract with an outside agency to provide Prevention Program coordination before advertising for the coordinator position.

2.0 Action Items:

2.1 Elevator Contract Renewal Offer – Otis Elevator Company

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Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.2 Community Development Block Grant Funding Request – Income Survey

Commissioner Smith spoke with Jessica Metta, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, about Sherman County paying for the income survey needed by South Sherman Fire & Rescue District. A high percentage of respondents is needed for the survey. Commissioner Smith asked what it would cost to survey the entire county

so information can be shared with other agencies for grant opportunities. The quote Jessica received about the cost to survey the entire county is \$8,369.38 with an 80% response rate for South Sherman and a lower response rate for the remainder of the county. An 80% response rate is needed for the entire county to make the data usable. The quote to survey South Sherman is \$5401.50. The funds to cover this can come from the economic development budget line item.

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Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.3 Letter of Resignation – Shandie Johnson

The Court reviewed the letter of resignation submitted by Shandie Johnson, Prevention Coordinator.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Judge Thompson, to approve a letter of resignation from Shandie Johnson, Prevention Coordinator, to be effective September 30, 2016.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.4 Memorandum of Understanding between Oregon Affordable Housing Assistance Corporation and Sherman County

Judge Thompson reported he discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Oregon Affordable Housing Assistance Corporation and Sherman County with legal counsel, and counsel was hesitant. The MOU will not hurt the county, but counsel does not want to give citizens the opportunity to skip out on paying taxes. A home would have to be in foreclosure by the time the benefit of the MOU takes effect. Only one or two people in the entire county would qualify for the program. Commissioner Smith explained when a citizen falls behind on taxes, fines and interest rates are high and the county has no influence over them. Helping one or two people is worthwhile. Funds for the program come from federal dollars, and the program does not cost Sherman County anything. The county can also opt out within thirty days if it wishes.

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Vote: 2-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

2.5 Biggs Service District USDA Application/Environmental Report

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second Judge Thompson, to enter into Biggs Service District Board of Directors.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The Court entered into Biggs Service District Board of Directors. Lauren Hernandez, Administrative Assistant, spoke with Jessica Metta, Mid-Columbia Economic Development District, about the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding application. Jessica reported neither she nor Jeff Holliday, Biggs Service District Administrator, have experience completing this kind of grant application. Jessica recommended hiring Anderson Perry & Associates to complete the grant application because they have the experience necessary to do it correctly. Anderson Perry & Associates estimated the USDA application would cost approximately \$10,000 and the USDA Environmental Report required costs approximately \$15,000, for a total of \$25,000. Debbie Hayden, Finance Director, explained the funds for this are available in the Biggs Service District line item in the budget, as the Budget Committee allocated \$1,000,000 for this. The funds will be paid out as they are spent.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Judge Thompson, to hire Anderson Perry & Associates to write the United States Department of Agriculture grant application for \$10,000 and perform the United States Department of Agriculture Environmental Report for \$15,000 for a total of \$25,000.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Judge Thompson, to exit out of Biggs Service District Board of Directors.

Vote: 2-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

3.0 Discussion Items:

3.1 Philippi Park Grant Funding

The bill allowing parks to keep their own funding may not pass. The Opal Foundation has been supporting Philippi Park. The county may be approached to provide some kind of funding for the park. The park benefits Sherman County. The funding would provide maintenance and upgrades. Funds could come from the Economic Development line item if they are requested and approved. This will be added to the Tri-County Court agenda for discussion.

3.2 Thank You Letter – Wasco School Centennial Celebration Committee

The Court reviewed the thank you letter from Wasco School Centennial Celebration Committee for allowing access to the building and providing information.

3.3 Eastern Oregon Counties Association Invoice/Membership

Typically, the county pays \$2,500 each year in Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) membership fees. This year, EOCA sent the regular invoice and an invoice for \$745 for debt retirement. The Court was favorable to paying the same amount for membership as was paid last year.

3.4 Unfunded Mandate Litigation – Notice of Depositions

Each county involved in the Unfunded Mandate Litigation will need to select a person for deposition who is able to knowledgeably testify about sick-leave related topics. Judge Thompson will ask Debbie Hayden, Finance Director, to work with Commissioner McCoy to prepare him to provide the deposition.

3.5 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Smith – Set up a teleconference for the Cottonwood tower placement for Cottonwood Park – met with employees from the State of Oregon, Rob Meyers from Frontier TeleNet, Sheriff Lohrey, Tom Peterson from State Parks, and Day Wireless; there will be a 60 foot tower, an enclosure, and a generator available; pushing forward to get this up and running; this will allow better radio coverage, plus internet and phone service for the park; attended a Frontier TeleNet meeting; Grass Valley fiber run update, will be doing an update at city hall for the city; North Central Public Health District Board meeting; attended a Northern Oregon Regional Corrections Board bond meeting in Commissioner McCoy's place; met with a member from South Sherman Ambulance to discuss ways the county can work together.

Judge Thompson – Community Renewable Energy Association meeting in Prineville; attended the Jefferson County Courthouse dedication; attended Association of Oregon Counties legislative meetings; attended the Regional Economic Summit in Cascade Locks; attended a Frontier TeleNet meeting; met with Washington State legislators in Goldendale about pumped storage; a corporation is interested in financing the project; Sherman County is one of three counties in Oregon that has never used the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) rural rental housing loans or grants for building multi-family dwellings; both grant and low-interest loans are available through USDA; the Court revisited the idea of contracting with an agency for the Prevention Coordinator position; the position must be based out of Sherman County to be effective; housing needs were briefly discussed.

Commissioner McCoy – Not present for update

3.6 Student Funding Request

Judge Thompson received a funding request from a student with the opportunity to attend a leadership event in Washington D.C. A few years ago, the Court contributed money to another pair of students working towards a similar goal. Judge Thompson will meet with the student to discuss the specifics of his request. Judge Thompson suggested next budget year setting up a fund for this type of student assistance. The funds could be specifically geared towards helping fund student activities related to civics education and development. Discussion was held about the possibility that the student could request a Sherman Development League Grant. It was also suggested the Court could match the funds raised by the student up to a specified amount.

3.7 Wasco Annex Article

Discussion was held about the information to include in the Wasco Annex article to be published in the October Citizen Reporter. Commissioner Smith requested including the offer made to the City of Wasco to take ownership of the Annex and to mention that the Court is still favorable to this idea. There is much misunderstanding and misleading information about the Court's intentions for the Wasco Annex. The Court brainstormed possible scenarios to allow the City of Wasco to participate in the ownership of the Annex, including the idea that the Court could do some repairs and maintenance to the building before handing it over.

Commissioner Smith is in discussion with Representative Smith about the possibility of state employees using the Wasco Annex.

3.8 Fiber Update

The first phase of fiber is finished and the fiber will be lit up in early October. Commissioner Smith will attend the October 3 Grass Valley City Council meeting to discuss the fiber maps and next steps.

A fiber company contacted the courthouse about stringing fiber overhead and also stringing fiber into the City of Moro so they could have a franchise agreement. Commissioner Smith suggested that, whichever fiber company provides service, they be strongly encouraged or even required to use the county's existing fiber. Not doing so would encourage overbuilding and would be wasteful.

Commissioner Smith is working on ways to share the county's ten-gigabits of fiber with businesses and homes that will assist them in a meaningful way. Brief discussion was held about Internet service providers.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

4.1 Minutes of September 7, 2016

Under Commissioner Reports, Philippi Park should be changed to Giles French in Commissioner Smith's report.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Judge Thompson, to approve the minutes of September 7, 2016, as corrected.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – August 2016

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Judge Thompson, to approve the Revenue/Expenditure Summary for the month of August 2016, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

4.3 Treasurer's Report – August 2016

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Judge Thompson, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2016, as presented.

Vote: 2-0

Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: 0

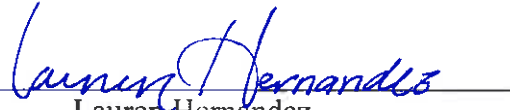
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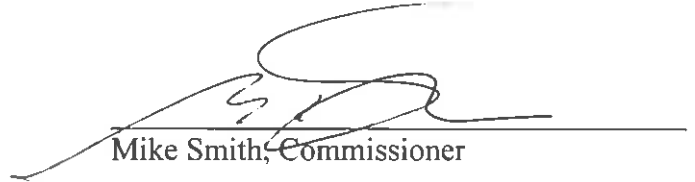
Being no further business before the Court, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Sherman County Court



Gary Thompson, Judge

Attest: 
Lauren Hernandez
Administrative Assistant



Mike Smith, Commissioner

Tom McCoy, Commissioner