



Court Agenda

April 1, 2015

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1** 9:00 a.m. Shawn Payne – Emergency Services – Quarterly Report; Ambulance Purchase
- 1.2** 9:30 a.m. Mayor Pehlke, Jaclyn McCurdy – City of Rufus – Industrial Park Update
- 1.3** 10:00 a.m. Mary Lou Martin – Public/School Library Director – Quarterly Report
- 1.4** 10:30 a.m. Amber DeGrange, Brad Lohrey – Prevention Position Plans; Quarterly Reports
- 1.5** 11:30 a.m. Jessica Metta – Economic Development – Quarterly Report
- 1.6** 1:00 p.m. Compensation Board – Rod Asher: Weed Department; Quarterly Report
- 1.7** 1:30 p.m. Bryan Hunt – Tri-County Veterans Service Officer – Quarterly Report
- 1.8** 2:00 p.m. Cindy Brown – 4-H Coordinator – Wellness Program & Farmers Market Updates
- 1.9** 2:30 p.m. Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (j) Acquisitions

Additions to Agenda:

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Pump Storage Funding Proposal
- 2.2 Toilet Purchase for Fairgrounds
- 2.3 Closing Documents for Scott Canyon Property Purchase
- 2.4 Sheriff's Real Property Sale Fees – Updated
- 2.5 Proclamation – Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- 2.6 Proclamation – National Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month
- 2.7 Proclamation – National Crime Victims' Rights Week
- 2.8 Columbia Gorge Community College Scholarship Fund
- 2.9 Biggs Service District: Budget Calendar; Budget Committee Members

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Foreclosed Property in Grass Valley – Next Steps
- 3.2 2014 Opportunity to Recycle Program – DEQ Approval
- 3.3 Preschool/Day Care Transportation Funds
- 3.4 Thank You Letter – Little Wheats, Inc.
- 3.5 Biggs Junction – ODOT Truck Parking Solicitation of Interest (SOI) Update
- 3.6 RV Park Budget - Proposed
- 3.7 Courthouse Grounds - Update
- 3.8 Commissioner Reports

4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of March 18, 2015
- 4.2 Treasurer's Report – February
- 4.3 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – February
- 4.4 Claims – March

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

April 1, 2015

Present: Judge Gary Thompson, Mike Smith, Commissioner, Tom McCoy, Commissioner, Rita Wilson, Deputy Clerk.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to proceed with placing an order for a new ambulance through Professional Sales & Services, L. C. in the amount of \$225,755.00 and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the minutes of March 18, 2015, and the Treasurer's Report for the month of February as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the claims for March.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

1.0 APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

Additions to the Agenda:

- 1.4 Justice Reinvestment Summit**
- 3.9 Wasco Annex Lease**
- 3.10 Renewable Energy Consultant**

Judge Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. A quorum was present. No news media were present.

1.1 Shawn Payne – Emergency Services – Quarterly Report

Shawn told the Court that this is her 16th anniversary as Sherman County Emergency Services Director. She said that she had received an SDL grant for an EMT class planned for the fall. She is planning to advertise for the class, concentrating on getting recruits from the Moro area.

Attended an Interagency Fire, EMS and 911 User Board meeting last night in Condon that includes Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Jefferson Counties. Discussed mutual aid agreement with BLM. BLM can start charging landowners for their services after fire fighting for 24 hours on private property if the fire was human caused. Last year a Gilliam County land owner was charged over a million dollars by BLM for a human caused fire on his property. Shawn asked if local agencies can do the same if they help fight fire on BLM land. Judge Thompson said yes. There are several issues that need cleared up before BLM finalizes its new plan. Shawn would like to be on the Tri County Court meeting agenda to discuss this and requested that BLM be present.

Shawn presented information from Professional Sales & Services, about the new ambulance they plan to purchase since both Medic 1 and Medic 2 have over 90,000 miles on them. A committee was formed to determine what kind of vehicle would best serve the needs of the ambulance crew. A Dodge Ram 5500 4x4 four door crew cab was decided on. The new vehicle will have a load assist feature to pull the gurney into the ambulance, thus lowering the risk of back and shoulder injuries to the crew, and possibly enabling them to go to a two person crew. There will be money in the Ambulance Reserve Fund and Ambulance Sinking Fund to cover the \$225,755.00 for the new ambulance which will be delivered approximately 240 days after receipt of order. Commissioner Smith said that it is impressive that they have been able to save the money to buy this vehicle outright and not come the County Court asking for funds.

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Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Ron McDermid updated the Court on the stairwell project. He said that the project is at a 2-3 week standstill. The architect would like to see materials that match the existing woodwork. He found a place that will mill the material to serve this need. It will result in a change order and Bustos and Sherman County will probably split the cost. Ron said that the idea of replicating the balusters was abandoned because of the many different lines involved in the project. He showed the Court a picture of what has been chosen.

1.2 Mayor Pehlke, Jaclyn McCurdy – City of Rufus – Industrial Park Update

Jaclyn and Mayor Pehlke came to the Court to talk about the Rufus Industrial Park. The development cost for lots 6 & 7 was \$299,500.00 and lots 1 & 2 is \$293,500.00. A crane company has expressed a little bit of interest in lots 1 & 2 and The City of Rufus is trying to get additional money to develop these lots while the blaster is here. There are seven sellable lots of all different sizes; the realtor came up with a price of \$1.39 sq. foot (lot 6 \$196,000.00). Undeveloped lots .93/sq foot. Lots 6 & 7 are under contract and drilling started drilling. Many scenarios were discussed. Jaclyn will get additional information to the Court.

1.3 Mary Lou Martin – Public/School Library Director – Quarterly Report

Mary Lou Martin and Lowell Smith presented the Court with library statistics, the 2015-16 proposed budget and many photos of the past year's events. Mary Lou said that it has been a great year; e-book (Library to Go) readership has increased greatly, adult circulation and total circulation have gone up. The Children's Programs attendance has increased. They have two Facebook pages. They offer technical assistance with Facebook, the Internet, genealogy; usually people who don't have a computer at home, so they need the most basic help. On the school side of the library she attended the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) competition in The Dalles with SHJS students; hopes to get this program going at the elementary level. The library has a 3D printer that was obtained through a grant written by a SJSHS student. Jeanney McArthur is retiring and her position will be divided between Abby Phelps and Melissa Smith.

1.4 Amber DeGrange, Brad Lohrey – Prevention Position Plans: Quarterly Reports

Also present was Julie McAllister, Debbie Hayden and John Folliard.

Amber presented the Court with a thank you card from the Sherman preschool students.

Brad and Amber came to talk about prevention. Debbie Jones will be present at the April 15th Court meeting to present her quarterly report. Amber said that Debbie is still working on

updating the Prevention plan. Amber wants to know what the county's goal for prevention in Sherman County is. It is her understanding that although we originally contracted with Wasco County, we eventually wanted to bring the position back to Sherman County; she and Brad would prefer to have a local person. The Prevention Coordinator had been a .8 FTE and there is not enough funding to support this now. Youth Investment programs such as Missoula Children's Theatre, Project Alert, Intramurals, the PACK and the A & D Free Graduation party, Pocket Full of Feelings, etc. are now funded with Prevention dollars. Debbie Jones has not yet submitted an invoice for her services, but when Amber last talked to her Debbie thought it would be around \$5,000.00 to date. She has been to Sherman County three times.

The person who becomes Prevention Coordinator must be in the process of being Prevention Certified which takes 150 education hours and 2000 supervised experience hours. It is a two year process to become certified so you need a truly dedicated person who would commit to two years. They would monitor and oversee programs, and report on the deliverables and would be able to provide direct services. A .5 FTE it would cost about \$40,000.00; gross \$23,684.00. Amber said that there is about a \$15,000.00 cushion that would help cover paying Debbie Jones to get a new person trained and office start-up costs.

Sheriff Lohrey added that he gets recidivism money that he was using toward NORCOR beds which he can no longer do. He would like to use it toward adult prevention; targeted case management for high risk offenders. Julie McAllister and Katie Paul are going to the Justice Reinvestment Summit next week to learn what this money can be spent on. His thought is that one person could cover both positions, but the adult part would be a contracted position, not tied into the Prevention position. This will be discussed further once more is known about the conditions of the Reinvestment grant.

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Brad gave his quarterly report. He said that the County's jail rate has increased since the funding formula changed. Marine will start next month.

Amber said that the Youth Development Council Grant (YDC) application time is coming up and she wants to know if the Court wants her to apply for it. She would probably ask for about \$20,000 that could be used toward the OYCC summer program. The consensus of the Court was to support Amber's efforts. Amber has about the same level of dependency cases and one juvenile case recently. NORCOR budgeting on the Juvenile side is taking quite a bit of her time.

Judge Thompson asked Amber if she will be ready to step into the HUB position when the time comes. She said that it she would be the appropriate person to take on the task, given her knowledge of the history of the project. The TOOLS Program was discussed.

1.5 Jessica Metta – Economic Development – Quarterly Report

The Downtown Designs project was discussed. Jessica had just finished a walking tour with citizens of Moro and felt it went well. The editorial in the Sherman County E-News was discussed. Commissioner McCoy asked who would pay for the improvements that are being planned. Jessica said that she can look for grants, but there may not be many out there that would apply to these kinds of improvements. Commissioner McCoy said he feels that the business owner should pick up a share of the cost then the city and county might consider chipping in certain amount. There needs to be buy-in from the land owner and the city. The cities are already receiving \$100,000.00 from the county and could put some of this money aside to go toward curb appeal. Jessica will continue to work with the cities on this project. The idea of a business incubator was briefly discussed.

Reviewed Jessica's quarterly written report. A workshop is planned in Condon in May for the JDRT Taste of Old Oregon to be held at Cottonwood Park. They are looking for vendors for this event. MCEDD got requests from Gilliam and Wheeler Counties to join.

1.6 Compensation Board – Rod Asher – Weed Department – Quarterly Report

Open as Compensation Board: 1PM – Debbie Hayden also present.

The group discussed Rod's letter requesting a raise. Commissioner McCoy asked how changing classifications would affect others in the same classification. Debbie Hayden pointed out that when Rod was hired he was a one person department. He now oversees as many as seven employees, which has changed his job description considerably and would justify a classification change to .75 due to certification and supervising duties.

Out of Compensation Board meeting

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Vote: 3-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Debbie recommended that Rod upgrade his job description.

Rod's reported that the for hire crew is working for MCP, ODOT around gravel pits, working on wind farm roads and county properties. The Deschutes crew started March 30. Received \$40,000.00 from the State Weed Board. BLM doubled their input to \$10,000.00. The new roadside spray equipment has been installed; he did an area that took him 58 hours last year in 44 hours this year with the new equipment. Tom Macnab has mowed the fairgrounds twice. Rod asked about the cost of a trailer similar to the one the county bought for their chairs and tables. He is considering one for grounds equipment to be kept in.

Will Carey arrived at 1:30 pm.

1.7 Bryan Hunt – Tri County Veterans Service Officer – Quarterly Report

Reviewed Bryan's written quarterly report. Total recoveries for Sherman County were \$2,296.68, and \$238,421.02 for the three counties. One recovery in Gilliam County was over \$200,000.00 as the result of an appeal. The appeal process was discussed. He has been doing a lot of outreach in Wheeler County.

1.8 Cindy Brown – 4-H Coordinator – Wellness Program & Farmers Market

Cindy Brown gave an update on the Farmers Market came reporting that it is unlikely that Gorge Grown Food Network will no longer fund the mobile market. The numbers have continued to decline since there was less local vendor participation. Cindy was asked by the Gorge Grown Board to ask if the County would possibly put some money toward the market. She realizes that it is very hard to get a farmers market going in a small community and that our demographics do not support a farmer's market in Sherman County on a long term basis.

Cindy thanked the Court for her job. She loves being able to serve Sherman County in Nutrition, Youth Development, 4-H, Fair, Gardening, Food Preservation, After School Programs. She received word that OSU will fund the additional \$6,000.00 to cover the Nutrition and Health Education work. She will have access to more training and curriculum to be able to do more health and nutrition related work. Cindy reported that the Step It Up Sherman program has been a great success, with 70 people signed up. She asked the Court if it is interested in continuing and/or expanding wellness programs. Commissioner Smith said that the EOCCO could possibly assist with funding for wellness programs. She provided information on the Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP).

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2.0 ACTION ITEMS

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No action taken

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Vote: 3-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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2.9 Biggs Service District: Budget Calendar; Budget Committee Members

Meeting as Biggs Service District Board

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Vote: 3-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Biggs Service District Committee Members for 2015-2016 as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Out of Biggs Service District Board meeting.

3.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Foreclosed Property in Grass Valley – Next Steps

The Court reviewed information about the property. Several people have indicated an interest in the property. It was decided to offer the property "as is", with the successful buyer signing a disclaimer knowing that the property is "as is" and needs to be cleaned up within a specific time period.

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Vote: 3-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

3.2 2014 Opportunity to Recycle Program – DEQ Approval

Reviewed letter from Oregon DEQ acknowledging approval of Sherman Wasteshed 2014 Opportunity to Recycle Program.

3.3 Preschool/Day Care Transportation Funds

Melva told the Court that the motion for these funds was for transportation to the library, not field trips. Commissioner Smith said that when Sherman County was providing transportation the preschools went on one field trip. The possibility of both preschools "sharing" a field trip, or having field trips within the county was discussed. Since no numbers were in the proposal, more information is needed to make an informed decision. Melva will contact Brenda Massie at North Sherman Preschool to get some accurate figures.

3.4 Thank You Letter – Little Wheats, Inc

Reviewed thank you.

3.5 Biggs Junction –ODOT Truck Parking Solicitation of Interest (SOI) Update

Reviewed two SOI's received for the potential ODOT truck parking project at Biggs Junction. This needs to be reviewed by ODOT's legal counsel. If approved this would be beneficial in the plight of getting a water system in the Biggs area. There may be some state funding for capital improvement.

3.6 RV Park Budget – Proposed

The budget presented was not balanced and was sent back to the Georgia to be resubmitted.

3.7 Courthouse Grounds – Update

Melva told the Court that FLI will be here within the next couple of weeks to do the spring clean-up of the courthouse grounds.

3.8 Commissioner Reports

None

3.9 Wasco Annex Lease

Martin Willie gave notice that he will be vacating the space he rents at the Wasco Annex in 30 days.

3.10 Renewable Energy Consultant

CGBREZ is planning to hire a Dave Vanderhoff to work with opening the California market.

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Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes of March 18, 2015

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2015.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

4.2 Claims – March

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the claims for March

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

THERE BEING NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE, COURT WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:30 pm.

ATTEST: Rita Wilson
Rita Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Gary Thompson
Gary Thompson, Sherman County Judge

Mike Smith
Mike Smith, Sherman County Commissioner

Tom McCoy
Tom McCoy, Sherman County Commissioner