



Court Agenda

May 6, 2015

9:00 a.m.

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1** 9:00 a.m. Ron McDermid – Justice Court – Stairwell Project Update
- 1.2** 10:30 a.m. Karen Joplin – Commissioner, Hood River County – System Mapping Initiative for NORCOR
- 1.3** 11:30 a.m. Rod Asher – Grounds Maintenance – Equipment Purchase
- 1.4** 1:30 p.m. Jaclyn McCurdy – Administrator – Biggs Service District Budget Committee

Additions to Agenda:

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Intergovernmental Agreement between Mid-Columbia Economic Development District and Sherman County to Hire a Communications and Government Affairs Consultant to Promote Mid-Columbia Renewable Energy in the California Market
- 2.2 2015 Oregon Welcome Center Brochure Program
- 2.3 ODOT Public Transit Division Agency Periodic Report for 2013-2015 Biennium Quarter 7
- 2.4 Appointments – Special Transportation Advisory Committee: Mary Adams, Henry Brown
- 2.5 Estimate to Remove Trees at Senior Center – Trees Company, LLC
- 2.6 Intergovernmental Agreement between Oregon Department of Transportation and Sherman County Re: US97 Moro-Madras Project
- 2.7 The Dalles Disposal Rate Increase Request
- 2.8 Intergovernmental Agreement between Oregon Department of Revenue and Sherman County for Map Maintenance & Related Cartographic Activities
- 2.9 Agreement to Perform Consulting Services for Renewable Industry Training Grant Application for Gilliam and Sherman County School Districts

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 John Day Pool Pumped Storage Hydro Project
- 3.2 PayneWest Insurance Services
- 3.3 RV Park Landscape Estimates - Review
- 3.4 Wasco & Sherman County Medical Examiner Update – North Central Public Health District
- 3.5 Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) Summer 2015 Award Letter
- 3.6 Welding Facility News - Columbia Gorge Community College
- 3.7 Recording of Grand Jury Proceedings Proposal
- 3.8 School District Facility Project
- 3.9 Commissioner Reports

4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of April 15, 2015
- 4.2 Claims – April

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

May 6, 2015

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

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second Commissioner McCoy to authorize the expenditure of up to an additional \$2,000.00 to Bustos Construction to cover costs of the increased scope of work of the stairwell project.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to go into Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (j) Acquisitions.

Vote: 3-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried

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Vote: 2-1

Yes: Smith, Thompson

No: McCoy

Abstain: 0

Motion carried

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to certify the Biggs Service District tax rate of \$4.0061 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to approve the Biggs Service District proposed budget of \$313,822.00 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Vote: 3

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

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Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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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: 3-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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Abstain: 0

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Vote: 3-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

1.0 APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

Additions to the Agenda:

1.4 Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (j) Acquisitions

2.10 RV Park Gutters

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

1.1 Ron McDermid – Justice Court – Stairwell Project Update

Ron reported that the stairwell project was passed by the building inspector Tuesday. Architect Daryl Sieker considers the job complete with the exception of a few minor touch ups. Having the material for the railing panels custom made, securing special handrail brackets and wood spindles will cost an additional \$1,685.00. Daryl Sieker will also submit an invoice for an additional amount around \$300.00 for the extra work he has done on the project. Ron asked the Court to approve the extra expenditures. Ron said he will request that the knives manufactured for milling the lumber for the railing be available to the County for possible future projects.

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Abstain: 0

Motion carried

1.2 Karen Joplin – Commissioner, Hood River County – System Mapping Initiative for NORCOR
Amber DeGrange present.

Karen Joplin told the Court that the System Mapping Initiative is looking for ways to divert inmates with mental health issues to more appropriate facilities than jail. Medicaid can cover some of this population, but in a smaller placement than the current NORCOR configuration. Morrow County has a couple such facilities. The National Institute of Corrections has funds to offer technical support free of charge. Mapping is a two piece project facilitated by NIC staff. A May 21st meeting is planned to determine goals and how to attain them; identifying gaps in our communities' needs. A formal document will be developed and used to get funding. Jim Weed at NORCOR is supportive of this idea and says that the future of NORCOR is uncertain unless something is done differently with the funding formula. Commissioner McCoy said that a resolution was recently passed by the NORCOR board that bed use will no longer be used in the funding formula.

The matter of NORCOR being a regional facility has been a challenge and the juvenile side will be included in this process; the facilitator from NIC has experience in the juvenile system. Amber added how the juvenile system is an important part of this and she is supportive of addressing the mental health issues. The TOOLS program was a 16 bed program and the participants could retain their Medicaid benefits. Medicaid rules and program options were discussed.

Commissioner Smith added that he has serious concerns regarding mental health services in Sherman County; he would like to see two positions in the county. He made reference to a letter from Sheriff Brad Lohrey pointing out that mental health services are not available 24/7. It would be ideal if someone who resides in the Sherman County to fill such a position, or if someone who lived here could be trained for a position. It is important to get something in place for Sherman County.

1.3 Rod Asher – Grounds Maintenance – Equipment Purchase

Consensus of the Court to allow Rod Asher to order a Tailwind utility trailer from Columbia Auto Repair & Sales to be paid for from the 2015-16 Weed Sinking Fund. This purchase was approved earlier by Budget Committee.

1.4 Jaclyn McCurdy – Administrator – Biggs Service District Budget Committee

Meeting as Biggs Service District Budget Committee – 1:30 pm

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson to appoint Commissioner Smith as chairperson for the Biggs Service District Budget Committee.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed and briefly discussed the Biggs Service District 2015-16 Budget. No significant changes; beginning fund balance is lower due to expending some of the funds for the Anderson Perry study for the proposed water system. Sewer revenues are down due to loss of the motel that burned.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Judge Thompson, to certify the Biggs Service District tax rate of \$4.0061 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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Abstain: 0

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Discussed possible funding options for the water system; need more discussion with Anderson Perry and area business owners. It is important to move forward since this will be mandated by the state eventually.

Out of Biggs Service District Budget meeting at 1:46 pm.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 Intergovernmental Agreement between Mid-Columbia Economic Development District and Sherman County to Hire a Communications and Government Affairs Consultant to Promote Mid-Columbia Renewable Energy in the California Market

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Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to authorize the expenditure \$200.00 to participate in the 2015 Oregon Welcome Center Brochure Program

Vote: 3-0

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

2.3 ODOT Public Transit Division Agency Periodic Report for 2013-15 Biennium Quarter 7

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the ODOT Public Transit Division Agency Periodic Report for the 2013-2015 Biennium Quarter 7 as presented.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

2.4 Appointments – Special Transportation Advisory Committee: Mary Adams, Henry Brown

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to appoint alternate Mary Adams to the Special Transportation Board and appoint Henry Brown as an alternate both for four year terms to expire December 31, 2019.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

2.5 Estimate to Remove Trees at Senior Center – Trees Company, LLC

Reviewed estimate from Trees Company LLC.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to accept a bid from Trees Company LLC in the amount of \$2,600.00 to remove two trees on the Senior Center property and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

The bridge from the motel area to the Moro City Park needs to be repaired or removed.

Melva said that she has asked FLI to look at the landscaping at the Sr. Center. The entire area needs to be cleaned up and new plant material put in front. The current drip system doesn't appear to be working, so it needs to be inspected and repaired or replaced.

2.6 Intergovernmental Agreement between Oregon Department of Transportation and Sherman County Re: US97 Moro-Madras Project

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

2.7 The Dalles Disposal Rate Increase Request

The Court received a letter from Waste Connections requesting a 2.4% increase in fees. After reviewing the proposed rate schedules the Court agreed to approve a 2.0% rate increase.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve a 2.0% increase in The Dalles Disposal fees to be effective July 1, 2015.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Agreed to ask the school district to compensate the County for \$8,000.00 should the grant be awarded.

- 2.10 Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith to authorize up to \$1,000.00 for gutters on the restrooms at the RV Park.**

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

3.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 John Day Pool Pumped Storage Hydro Project

3.2 PayneWest Insurance

Judge Thompson, Commissioner McCoy and Jenine McDermid met with two representatives from PayneWest recently. Jenine is very satisfied with their service to the County. The subject of Cyber Security insurance was discussed. Commissioner Smith stated he feels this is a very important benefit for the County to have.

3.3 RV Park Landscape Estimates – Review

Melva provided a proposal and agreement from All-Phase contracting for gutter installation at the RV Park.

Landscaping discussion was tabled until the gutter project is completed and the drainage issue is addressed.

3.4 Wasco & Sherman County Medical Examiner Update – North Central Public Health District

Reviewed a proposal from North Central Public Health District that Sherman County be invoiced at the rate of \$78.00 per hour for the Health Officer services and \$26.00 per hour for Program Secretary. This expenditure taken out of the District Attorney's budget and rarely used in Sherman County. No action necessary.

3.5 Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) Summer 2015 Award Letter

Notification that Sherman County will receive \$10,000.00 for the Summer Conservation Corps program.

3.6 Welding Facility News – Columbia Gorge Community College

Email from Mary Kramer, CGCC Career & Technical Education Director, with photos of plaques made by high school students in the college's new Welding lab.

3.7 Recording of Grand Jury Proceedings Proposal

Will submit a letter opposing SB822 which would mandate recording grand jury proceedings.

3.8 School District Facility Project

Commissioner Smith is of the opinion the Court needs to state publicly that Sherman County will not guarantee backing loans secured by the Sherman County School District in light of the school district not going to a vote of the Sherman County citizens. The SIP payments will continue as long as they are available. Commissioner McCoy will draft a letter to the school board clearly stating this fact. Commissioner Smith discussed the proposed use of the County/School Library upon completion of the new school facility. Commissioner McCoy has requested a letter from Supt. Tarzian clearly explaining the library personnel issue.

3.9 Commissioner Reports

McCoy – NORCOR; got rid of the TOOLS program. They are in the process of hiring a new administrator. Passed a resolution doing away with the matrix system of releasing inmates. Attended a meeting presenting Sherman County health data. Meeting May 15 at the Sr. Center to discuss Sherman County meals programs funding.

Smith – Is pushing MCCFL very hard to get a mental health provider in the county. Received an email from Peter Tarzian regarding the slowness of the ESD internet service; is interested in getting on the fiber optic service. Public Health budget meeting. Fair Board trainings going well; there will be a fourth one. New board member will be recommended this week; he will get the recorder so copies can be made of the meeting proceedings. Received an email from Jenine McDermid informing him that the County does have Cyber Security insurance. Working on MCCOG issues. The exterior of the Burnet building needs re-stained and some clean up needs to be done on the inside doors.

Thompson – Met with PayneWest Insurance representatives with Commissioner McCoy and Jenine McDermid. Four Rivers Hub will be certified next month; have been told informally that finances will not be in line so will likely continue with the same funds as this year. Had a phone conference with David Vanderhoff regarding the California market; was asked if Sherman County wants to join a group of wind energy people in a lobbying effort in the California legislature to open up the market. Tri County Court meeting last week. Engaging in conversations with the Chinese; Commissioner McCoy added that lifting the decades-old TCK Smut restriction on NW wheat should be addressed in every conversation with the Chinese.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes of April 15, 2015

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2015.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

4.2 Claims – April

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

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 2:50 pm.

Gary Thompson, Sherman County Judge

ATTEST: Rita Wilson
Rita Wilson, Deputy Clerk

Mike Smith, Sherman County Commissioner

Tom McCoy, Sherman County Commissioner