



Court Agenda

June 6, 2012

9:00 a.m.

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1** 9:00 a.m. Budget Hearing & Supplemental Budget
- 1.2** 9:30 a.m. Dee Lieuallen – Commission on Children & Families – OYCC Crew Member Approval
- 1.3** 10:00 a.m. Brad Lohrey – Sheriff – Re: Marine Pickup Purchase
- 1.4** 10:15 a.m. Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (i) Personnel
- 1.5** 10:30 a.m. Jaclyn McCurdy – Biggs Service District – Plans Re: I-84 Interchange
- 1.6** 11:00 a.m. Tom McCoy – County Liaison – Coordinated Care Organization Update
- 1.7** 11:15 a.m. Ron McDermid – Facility Committee – Re: Old Wiring Demo
- 1.8** 11:30 a.m. Jessica Metta – Mid-Columbia Economic Development District – Residential Solar Program Proposal

Additions to Agenda:

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Intergovernmental Services Agreement between Oregon Department of Revenue and Sherman County for Map Maintenance & Related Cartographic Activities
- 2.2 Wasco Annex Security System – ASET Estimate
- 2.3 Early Childhood Education Funding Requests
- 2.4 Governor's Volunteer Award Nomination
- 2.5 Proposal from Prairie City Builders – Senior Center Dish Drop-Off Improvements
- 2.6 Rate Increase Request – The Dalles Disposal
- 2.7 Amendment One to Extend for One Year the Term of Intergovernmental Agreement between OSU Extension and Sherman County for Services Provided by County
- 2.8 USDA APHIS Wildlife Services FY 11/12 Work & Financial Plan Amendment #1
- 2.9 USDA APHIS Wildlife Services Work and Financial Plan FY 12/13
- 2.10 Budget Transfers & Payment Authorization
- 2.11 Authorization to Sign for Year End Transfers
- 2.12 Intergovernmental Agreement between Mid-Columbia Economic Development District & Sherman County for Local Economic Development Services

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Loan Request – Mid-Columbia Center for Living
- 3.2 Loan Request – Oregon Raceway Park
- 3.3 Food Service Inspection Report – Senior Center
- 3.4 Wasco Annex – Update
- 3.5 Sherman Internet Update
- 3.6 Commissioner Reports

4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of May 16, 2012
- 4.2 Claims – May

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 &
BUDGET HEARING
Sherman County Circuit Courtroom

MINUTES

June 6, 2012 9:00am

Present: County Judge Gary Thompson, Commissioner Steve Burnet, Commissioner Mike Smith, Court Administrative Assistant Melva Thomas; Finance Director Debbie Hayden, Assessor Richard Stradley, County Clerk Jenine McDermid. Guest: Leroy Martin.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to adopt the resolution making appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 2, 2011, in the amounts for the Summary of Supplemental Budget for a total of \$364,750. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to adopt the budget approved by the budget committee for the 2012-2013 fiscal year in the total sum of \$33,285,744 and imposing the taxes provided for in the adopted budget at the rate of \$8.7141 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operations and that these taxes are hereby imposed and categorized for tax year 2012-2013 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the County of Sherman as of 1:00a.m., July 1, 2012. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion by Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to approve hiring Shaun Casper, Riley Brown, Samantha Coons, Dillan Ortiz and Audrey Kaseberg with Janet Guzman and Katie Poirier as fill-ins for the 2012 Oregon Youth Conservation Corps summer work crew. Vote: Unanimous.

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1.0 APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE:

1.1 BUDGET HEARING AND SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET:

The court reviewed a resolution making end of fiscal year appropriations in some county funds.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to adopt the resolution making appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 2, 2011, in the

amounts for the Summary of Supplemental Budget for a total of \$364,750. Vote: Unanimous.

At 9:03am Judge Thompson opened the budget hearing.

A resolution adopting the 2012-2013 budget was discussed. Finance Director Debbie Hayden explained the resolution was presented exactly as directed at the budget meeting, no changes being made. Commissioner Burnet added the NORCOR budget issue is not yet settled, but a supplemental budget could be prepared if necessary. Debbie advised that fund was moved into the general fund as of last year, so changes could be absorbed. County resident Leroy Martin commented the budget was different than in years past. He asked about plans and project spending for the former Wasco Grade School building. Judge Thompson explained the school district gave the school to the county as they didn't want the liability. It will be used for Cougar Camp, preschool activities, Wasco Library will relocate there and Potlatch will use the facility. He added a long-range plan may include senior housing located on land within the 4-acre parcel, similar to the facility in Moro. Commissioner Smith said the building has a new heating system and windows, along with a decent roof. He said 20% of SIP funds are designated to the school district annually, although the county can't make a long-term guarantee of funds. Mr. Martin commented that to keep putting up these buildings is overkill, although he said the purchase of a new county crusher is good for economic development. He had questions concerning the receipt of SIP dollars, amount on hand, when they are received. Debbie explained the funds are received in December, and are included in the following fiscal year budget. Judge Thompson said the goal is to save 20% in reserve, but haven't reached that yet. Debbie said three new funds were added to accommodate the SIP payment for individual tracking and expects to receive about \$9,000,000 next year. One of the wind farm facilities was not constructed, reducing the initial income estimate. Leroy stated the funds lose their identity when shown as carryover the following year. With no other comments, Judge Thompson adjourned the hearing at 9:27am.

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1.2 DEE LIEUALLEN – COMMISSIONER ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES – OYCC CREW MEMBER APPROVAL:

Dee Lieuallen presented OYCC summer contracts for approval. It was stated these are lottery dollars. She also asked for approval to hire the OYCC crew. They will begin work June 25th. Jeni Guzman will attend crew leader training in Bend. The crew will be available to assist with cleanup at the Wasco Annex. Their first week is scheduled out with the children's fair and CPR training. Judge Thompson will ask Roger Whitley to coordinate work duties with the crew.

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1.3 BRAD LOHREY – SHERIFF – RE: MARINE PICKUP PURCHASE:

Sheriff Lohrey advised that earlier in the year he told the budget committee of his plan to purchase a used ¾ ton pickup for approximately \$20,000. Since then he learned through the state bid process he can purchase a new 2012 2500 4WD crew cab pickup for about \$23,000 although the price may be less as he wants a short box. He would like to have a reliable vehicle for the marine deputy. Under this scenario the old pickup would be given to the road department. He intends to surplus some of his departments other unused vehicles. The court approved of his plan; no motion was necessary as this purchase was included in the 2012-12 budget.

1.4 EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS 192.660 (2) (i) PERSONNEL – 10:12AM:

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to go into Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660 (2)(i)(h) Personnel, Legal. Vote: Unanimous.

Executive session was adjourned at 10:34am and regular session resumed.

1.5 JACLYN MCCURDY – BIGGS SERVICE DISTRICT – PLANS RE: I-84 INTERCHANGE:

The court met as the Biggs Service District Board. Jaclyn learned there is a possibility the sewer line may not have to be moved, but the manholes will be raised. She plans for ODOT employee Brad DeHart and a representative from the railroad to visit with the court at a regular session. Jaclyn and court members reviewed a proposed project map. She wondered about whose contractor should be used for the manhole portion of the project, ours or theirs. Commissioner Burnet said he thought it was logical to use their contractor and he would be more suitable in completing the questionnaire.

1.6 TOM MCCOY – COUNTY LIAISON – COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATION UPDATE:

Tom McCoy addressed the court about recent meetings attended concerning this subject. Commissioner Smith said the two provider choices are PacificSource and GOBHI, although other CCOs can still be qualified for the county. Tom McCoy added all medical groups voted for PacificSource. There are three groups involved consisting of a

governance, community and doctors council. He and Commissioner Smith agreed this can be a confusing program. Tom said PacificSource already has 100+ Medicaid clients within Sherman County. None of the fundamental details have been laid out as of yet. Tom added PacificSource may answer questions at the June 14 meeting. Commissioner Smith stated he is concerned about loss of control of dollars, yet also having program responsibility. Tom said he is not sure at this point what alternative there may be, but feels the group is trying set this up reasonably. The size of the group has yet to be determined. Tom added he feels there needs to be a seat for a rural health care provider and representation at each meeting.

1.7 RON MCDERMID – FACILITY COMMITTEE – RE: OLD WIRING DEMO

Ron McDermid reported it is now time to demo the old courthouse wiring as the other portions of the project have been completed. ASET is available to complete this later on in June. This would include any old abandoned wiring, which CenturyLink would like to be involved with in the basement area where the old phone lines are located. This will reduce the amount of expense to ASET. Brian Green is the CenturyLink contact person and Dan Wollom is for ASET. After this is accomplished there will be some minor wall patching done. The finance director told him this is considered continuation of an ongoing renovation project. Ron said for continuity either Don Fraly or John Waldron could be involved. He added the surveillance equipment cutover went smoothly.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to authorize expenditure of up to \$6,500 to ASET for the demo of old wiring remaining from the courthouse renovation project. Vote: Unanimous.

1.8 JESSICA METTA – MID-COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT – RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PROGRAM PROPOSAL:

Legal counsel Will Carey was also present. Jessica visited with the Pendleton solar project's program manager regarding the loan security question and was told their legal counsel hadn't been concerned about that. She is looking into other ways a loan could be secured. Will Carey read from a section in statute that states a loan should be secured by a mortgage or some other form of security in the full amount of the loan. He said if the court wants to proceed in lieu of a lien, the county should require the applicant to provide proof about their real property, such as a title report. He added a contract purchaser cannot do anything without approval of the owner. If there is an existing mortgage or trust deed on the real property, the county could take a second mortgage on it. Will said we need to look at what the purpose is behind this program. If the court wanted to begin a loan program regardless of being paid back, that's one thing, but if this was done as a businessperson we would look at it from the standpoint of the loan applicant being required to show the county having security in being repaid. Will said the county would want to designate a committee to review the applications. This could be MCEDD, but needs to be a body who would review each application from a businessperson's perspective such as a bank officer would. He would not recommend using Pendleton's form. Commissioner Smith said the county could possibly use MCEDD as the loan committee. Judge Thompson said the price of solar panels as dropped. Will estimated a cost of about \$50 for the county to obtain a lot book report from a title company showing

the status of the property. Will said he would be glad to work with Jessica to develop a form to present to the court at their next meeting.

Consensus to move forward to develop a process for the solar loan program.

In other business, Jessica attended a regional solutions meeting, but Giles French Park was not discussed. Judge Thompson added the Corps of Engineers would like for Sherman County to lease the park, but we need a long-range plan. Will Carey added the county would pay for the expense of park maintenance. Jessica said the idea is to develop a nice RV park, then receive revenue from park fees. She added Maryhill Park is leased from the Corps to the State of Washington. Jessica said she doesn't think the Corps is expecting to make revenue from a lease and the county needs a formal plan developed. She said a draft plan can be developed by a landscape architect, and then the court will need to meet with the four tribes to obtain feed back and get their approval before moving forward with a formal proposal to be approved by the Corps. She has considered talking to Colin McArthur. Judge Thompson said Representative Hansell is willing to help. Melva said three quotes are needed. Jessica added an RFP is not necessary if less than \$150,000.

The city loan agreements were discussed. Will Carey will require a copy of council minutes approving the loan and will add a notary certificate to the documents.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS:

2.1 INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND SHERMAN COUNTY FOR MAP MAINTENANCE & RELATED CARTOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES

This is an annual map maintenance agreement pertaining to the Assessor's office.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to approve Intergovernmental Services Agreement Contract #2946 between Oregon Department of Revenue and Sherman County for map maintenance and related cartographic activities. Vote: Unanimous.

2.2 WASCO ANNEX SECURITY SYSTEM – ASET ESTIMATE:

The court reviewed a written report received from ASET regarding a security system, including the main building and gym. A system including the gym increased the overall cost substantially.

Consensus to request a formal proposal from ASET for a basic security system at the Wasco Annex.

2.3 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUNDING REQUESTS:

The court reviewed the four 2012 funding requests received, with amounts ranging from \$16,500 to \$30,000. It was stated North Sherman will be moving into the Wasco Annex, which will reduce their budgeted amount for rent and utilities.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to approve Early Childhood Education Funding to Little Wheats in the amount of \$16,500; to North Sherman Preschool in the amount of \$17,500 including free rent and utilities; to ABC Huskies Day Care in the amount of \$17,500 and to Sherman Preschool in the amount of \$20,000 for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Vote: Unanimous.

2.4 GOVERNOR'S VOLUNTEER AWARD NOMINATION:

Correspondence was received from Emergency Services Director Shawn Payne asking for approval to nominate all of the Sherman County Fire and EMS agencies for the Governor's Volunteer Award. This includes South Sherman FPD, City of Moro/Moro RFPD, North Sherman County RFPD, Rufus FD and Sherman County Ambulance.

Consensus to write a letter of support for Governor's Volunteer Award Nomination. Vote: Unanimous.

2.5 PROPOSAL FROM PRAIRIE CITY BUILDERS – SENIOR CENTER DISH DROP-OFF IMPROVEMENTS:

The court received a proposal from Dan Fraly of Prairie City Builders for installation of a new stainless steel countertop at the dish pass-through area in the Senior and Community Center. Funding for this project will be remaining funds in the 2011-12 budget.

Motion by Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to accept a proposal from Prairie City Builders to furnish and install a new stainless steel countertop at the pass-through in the Senior Center at a cost of \$1,723 and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign. Vote: Unanimous.

Judge Thompson added he had authorized Roger Whitley to check the outside light at the facility. A formal job description will be developed for Roger's position.

2.6 RATE INCREASE REQUEST – THE DALLES DISPOSAL:

A letter was received from The Dalles Disposal requesting a 2.47% increase in its fees to help offset rising operational costs. Some of their operational increases include diesel fuel, Oregon weight mile tax increase, and cost of contained and equipment repair. According to the current contract rates can increase up to 85% of CPI. Commissioner Burnet stated in the past the court has given the increase when asked. Melva said the court approved a 1.5% increase last year, the amount requested. Commissioner Smith said several business owners have questioned an increase. Melva will contact Erwin about possibly changing to morning hours instead of afternoon at the landfill site.

Motion by Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to approve a 1.5% increase in fees by The Dalles Disposal to help offset rising operational costs to be effective July 1, 2012. Vote: Unanimous.

2.7 AMENDMENT ONE TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR THE TERM OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN OSU EXTENSION AND SHERMAN COUNTY FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY COUNTY:

The court reviewed the document, which extends the agreement to June 30, 2013 with compensation paid by OSU to Sherman County for services provided by the county in the amount of \$16,600.

Motion by Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to approve Amendment One to extend for one year the term of the Intergovernmental Agreement between OSU Extension and Sherman County for services provided by the County and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign. Vote: Unanimous.

2.8 USDA APHIS WILDLIFE SERVICES FY 11/12 WORK & FINANCIAL PLAN AMENDMENT #1:

A letter and documents were received from USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service pertaining to Wildlife Services funding.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to approve USDA APHIS Wildlife Services FY 11/12 Work and Financial Plan Amendment #1 to extend the period of performance through September 30, 2012 in order to complete work and expend Cooperator's remaining funds which were paid in advance in accordance with the terms of the agreement and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign. Vote: Unanimous.

2.9 USDA APHIS WILDLIFE SERVICES WORK AND FINANCIAL PLAN FY 12/13:

This document is between Sherman County and the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services and sets forth the objectives, activities and budget for the cooperative wildlife services program in the county for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to approve USDA APHIS Wildlife Services work and financial plan agreement for the cooperative wildlife services program for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 in an amount not to exceed \$65,713 and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign. Vote: Unanimous.

2.10 BUDGET TRANSFERS & PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION:

Finance Director Debbie Hayden submitted authorization for transfers from County General to Emergency Services in the amount of \$5,000 and from SIP additional Fees

Fund to Courthouse Repairs & Improvements Reserve in the amount of \$100,000 and the Extension Building Project in the amount of \$150,000.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to approve budget transfers and payment authorization to be made on June 15, 2012 as recommended by the Finance Director in the amount of \$255,000. Vote: Unanimous.

2.11 AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN FOR YEAR END TRANSFERS:

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet authorizing Judge Thompson to sign for year-end budget transfers as may be required. Vote: Unanimous.

2.12 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MID-COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT & SHERMAN COUNTY FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

The court reviewed the intergovernmental agreement for local economic development services between MCEDD and Sherman County. The term of this agreement is from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Motion by Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between Mid-Columbia Economic Development District and Sherman County for the provision of local economic development services in the amount of \$35,000 and authorizing Judge Thompson to sign. Vote: Unanimous.

2.12 SURVEYOR FEES – JENINE MCDERMID:

County Clerk Jenine McDermid reported the county surveyor is requesting payment for his upcoming conference fees. There are not sufficient funds remaining in the 2011-12 \$4,300 budget to cover this and payment for conference fees is not addressed in the current contract. Will Carey agreed those fees are not the county's responsibility as he is paid on a contract basis. Commissioner Smith suggested possibly using the services of Wasco County since they could use the funding.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to deny payment of County Surveyor's conference fees since we have a contract for services and such expenses are the surveyor's responsibility. Vote: Unanimous.

3.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3.1 LOAN REQUEST – MID-COLUMBIA CENTER FOR LIVING:

At a previous court meeting the court was asked to consider a loan to the Mid-Columbia Center for Living for construction of their new facility.

Consensus not to loan funds for Mid-Columbia Center for Living building project.

3.2 LOAN REQUEST – OREGON RACEWAY PARK:

Will Carey advised the court could consider making funds available to Sherman Development League for economic development loans in Sherman County. He added all loan fees must be paid by the borrower, adequate security must be provided, and specific criteria must be met. The court discussed other details such as loan amount and interest rate. Will Carey said a reasonable interest rate may be in the range of 2.5%.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to authorize County Counsel to work with Sherman Development League in developing a process for economic development loan funds in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 to be made available to Sherman County businesses. **Vote: Unanimous.**

3.3 FOOD SERVICE INSPECTION REPORT – SENIOR CENTER:

The latest food service inspection report was reviewed by the court, with the kitchen receiving a score of 99%.

3.4 WASCO ANNEX – UPDATE:

Melva prepared notes based on her conversations with Roger Whitley, which the court reviewed. The old computers in that building need to be recycled. Judge Thompson added they plan to offer space in the building for the Wasco City Library in exchange for water and sewer. He other entities including North Sherman Preschool, Cougar Camp and Potlatch plan to relocate there. Judge Thompson added there is also the possibility of relocating Tri-County Corrections and possibly the Commission on Children & Families to that facility. He has visited with Ruby Mason of Mid-Columbia Housing about possible senior housing on the property.

Consensus to form an advisory committee to develop protocol for use the Wasco Annex property.

3.5 SHERMAN INTERNET UPDATE:

Commissioner Smith talked about the amount of bandwidth available. They are working with Frontier TeleNet to use all they need to cover heavy usage times and average it out to determine costs. The system has remained very solid, with no outages. He didn't have the total number of new subscribers available. They are working on a version of service to allow folks access to the services while on the road, even if they are not subscribers. The same company will begin installing service in Gilliam County next month.

3.6 COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Commissioner Burnet met with the Oregon Solutions team working on educational programs for Cottonwood State Park. They are still committed on this becoming an educational park and not loading the area with campers. Tom Peterson will be the new park manager. They hope to open in 2013. Also, he will attend a NORCOR meeting tomorrow morning at which he hopes to get this issue resolved. They are working on a

50/40/5/5 plan. With regard to the new extension facility, he said the contractor should be out later in the week for the final check and should be ready for occupancy the following week. There will still be landscaping and parking lot work to do. The court will work with OSU Research on the chemical building and there is funding available.

Commissioner Smith reported he attended the Moro City Council meeting where they talked about water/sewer charges are the new extension facility. The city was going to charge the county 2EDUs and OSU 2EDUs. Commissioner Burnet said the county agreed to pay for utilities and suggested the county be charged 2 EDUs or 2.5 EDUs and that we will visit with Rene' at the City about this. Commissioner Smith said MCCOG is working out the senior meal funding and has developed a formula to resolve the issue. He met with Senator Merkley; heard the Moro post office may become a four-hour post office, although there has been no resolution as of yet. He will see if solar site links can be posted on Sherry Kaseberg's eNews, as well as at the county website. Commissioner Burnet suggested including the monetary amount received, as well.

Judge Thompson said the fitness center is ready to go as soon as they obtain a defibrillator and have insurance company clearance. He reported three walls are up at the RV Park project and hope to have the other walls up next week. There was some question as to whether or not the county should pursue the contractor's bond for added expenses incurred due to the construction delay caused increased solar projects costs. He received an email from the Energy Trust regarding possible funds available for the new Extension building. The judge met with BPA and Corps of Engineers recently regarding the Giles French Park project.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA:

4.1 MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2012:

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to approve the minutes of May 16, 2012 as presented. Vote: Unanimous.

4.2 CLAIMS – MAY:

Motion by Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to approve the claims for May. Vote: Unanimous.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER MATTERS AT ISSUE, COURT WAS ADJOURNED.



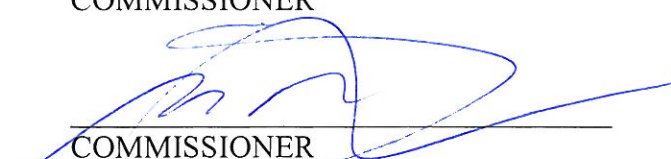
COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST: 

COUNTY CLERK



COMMISSIONER



COMMISSIONER