



Court Agenda

August 17, 2011

Meeting to be Held in Office of County Court

Additions to Agenda:

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1 9:00 a.m. Rene' Moore – Biggs Service District – District Updates
- 1.2 9:30 a.m. Executive Session in Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property
- 1.3 10:30 a.m. Dan Devlin – Rural Technology Group – Wireless Network Update
- 1.4 11:15 a.m. Ron McDermid – Facilities Committee – Courthouse Renovation Update
- 1.5 11:30 a.m. Brian Stradley, Emily Lyle – Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District: Introduction - Watershed Coordinator
- 1.6 11:45 a.m. Dee Lieuallen, Theresa Mobley – Commission on Children and Families Program Funding Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2011-12

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Memorandum of Understanding between Gilliam County Emergency Management and Sherman County Emergency Management (Updated)
- 2.2 Appointment – Sherman County Area Watershed Council Board of Directors Representing Grass Valley Canyon Watershed: Erin Stone

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Northwest Information Services Letter Re: Request for Proposal Process
- 3.2 Coordinated Care Organizations: Oregon Healthcare Reform Plan
- 3.3 Noxious Weed Issues
- 3.4 Sherman County Home Repair Program – Monitor Report
- 3.5 Request for Opportunity to Bid on Bulk Fuel Purchases - MCP
- 3.6 Commissioner Reports

4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of August 3, 2011
- 4.2 Revenue/Expenditure Summary – July
- 4.3 Treasurer’s Report – July

5.0 Future Agenda Items:

***If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with:*



SHERMAN COUNTY COURT
REGULAR SESSION
SHERMAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURTROOM

MINUTES

August 17, 2011

Present: Gary Thompson, County Judge; Steve Burnet, Commissioner, Mike Smith, Commissioner; Rita Wilson, Deputy Clerk.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to waive the System Development Fees for Iberdrola in Biggs Junction. Motion carried.

Motion Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to go into Executive Session In Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Gilliam County Emergency Management and Sherman County Emergency Management to provide assistance as requested when an emergency or disaster condition exists. Motion carried.

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Fund to: CR&I Reserve - \$150,000.00. TOTAL EXPENDITURES FROM SIP ADDITIONAL FEES FUND: \$150,000.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Justice to Assist in Funding District Attorney Representation in Juvenile Dependency Proceedings. Motion carried.

Motion By Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to approve Sherman County Commission on Children and Families 2011-2012 Program Allocations as follows: ABC Huskies Day Care - \$4,500; Columbia Gorge CASA - \$10,985; Cougar Camp - \$2,000; Little Wheats Day Care - \$8,100; Sherman Preschool - \$5,000; Client Specific - \$2,000; Project Alert - \$1,750; The Pack - \$4,250; Intramurals - \$1,500; Summer Youth Employment - \$1,875 and Alternative Youth Activities - \$2,375. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Burnet , second by Commissioner Smith to appoint Brad Lohrey as chair of the SCCC. Motion carried.

Motion by Judge Thompson, second by Commissioner Burnet to approve the Minutes of August 3, 2011, Revenue/Expenditure Summary for July and the Treasurer's Report for July as presented. Motion carried.

1.0 Appointment Schedule

1.1 RENE` MOORE – BIGGS SERVICE DISTRICT – DISTRICT UPDATES

Iberdrola has inquired into what the cost of connecting to sewer and water would be for a 20,000 square foot building. The building would be used for storage of wind tower parts and have two offices and a bathroom. Rene` researched and found that the System Development Fee would be \$2,000.00. She suggested that the Court waive the System Development Fee to encourage new development in Biggs. She said that she told them she would begin billing them between \$146.00 and \$150.00 a month and after a year that could change (either increase or decrease). She said that she told them that CH2 would have to approve all of their installation before anything could be covered up.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to waive the System Development Fees for Iberdrola in Biggs Junction. Motion carried.

Rene` said that she had an inquiry about the cost of a residential sewer hook-up, and in looking back, cannot find any of record residential accounts. She said that she charges the Crossroads Church \$36. It was the consensus of the Court to charge residences the same. Commissioner Smith suggested that CH2 look into what places in Biggs Junction are hooked up the sewer system, and if some are still using septic systems.

Rene` wanted to know if the Biggs Service District Audit would be included in the County's Audit. She will ask Jessica Berty if she has any suggestions and she will also ask Debbie

Hayden about going in with the County. If neither of these possibilities work out she will advertise for an auditor for the Biggs Service District.

1.2 EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS.192.600 (2) (e) PROPERTY

Motion by Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to go into Executive Session In Accordance with ORS 192.660 (2) (e) Property. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried.

1.3 DAN DEVLIN – RURAL TECHNOLOGY GROUP – WIRELESS NETWORK UPDATE

Dan was accompanied by Rich Stephens from Kent, who will be the local installer. Dan reported that things are going well. Erskine, Juniper, Gordon Ridge, and Wasco are all now in operation. Tomorrow they will be installing the first repeater. He said that he probably won't start installing equipment on the elevators until after harvest. The entire county should be covered as long as they aren't in a valley. Commissioner Smith said that budget looked good to this point. Judge Thompson said that Craig Macnab asked him if the County is still interested in his property and he was told yes, but it will be awhile. Dan is still working with the Coats/Macnab family. Rural Technology Group will have a booth at the fair and will be offering a "Fair Special" that will be an initial cost of \$100 (regularly \$150) and a full month of service free. The monthly charges start at \$29.95 a month.

- 1.4 Cathie Martin** was present to ask the Court to explain the reason the County purchased four lots in the Asher Subdivision in Wasco. She stated that she feels that it looks like the County is subsidizing private citizens and if Ashers couldn't sell the property, why would the County think that they could. The Court explained to her that there was SIP money specifically designated for workforce housing and that their hope is to be able to get affordable housing on these lots. They are looking at several options at the present time.

1.5 KRISTA COELSCH, EMILY LYLE, MICHAEL HARTENSTEIN – SHERMAN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: INTRODUCTION

Krista Coelsch (in place of Brian Stradley, who was ill) introduced the Court to Emily Lyle, Watershed Coordinator and Michael Hartenstein, NRCS intern here for the summer. Emily reported that they will have a booth at the fair showing some of the things they have been working on such as noxious weeds along river corridors, feral swine and erosion. Krista said that they are working hard to develop partnerships with other agencies to be able to get projects done more efficiently. Michael is going to meet with Rod Asher later this week. Commissioner Burnet suggested they contact the State Parks in conjunction with the Cottonwood Park project, as they seem very interested in conservation.

1.6 RON MCDERMID- FACILITIES COMMITTEE – COURTHOUSE RENOVATON UPDATE

Ron reported that there was a problem with the emergency generator when they tested it last Thursday but it is Cummins (generator) problem. Everything is going well. Hire Electric will be working in the building over the weekend changing out old boxes for new boxes. There have been some more change orders, but they were all deemed necessary. Next Thursday the heating system will be tested. Installation of the windows has begun. All of the crews are working well together to make the process go as smoothly as possible.

1.7 DEE LIEUALLEN – COMMISSION ON CHILDREN & FAMILIES – PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Dee presented the 2011-2012 Program Allocations made by the RFP Committee and the Commission. This includes \$2,500 from Hood River County traded for Family Preservation dollars. There is \$3,826 not allocated and at the September meeting the commission will look at North Sherman Preschool's RFP that came in late. At the same time they will look at some of the other programs that did not receive their amount to determine how the \$3,826 should be allocated.

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Dee told the Court that the Commission voted at their last meeting to re-elect Brad Lohrey as the Chairman. This appointment has to be approved by the Court. The Vice Chair, Doreen Macnab, can be appointed by the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to appoint Brad Lohrey as chair of the SCCCf. Motion carried.

Dee reported that the OYCC Crew is finished for this year. She said that it was a good year. The crew did comment that they would like to do more "project" types of things, such as putting things together, painting; things where they can see their progress. Some of them went to a barbecue yesterday at Bowerman's out of Antelope.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2.1 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GILLIAM COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SHERMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (UPDATED)

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Gilliam County Emergency Management and Sherman County Emergency Management to provide assistance as requested when an emergency or disaster condition exists. Motion carried.

2.2 APPOINTMENT – SHERMAN COUNTY AREA WATERSHED COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTING GRASS VALLEY CANYON WATERSHED: ERIN STONE

Motion by Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to approve the appointment of Erin Stone as a representative of the Grass Valley Canyon Watershed to the Sherman County Area Watershed Council Board of Directors for a four year term. Motion carried.

2.3 LETTER AUTHORIZINE BUDGET TRANSFERS

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Burnet to approve transfer from County General Fund to: Emergency Services Fund - \$9,772.00; County Fair Fund - \$15,000.00; Parks Reserve - \$30,000.00; County Fair Reserve - \$15,000.00; Fairgrounds/Building/ Reserve, \$20,000.00. TOTAL EXPENDITURES FROM GENERAL FUND: \$89,772.00. And transfer from SIP Additional Fees Fund to: CR&I Reserve - \$150,000.00. TOTAL EXPENDITURES FROM SIP ADDITIONAL FEES FUND: \$150,000.00. Motion carried.

2.4 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH OREGON DEPT. OF JUSTICE TO ASSIST IN FUNDING DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION IN JUVENILE DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS.

Motion by Commissioner Burnet, second by Commissioner Smith to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Justice to Assist in Funding District Attorney Representation in Juvenile Dependency Proceedings. Motion carried.

2.5 LETTER ADVISING OF TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF 2010/2011 4TH QUARTER REPORT

The Court acknowledged the report from Marnene Benson-Wood advising that the Transportation Advisory Committee approved the 4th Special Transportation Quarterly report.

3.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 NORTHWEST INFORMATION SERVICES LETTER RE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS

Haven't heard from Mr. Mart regarding the NIS letter. Commissioner Smith doesn't agree with many points in the letter. He feels that the product NIS is recommending is good, but that the county is paying three times more than necessary. He has no faith in NIS and is significantly unhappy with them.

3.2 COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATIONS: OREGON HEALTHCARE REFORM PLAN

Judge Thompson reported that this was discussed at the OAC meeting. All of the money that comes to the state (OHP, Medicaid, etc.) will go through the CCOs. At some point a meeting with the hospitals, Health Districts, Mental Health and Public Health Departments of Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco and Hood River Counties will have to be scheduled. It was decided that

Commissioner Smith will talk to Barb Seatter, Executive Director of Mid Columbia Center for Living and see if she or her Business Transition Team have any thoughts.

3.3 NOXIOUS WEED ISSUES

Judge Thompson has received several complaints about noxious weeds. After much discussion Commissioner Burnet suggested that Rod Asher be invited to the next court meeting to discuss this issue.

3.4 SHERMAN COUNTY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM – MONITOR REPORT

The county received an excellent report from the Oregon Housing & Community Services monitoring conducted earlier this month.

3.5 REQUEST FOR OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON BLUK FUEL PURCHASES – MCP

Commissioner Burnet reported that Jeff Kaser from Mid Columbia Producers would like to be included in the County's fuel bid process. Judge Thompson will talk to Mark Coles about getting two bids.

3.6 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Burnet – Work has begun on the Extension Building. So far there have been only a couple of minor problems.

Commissioner Smith – Ted Sabey from the fair board asked if they could sell the dead and/or dying Locust trees at the fairgrounds to Scott Myers. Scott is paying \$1.00/liner foot for Black Locust. It was the consensus of the Court to ok this transaction. Silk Road Solar Enterprises from the Tri Cities will have a display and demonstration at the fair. Public Health – MCMC will have an employee on the board. He has been asked to speak at the NACO Conference in Des Moines on September 18th about the effects of wind energy in Sherman County. They will cover meals and lodging, but not airfare. The other members of the Court concurred that if he felt it would benefit the County in any way, to go and the funds could be taken from Renewable Resources. He asked about the "Courthouse pictures". Rita said that some of them are still with the restorer and some are in the vault.

Judge Thompson – Met with Annette Liebe, Central Regional Solutions Coordinator at Giles French Park and it appears that her office will take over that project. Has a meeting Monday with a group from Renewing the Nation.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

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

ATTEST: Rita Wilson
DEPUTY CLERK

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COUNTY JUDGE

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COMMISSIONER

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