



Court Agenda

June 4, 2014

9:00 a.m.

1.0 Appointment Schedule:

- 1.1** 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing: Supplemental Budget Fiscal Year 2013-2014
- 1.2** 9:15 a.m. Public Hearing: Sherman County Budget Fiscal Year 2014-2015
- 1.3** 9:30 a.m. Rod Asher – Weed Department – Equipment Purchase Proposal
- 1.4** 10:00 a.m. Erwin Swetnam – Waste Connections/The Dalles Disposal – Addendum to and Modification of Solid Waste Franchise Agreement
- 1.5** 11:00 a.m. Glenn Fluhr, Board – South Sherman Fire & Rescue – Re: Project Funding

Additions to Agenda:

2.0 Action Items:

- 2.1 Early Childhood Education Funding Requests
- 2.2 Road Department Request – Scott Canyon Project Funding
- 2.3 Troy & Banks – Proposed Audit & Evaluation of Utility Accounts
- 2.4 Dog Shelter Services contract – Home at Last
- 2.5 Wasco Annex Lease Agreement
- 2.6 Surplus Equipment
- 2.7 Appointment – North Central Public Health District Budget Committee – Linda Thompson (2 year term)

3.0 Discussion Items:

- 3.1 Thank You Letter – Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation
- 3.2 Thank You Letter/Certificate – Vietnam Veterans of America
- 3.3 Letter Re: Community Center Funding – City of Rufus
- 3.4 Thank You Card – ABC Huskies Day Care
- 3.5 Commissioner Reports

4.0 Consent Agenda:

- 4.1 Minutes of May 21, 2014
- 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
SHERMAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURTROOM

MINUTES

June 4, 2014 9:06am

Present: County Judge Gary Thompson, Commissioner Tom McCoy, Commissioner Mike Smith, Administrative Assistant Melva Thomas, Finance Director Debbie Hayden, County Clerk Jenine McDermid.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to adopt a resolution making appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, in the amounts for the purposes presented in the Summary of Supplemental Budget for a total of \$173,928.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

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Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to adopt the budget approved by the budget committee for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in the total sum of \$39,963,734 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 2014-2015 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the County of Sherman as of 1:00 a.m., July 1, 2014.

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1.0 Appointment Schedule:

1.1 9:07 a.m. Public Hearing: Supplemental Budget Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Judge Thompson opened the hearing at 9:07am. There were no visitors present. Finance Director Debbie Hayden explained the appropriations. She will be closing the debt service fund, with funds being moved to the road improvement fund. There being no comment, the hearing was closed at 9:11am.

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Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

1.2 9:15 a.m. Public Hearing: Sherman County Budget Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Judge Thompson opened the public hearing at 9:11am. There were no visitors present other than Debbie Hayden. The court reviewed a written proposal submitted by Road Master Mark Coles. He would like to utilize \$500,000 from the Road Improvement Fund and also requested a match from the SIP Additional Fees with funds used for a road modernization project on the north end of Scott Canyon between Herin Lane and Highway 30 in Rufus. Debbie said if this moved forward there would still be \$571,000 in SIP Additional Fees and there would likely be another \$300,000 in carryover resulting in approximately \$1,000,000 remaining in that fund. She added the Road Master has given serious consideration to the project and the survey has been completed and paid for. If there was a financial need indicated the county could make a reduction in the transfer of funds to a reserve to cover any shortage. This project will be funded over two fiscal years. Information was sent to budget committee members and support was indicated. Most of the major Biggs Junction construction involving the intersection should be completed before this project begins. The court agreed the road department doesn't request funding for frivolous needs and this project is ready to move forward.

The hearing was closed at 9:23am.

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No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

1.3 9:30 a.m. Rod Asher – Weed Department – Equipment Purchase Proposal

Rod reported he is moving forward with the purchase of equipment for the weed crew and other purchases as budgeted. He is advertising the Skeleton weed crew for hire and also advertising for employees and looking for equipment.

He needs a second Polaris Ranger and spray equipment; has received quotes from Morrow County Grain Growers for \$13,849; Fun Country at \$14,198; government bid prices include only diesel units priced at over \$15,000; he is attempting to locate a third bid from a Polaris dealer in Beaverton. The new weed pickup will arrive after July 1. All items are within his budget.

Rod originally proposed a budget of \$22,000 for all weed crew equipment, including a utility trailer for \$2,100 and a 200 gallon spray tank at \$3,000. He also learned the cost of a new pickup, with cab and chassis only is \$37,052 and to add a flatbed through Gorge Truck would be about \$4,500 for a grand total of approximately \$42,000; this is already in the budget.

Motion by Commissioner Smith , second by Commissioner McCoy, to approve proposal for equipment purchase by the Weed Department in the amount of up to \$64,000 to purchase new pickup, bed, spray equipment and Polaris Ranger.

Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

Rod will advertise the new for hire spray program through various methods after the hiring process is completed.

1.4 10:00 a.m. Erwin Swetnam – Waste Connections/The Dalles Disposal – Addendum to and Modification of Solid Waste Franchise Agreement

The final agreement is still with the attorney. The current contract is good through the end of June. The court will put this on hold until a draft agreement is received; this was tabled until the June 18 meeting. Mr. Swetnam thanked the court approval of the rate increase.

1.5 11:00 a.m. Glenn Fluhr, Board – South Sherman Fire & Rescue – Re: Project Funding

Present: Glenn Fluhr, Joe Sharp, Jesse von Borstel, Stuart von Borstel.

Glenn Fluhr thanked the court for the \$150,000 grant. The fire board asked the court about using this as a line of credit so they can purchase property for a fire hall and hire a grant writer. Stuart von Borstel said they have talked to the Ford Foundation who would like to be a closer on the project. They are developing a budget and will be including in-kind donations as suggested. The location being considered for the structure was discussed. Glenn Fluhr said if a portion of Wasco County was annexed into South Sherman's district the result would be additional income of approximately \$39,000 which would about double their budget. Stuart said this would also result in additional volunteers.

There was discussion on the maintenance cost for the proposed fire hall. Stuart said storing vehicles outdoors results in rust, rodent and other problems. The group discussed the option of using the county-owned house on N. Mill Street to house paramedics. Commissioner Smith said this could potentially add to the in-kind budget.

Commissioner McCoy asked what the group needed from the court. Glenn said they would like to request the \$150,000 as a line of credit and are interested in the county's house in Grass Valley. Stuart said they know it's a lot, but \$750,000 over a three year period would be helpful in moving forward. He said the Ford Foundation helped with over 30 fire halls in 2 years and is not opposed to assisting with this project. A considerable amount of work needs to be done on the foreclosed house, but it could be repaired and used as living quarters, with the possibility of eventually being sold. He said a lot of folks are stepping up to volunteer. There was discussion concerning about 385,000 acres of unprotected ground in Jefferson and Wasco counties.

Commissioner McCoy hopes to have a better idea in a month or two as to how much funding the county can invest. Melva said the \$150,000 was originally allocated for a different purpose and budget committee approval is needed for a change in use. It was the consensus of the court to seek budget committee approval on the change in use; this will be addressed at the next court meeting. The City of Grass Valley has a \$6,700 lien against the house for unpaid water and property cleanup bills; the fire district will attempt to seek a reduction.

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Vote: 3-0

Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

2.0 Action Items:

2.1 Early Childhood Education Funding Requests

The court reviewed all funding applications submitted for consideration. There is approximately \$80,000 budgeted for early childhood programs. Melva said according to Amber DeGrange there may be about \$3,000 in service continuity funds available that could be divided amongst the programs.

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Vote: 3-0
Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

2.2 Road Department Request – Scott Canyon Project Funding

This was discussed during the budget hearing.

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Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

2.3 Troy & Banks – Proposed Audit & Evaluation of Utility Accounts

This was tabled until the court hears back from legal counsel.

2.4 Dog Shelter Services contract – Home at Last

The contract is the same amount as last year. Sheriff Lohrey is now a board member.

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve a Dog Shelter Services Contract between Sherman County and Home At Last Humane Society for an annual fee of \$2,500.

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Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

2.5 Wasco Annex Lease Agreement

The court reviewed the proposed lease agreement between the county and Marty Willie for office space at the Wasco Annex.

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Vote: 3-0
Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0

Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

2.6 Surplus Equipment

This laptop was originally used by emergency services and Melva used it for court notes for a while, and most recently Roger Whitley used it for the Wasco Annex.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy to declare as surplus one HP laptop.

Vote: 3-0
Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

Melva will see that it is recycled.

2.7 Appointment – North Central Public Health District Budget Committee – Linda Thompson (2 Year Term)

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner McCoy, to appoint Linda Thompson to serve on the North Central Public Health District Budget Committee for a term of 2 years to expire December 31, 2015.

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Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Motion carried.

3.0 Discussion Items:

3.1 Thank You Letter – Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation

The court reviewed the letter received for the \$52,500 contribution to the welding lab and \$2,500 Sherman County scholarship.

3.2 Thank You Letter/Certificate – Vietnam Veterans of America

This pertained to the county's donation to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway Project. A sign will be installed along Interstate 84 in Sherman County honoring Vietnam Veterans.

3.3 Letter Re: Community Center Funding – City of Rufus

A letter was received from the City of Rufus thanking the court for approving the reallocation of \$250,000 from the Rufus Community Center to the Rufus Industrial Park project.

3.4 Thank You Card – ABC Huskies Day Care

A thank you card was received from ABC Huskies Daycare for use of county's tables and chairs at their Memorial Day Celebration breakfast.

3.5 Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Smith: Attended budget sessions for all boards; came up with budget arrangement with Wasco County for Public Health; Hazardous Waste issue is not settled; at MCCOG meeting learned about NCRC program that is used for job skills testing; spoke with director doing filming for the John Day River Territory.

Commissioner McCoy: Need to develop a budget for the Wasco Annex and possibly make an offer to the City of Wasco; attended a NORCOR budget meeting and discussed limiting our use of beds; he and Commissioner Smith will attend a retirement celebration for Arla Melzer at the library on June 11.

Judge Thompson: Four Rivers Hub proposal was not accepted as not all documents were recorded in the portal, although the State will critique the application; the Hub group continues to meet but has decided it may not be worth the time due to the small amount of funding available; met with Reid Buckley of Orion Energy who has purchased Golden Hills from BP and they are attempting to move forward with the project; the County already has a SIP agreement in place and hopes it is still viable; he, Peter Mitchell and Jessica Metta are meeting with the Corps of Engineers on June 18th in Portland regarding Giles French, LePage and Phillipi parks; all three court members will attend a meeting at the AOC Spring Conference regarding property tax issues and the ramifications of Measure 5.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

4.1 Minutes of May 21, 2014

Motion by Commissioner McCoy, second by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Minutes of May 21, 2014, as presented.

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Yes: Smith, McCoy, Thompson

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

4.2 Claims – May

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

Vote: 3-0

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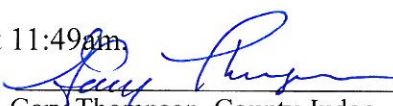
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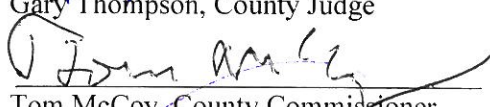
Abstain: 0

Motion carried.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:49am.

ATTEST: 
Jenine McDermid, County Clerk


Gary Thompson, County Judge


Tom McCoy, County Commissioner


Mike Smith, County Commissioner